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## Hopping down the bunny trail

A young girl participates in the Cambridge Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Easter egg hunt. Probably because of the lingering piles of snow at that time, attendance was down for the event. But that just meant more eggs for those who showed up.

## Kids programs added to popular Isanti entertainment

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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At this point, the city of Isanti's summer street dances needs little pre-event hype. The concerts held on right on Main Street are looked forward to from the moment the acts are announced. This year, however, the city has another series of events organizers hope will become just as popular for residents and visitors alike — the "Family Summer Entertainment Series."

Held every other Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bluebird Amphitheater, this series features acts geared toward area youth. The series kicks off on June 13 with magician Matt Dunn. On June 27, the well-known Teddy Bear Band will perform. July 11 sees the puppet show Tricia & the Toonies come to town. Wendy's Wiggle Jiggle Jam will take the stage on July 25. Mixed Nuts will perform on Aug. 8. The series will conclude on Aug. 29 with the band The Jolly Pops.

Besides the entertainment, food trucks are scheduled to be a part of this new series.

Although the street dances don't need any extra hype, the city has revealed this year's acts, which feature some familiar names, plus a few newcomers to the series. Like last year, three of the four street dances will be held downtown, with one moving to the Bluebird Amphitheater in what is now being called "Amp It Up." Unlike last year, when the series concluded in Bluebird Park, this year's series begins there.

On June 17, Gen X Jukebox will take the stage. As their name implies, this band covers "all the music of the 1990s in one high-energy

show." According to the band's website, members even perform in full costume, making you feel like you are watching the likes of Courtney Love, Scary Spice, Britney Spears, Marky Mark, Garth Brooks, and more.

The first of the traditional street dances will be on July 15 featuring the band 5 Minute Major, who proclaims "if it rocks (and/or rolls) and people will dance to it, we'll play it."

On Aug. 12, Good For Gary, who has appeared at multiple events in the area, will take the stage. The band was also part of the 2021 Isanti Street Dance series. Finally, on Sept. 16 country artists Stone Daisy Band will be making an appearance for the second-straight year.

Both the "Amp it Up" concert and the three street dances will be held, weather permitting, from 7 to 11 p.m. Like always, there will be plenty of food trucks and a beer wagon available.



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**Mixed Nuts will perform on Aug. 8 at the new Family Summer Entertainment Series in Bluebird Park.**

## Severe Weather Awareness Week is a time to prepare

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Severe Weather Awareness Week is from April 17 to April 21, 2023. The week-long event is designed to educate the public about severe weather safety and preparedness.

According to the National Weather Service, Minnesota has an average of 39 tornadoes per year, and the peak tornado season is from May to August.

"Severe weather can strike at any time, and it's important to be prepared," said Joe Kelly, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. "By taking the time

to prepare now, you can help protect yourself and your family when severe weather strikes."

Each day of Severe Weather Awareness Week is dedicated to a different weather emergency and how to prepare.

Monday weather alerts and warnings will be issued. This is a good time to familiarize yourself with the difference between a watch and a warning. The national weather service used the graphic below to help you remember the differences.

Tuesday is dedicated to severe storms, lightning, and hail awareness. Wednesday is about flood awareness.

Thursday is statewide tornado drill day. Sirens will sound at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

"Being prepared for severe weather is crucial, especially during the spring season when the weather can change rapidly," said Commissioner John Harrington of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. "We urge all residents to take the necessary steps to ensure their safety and the safety of their loved ones."

Part of these safety precautions includes picking a safe room in your home like a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows. You should also

prepare a kit for your safe room that includes a battery-operated radio, flashlights or lanterns, fresh batteries, a phone charger, and a stocked first-aid kit should you need it.

Mark Peterson, system operations manager for Great River Energy sent this reminder about power lines for Severe Weather Awareness week. "During severe weather, such as tornadoes, straight-line winds, and hail, it's important to be aware of your surroundings, and stay away from downed powerlines."

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 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
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# SEVERE WEATHER: Know what to do if you encounter downed power lines

FROM PAGE 1

If you see a downed power line, there are a few things to keep in mind.

- Stay away from it and call 911 to report it immediately. There is no way to tell if a power line is energized just by looking at it. Always assume it can carry currents strong enough to kill.
- Never drive over a downed power line if it is blocking your driveway

or road. Call 911 to report it and find another route.

- Never touch anything that is also touching a power line, including trees with limbs caught in a power line.
- If a power line falls on your car or otherwise contacts your vehicle, stay in your vehicle. Use your cell phone to call 911 and wait for help to arrive.
- If you must exit your vehicle (due to fire), jump clear of the vehicle

without touching it. Land with your feet together and shuffle away.

If you want information on Severe Weather Awareness Week, and how you can prepare your family or business, visit the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/severe-weather-awareness-week-program.aspx>.

## Motorcycle training offered

STAFF REPORT  
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The Minnesota Department of Public Safety in coordination with local colleges is sponsoring motorcycle training courses for beginner and advanced riders.

The instructors are expert riders and will share their skills to make you a better rider. The classes are limited to 10 students, with 2 instructors, and 90% of the day on your machine.

These courses are taught in the Twin Cities Metro area along with St. Cloud. These include Basic Rider Course, Intermediate Rider Course, and MN Advanced Rider Course to cover all skill levels.

For more information on each class, and to sign up, visit the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center web page.

<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/mmssc/Pages/default.aspx>

Join the fun, challenge yourself, and be the best rider you can be.



All those impacted by Parkinson's Disease are encouraged to attend these free sessions. This support group meets once each quarter in January, April, July and October.

**Thursday, April 20**  
**from 3-4 pm**  
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# 'First Amendment Dedicated' proclamation requested

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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Even before the Isanti County Board of Commissioners voted on the controversial "Second Amendment Dedicated County" proclamation, a group of residents requested that the board declare the county to be a "First Amendment Dedicated County" as well.

During the public comment period of the April 4 commissioners meeting — which was dominated by residents campaigning for the passage of the Second Amendment proclamation, residents Tim Dummer and Judith Kissner spoke to the board advocating for the introduction and passage of a similar proclamation — one that would have the county declare their intent to uphold residents' First Amendment rights specifically in the context of recent efforts to ban books from schools and public libraries.

"The man spoke to the sentinel of the Second Amendment," Dummer began, referencing the previous speaker's comments, "and there is no more sentinel also than the First Amendment. We will find that the First Amendment is unique among very few democracies and it is what makes us one of the freest of democracies."

While the First Amendment covers a wide range of topics, including Freedom of the Press, Freedom of Assembly, and Freedom of Religion, the group's proposed resolution focused on "the freedom to read."

"Whereas some individuals, groups, and public authorities work to remove or limit access to reading materials, to censor content in schools, to label 'controversial' views, to distribute lists of 'objectionable' books or authors, and to purge materials reflecting the diversity of soci-

**'Whereas removing books from public libraries and public schools is the beginning of government censorship...'**

**Excerpt from proposed First Amendment Dedicated County proclamation**

ety," began the proposed resolution. It continued by stating, "Whereas removing books from public libraries and public schools is the beginning of government censorship and the erosion of our country's commitment to freedom of expression."

County policies don't allow for the board to take up a new agenda topic at a meeting in response to requests made during public comment. However, the board may choose to take it up at a future meeting, which is typically decided during a Committee of the Whole meeting. The proposed resolution was not part of the board's April 11 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

**LOCAL CONNECTION**

The requested resolution isn't without a local connection. Back in September 2022, the East Central Regional Library was asked to reconsider the placement of a controversial book dealing with sexual education titled "It's Perfectly Normal."

The book had been placed in the Juvenile Non-fiction section of the library. Several individuals asked it either be removed outright or moved to the adult section of the library. Ultimately, the ECRL Board voted nearly unanimously to keep it in its current location. (See article in the Sept. 15, 2022 edition of the Star)



Join us for East Central Energy's  
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 655 8<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Braham, MN 55006

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## MON, WED & FRI

### Exercise with Connie

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

## MONDAYS

### North Branch Fresh Beginnings Al-anon Family Groups

From 7 to 8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street. Free childcare is provided. Visit [minnesotanorth-al-anon.org](http://minnesotanorth-al-anon.org).

### Senior Activity Center Cambridge

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

## TUES & THURS

### Boxing for

### Those with Parkinson's

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

### In-person Senior Dining

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

## TUESDAYS

### A Memory Café

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

### Braham Parkinson's Support Group

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

### Alzheimer's Support Group

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



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High School Jazz bands from Braham, Rush City, and Onamia; plus headliners Brooklyn Big Band will entertain audiences on Sunday, April 23 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Braham Event Center in the "Big Band Extravaganza."

### Senior Activity Center Cambridge

Hand & Foot noon -3 p.m. 140 Buchanan St N #164, Cambridge, MN

### Chisago County Senior Center Music

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

## WEDNESDAYS

### Senior Activity Center Cambridge

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

### Preschool Storytime at the North Branch Library

Jan. 11 through April 26 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Preschool storytime is designed for children ages 3-5, and siblings are always welcome. No registration necessary.

### DivorceCare

Feb. 8 - May 10, 6:30 - 8p.m., in the Fireside Rm and follow the same schedule as the kids/student programming so will not meet on MAR 15 or APR

5. Families with children K-12 are encouraged to utilize our kids and student ministry options. Call First Baptist Church, 304 Main Street South, Cambridge to register at 763.689.1173. [www.firstbaptistcambridge.org](http://www.firstbaptistcambridge.org)

### 500 Cards

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

## THURSDAYS

### East Central Baby Cafe

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

### Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

### Senior Activity Center Cambridge

500 noon-3 p.m. 140 Buchanan St N #164, Cambridge, MN

### Parkinson's Support Group

3rd Thursday of the month -

1-2:30 p.m. Walker Methodist Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for more information call 763-325-0100

### Jammin' with Joe

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

## FRIDAYS

### Cribbage

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

## APRIL 15

### North Branch Library Book Sale

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the library's Community Room. 6355 379th St., North Branch. For more information, visit [eclib.org](http://eclib.org).

## APRIL 16

### Cash Bingo

The Christ the King Knights of Columbus, Council # 12813 at 2 p.m. We will serve pizza, popcorn and a beverage. Free will donation for the eats

## APRIL 18

### Scam Awareness Workshop

Join us from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Cambridge Public Library in the Great Northern Room. No registration necessary. Everyone is welcome.

### Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution (CSFD)

Isanti County Fair Grounds from 2:30 to 4:30 (or until food runs out). Please do not park on the streets near the fair-ground nor enter the fair-ground prior to 1 p.m. If you have not registered in 2023 you will have to re-register, therefore please remember to bring your picture ID and one current utility bill. Groceries for up to two families per vehicle and will be loaded in your trunk or hatch back only of your vehicle.

## APR 21

### FUTURE FEST

6 to 10 p.m. at Circle B Weddings and Events, 27498 Polk Street NE, Isanti, MN. For more information and tickets visit <https://e.givesmart.com/events/sNA/>

### Earth Day Clean Up

Volunteer to clean up Isanti area parks. To sign up email [isantiparks@cityofisanti.us](mailto:isantiparks@cityofisanti.us) with a park preference by Monday April 17.

## APRIL 22

### DIY Door Knob Tassel

1 p.m. at the North Branch Area Library. This program is recommended for teens and adults. Advance registration is required for each attendee at [eclib.org](http://eclib.org).

### Spring Craft Fair

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Braham Event Center for more information contact Tish at (763) 244-0450 or go to: <https://brahamcenter.org/upcoming-events/140-crafter-s-craft-sale-home-based-business-vendor-show-6>

## APRIL 23

### Big Band Extravaganza!

3 - 7 p.m. at the Braham Event Center. For more information visit: <https://brahamcenter.org/upcoming-events/149-big-band-extravaganza-2>

# Bluejacket Education Foundation's Future Fest is on April 21

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The Bluejacket Education Foundation invites the community to Future Fest on April 21 at Circle B to celebrate Bluejackets past and present and help build an even brighter future for the next generations of Cambridge-Isanti students.

Bluejacket Education Foundation (BJEF) is a new community organization created in partnership with the Initiative Foundation with the mission of increasing educational opportunities for Cambridge-Isanti students through ongoing financial grants. Through the generosity of our community, BJEF is building a permanent endowment fund that will benefit our students and community for generations to come.

"We recently closed our first grant round and had nine applications with a range of really exciting projects and programs," said advisory board president Fred Nolan. "Unfortunately, we're not yet able to fund all the requests. Future Fest is one way we are building our permanent endowment, so with each passing year we can fund more and more projects to open up new opportunities for students."

Future Fest 2023 is BJEF's first major event, a fun-filled evening with social hour, plated dinner, silent

and live auctions and live musical entertainment from local favorites Barb & Eben Gillespie. Attendees are encouraged to "come as you are" or wear their favorite Bluejacket gear. "Early support from the community has been amazing," said Future Fest Committee Chair Shari Wiltrot. "We have 38 sponsors for the event, including our two 5-star sponsors, First Bank & Trust and EFS Financial."

Wiltrot added, "We've also got some amazing auction items lined up, donated by local businesses, artists, and students. Anyone can view all items and participate in the online silent auction at [bjef.givesmart.com](http://bjef.givesmart.com), even if you're not able to attend the event." Additional auction items are welcome, and will be accepted until April 19. Email BJEF at [info@bjef@gmail.com](mailto:info@bjef@gmail.com) to donate.

Event Details: Friday, April 21 at Circle B Weddings & Events, 27498 Railroad Ave Isanti, MN. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner and program at 7:15 p.m., followed by live musical entertainment. To learn more, purchase tickets, or view and bid on auction items, visit [bjef.givesmart.com](http://bjef.givesmart.com).



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This firepit, made by a CIHS student, is one of the featured live auction items at the 2023 Bluejacket Education Foundation's Future Fest on April 21. The event includes live musical entertainment from local favorites Barb & Eben Gillespie

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“Are we relevant?” Since day one of journalism school, we have learned to hit the reader up front with the five Ws — who, what, when, where and why — in every story we write. Then, fill in the details to make the reader well-informed.

For the last few years, we have been working hard at retraining everything we have learned during the many years of being reporters, editors and publishers. Although answering the five Ws is still very important to do, we must consider a much more important aspect of the story. How is it relevant to the reader?

When we fill our pages with stories about meetings, community gatherings, or sporting events which already happened, it's old news. Instead, we want to PREVIEW what is coming up. We want to tell you the county board is going to be talking about becoming Second Amendment Dedicated

so you can go and voice your opinion. You want to know ahead of time when Concerts in the Park or street dances are happening and what events will be at Midsummer or Rodeo Jubilee Days so you can plan your weekend around it. We also want to tell you about an upcoming basketball/football/hockey game with longtime rivals so the bleachers can be filled with fans. That is how newspapers are relevant to the communities they serve and the readers who read the newspapers!

We have put a lot of emphasis on our Out & About sections on page 3 of each edition so readers know what is happening seven to nine days out. For those local organizations with events coming up, please be sure to send us information on the event so we can consider publishing it on this well-read page.

Local newspaper readership increased greatly during the pandemic and the number of subscribers grew. People want to know what's happening in their communities. High readership and interest in the news continues today.

Today's edition begins our four-week voluntary subscription campaign with the Star. Since we are a free-distribution newspaper, twice a year we ask our readers to make a financial contribution. These voluntary subscriptions can be for any amount, however, for every payment of \$25 or more, we will send you a \$10 coupon for Northland Landscaping & Nursery, Wolcyn Tree Farm & Nursery, or Peterson's Mill.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### 'Parents' Bill of Rights' is wrong

To the editor,

On the day of the elementary school mass shooting in Nashville I opened a newsletter from Rep. Pete Stauber where he outlined and supported the GOP Parent's Bill of Rights, rights which focus on education. As a retired educator I didn't see any rights mentioned that Minnesota parents don't already have; however, Stauber wrote these rights are necessary due an increased attention to "radical and divisive ideology."

Contrarily, I have witnessed recent attacks on education as seen in Florida where there is increased book banning and suppression of open expression. The attacks on "wokeness" and CRT amount to little more than fear mongering on terms and concepts most Americans have little understanding.

To be clear, Minnesota parents have many opportunities to be involved in their area schools: attending school orientations, seeking support from school staff, attending parent-teacher conferences, joining school or district

committees, and attending school board meetings to name a few.

Rep. Stauber, on several occasions, has made reference to his son, a son with special needs. I wonder if he is satisfied with his son's education and the individual education plan which by law, as a parent, he is afforded a role in developing and accepting. Secondly, in the aftermath of the Nashville school killings, the 13th such mass killing this year, the 157th since 2018, I wonder if the Parent Bill of Rights shouldn't include a right that their children attend safe schools, ones free from weapons of war. In 2022 firearms became the number one cause of child death.

Finally, Rep. Stauber could demonstrate his support for education by authoring a bill to fully fund special education since it is mandated by federal law, underfunded, and a matter close to his heart.

Pete Boelter  
North Branch

#### These are not our values

To the editor,

The County Board did a good thing declaring us a Second Amendment Dedicated County.

They are protecting us from the government imposing harsh new rules on law-abiding gun owners, who know how to take care of guns. Government should go after those who commit gun crimes, not the guns. These gun owners already obey the law. The ones who don't obey the law should be the ones that are punished. Where the most crime happens is the big cities, that is where crime needs to be dealt with.

The government is getting bigger and more powerful, we cannot trust them anymore, they seem to be against us, not for us. When we are not looking, they come up with new rules to hinder us and not help, and then call us names and belittle us.

Here are a few laws our MN Congress and Governor have passed, (going against what polls show a majority of citizens want).

- Early release of prisoners, and less probation.
- Giving driver's licenses to illegal aliens, with no indication on license they are illegal.

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### LETTER GUIDELINES

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

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# Why we celebrate Week of the Young Child

Observing a preschool classroom recently, I watched a group of four young children playing in the dramatic play space. They had a small kitchen set with a table and chairs, play food, baskets, a small closet, and a mirror. One of them was intently rearranging the entire space with another she had convinced to help. One child was stuffing food into his shirt and the last brought me a basket of foods to choose from. While we were talking about our favorite snacks, the first student said to all, "Time to sit! We must go!". She and her friend had pushed

the table aside, packed a basket of food, and set the four chairs in rows, two by two. Once they were all seated, she told them, "We are flying on an airplane!". Where did they go and what were they going to do when they got there, I am not sure, but the excited look on their faces made it clear this was a great adventure.

In an early childhood family education class last month, two students were sitting on the circle time rug surrounded by vehicles. This was just after their parents had moved into the parent education room next door (a regular occurrence in our separating classes), a transition that can be very challenging for some children. A young boy no more than two was visibly sad, looking around and likely wondering when his parent would return. The other child, a slightly older little girl, was making car sounds as she "drove" all around the rug. She noticed the little boy, gave her classmate a flashy red Little Tikes car, and when he still seemed lost, said "We

play." With the assistance of a nearby staff person, her kind gesture kept him there instead of running to the door where a couple other young children had gathered.

Imagination, autonomy, communication skills, friendship, collaboration, leadership, trust - these are just some of the skills children are learning and practicing each day. Skills that will serve them well as they continue to gain independence and progress through life. April 3-7 was Week of the Young Child. This is a time to focus on the importance of our youngest learners and their families, their teachers and caregivers, and early learning experiences and education. It provides us with an opportunity to highlight for our community, and across the nation, the importance of investing in early childhood, the impact of high quality care and learning opportunities for all, and the call to support parents, caregivers, and staff involved in a child's development from birth to age five.

As research on neuroscience and learning has expanded in the past several decades, an emphasis has shifted to focus on these early years. We now know 90% of brain growth occurs by the time a child enters kindergarten. The neural pathways created and strengthened during their early years of care and education lay the foundation for healthy lifestyles, learning, and ongoing development and success later in life.

"Biologically the brain is prepared to be shaped by experience," says Dr. Jack Shonkoff, founding director of the Center of the Developing Child at Harvard University. He continues, "when we talk about healthy development...we cannot separate cognitive development from social and emotional development. All development builds on what comes before."

A recent National Geographic article highlighted research examining our lengthening life expectancies and its



Two youngsters show their creations on Artsy Thursday.

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implication on current lifestyles. According to scientists and demographers alike, current five-year-olds have a much greater chance to live to 100 years old and "by 2050 it'll likely be the norm for newborns in wealthier nations, such as the United States, Europe, or parts of Asia". The article highlights children's early years as foundational for developing a healthy lifestyle, passion and love for play and learning, and development of critical social skills to form long-lasting relationships. "The 100-year life isn't about striving to stay younger for longer, it's about staying healthy enough and connected enough to maintain a sense of purpose, whether it's found in the workplace, family, or community," writes Tristan McConnell.

Raising and educating children is a critical, worthy, exciting, challenging, and incredible endeavor - for it is truly in these relationships and experiences that the foundation for future success is

being laid. As we watch young children lead, share, laugh, create, empathize, and work together, it is nearly impossible not to be in awe. This is why we celebrate Week of the Young Child. Our community and society's collective success depends on the investments parents, caregivers, early educators, and communities are making in our youngest learners today - THANK YOU to each and every one of you committed to this great work.

Curious to read the full article? "Today's 5-year-olds will likely live to be 100. What will their lives look like?" can be found on the National Geographic website. If you are interested in learning more about early childhood opportunities and services in Cambridge-Isanti Schools, you can find information at [www.c-ischools.org/early-childhood](http://www.c-ischools.org/early-childhood) or by calling (763) 691-6691.

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## Better together through shared safety training

North Branch Area Public Schools (NBAPS) continuously prioritized ongoing improvements to improve school safety. NBAPS has a Crisis Management Committee with representatives from across the district who gather monthly to discuss a wide variety of safety issues and how to improve with ongoing review of policies and procedures.

This week, we were fortunate to bring together a comprehensive group of 60 district staff and leaders from two neighboring districts, as well as first response partners from North Branch Police and Fire, the Chisago County Sheriff's Office, and Lakes Region EMS. We were seeking a common language for emergency response to better work in collaboration with municipalities and neighboring districts and brought in the I Love U Guys Foundation to lead our training.

I Love U Guys was started in 2006 by Ellen and John-Michael Keyes following a school attack that took the life of their daughter, Emily. The name of the foundation is based on the last text message Emily sent her parents before she died. The foundation's mission is "to restore and protect the joy of youth through educational programs and positive actions in collaboration with families, schools, communities, organizations and government entities."

The training covered five district

responses to crisis:

**Hold:** A Hold response is used in the event there is a medical or emergency situation that needs attention in the hallways. Students are to remain in their classrooms.

**Secure:** A secure response is used when there is a potential safety threat happening outside of the school building. School can function as normal within the building, but limits flow in and out of the school.

**Lockdown:** A lockdown is used when a threat is identified within a school building.

**Evacuate:** An evacuation is used to exit staff and students from the building, for example, in case of a gas or chemical leak in a school building.

**Shelter:** A Shelter is used in dangerous weather and other situations where sheltering students for a short time is necessary.

This important work requires our ongoing commitment and I am grateful to our NBAPS Crisis Management Committee and our community partners for taking on this important work to embrace a common language that will improve our crisis response. The ongoing training with the I Love U Guys Foundation will broaden to include all NBAPS staff, parents and students. We are better together and our shared ownership for safety makes us better together!

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

## Are autonomous vehicles legal?

**Question:** I was wondering, with the ads on television showing people driving with their hands off the steering wheel, is that legal in Minnesota if your vehicle has that capability?

**Answer:** I believe you are asking about autonomous vehicles, or self-driving cars, which are capable of sensing their environment and

operating without human involvement.

Minnesota law states that every driver is responsible for becoming and remaining aware of the actual and potential hazards that exist on the highway and must use due care in operating a vehicle. This would include both hands, one hand or no hands.

**A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. Send questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. Twitter @MSPPIO\_NW or email, [jesse.grabow@state.mn.us](mailto:jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).**

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUE FROM PAGE 4

- Giving felons voting rights, while still on probation.
- Abortion with no age limits, no parental consent, up until birth.
- Banning oil and gas by 2040, called the (Black out bill).
- School lunches for all, which schools are saying will bankrupt them.
- Making us a transgender sanctuary state with no age limits and no parental consent which will put kids in government control...taking away rights of parents.
- They are looking to ban gas appliances
- Banning gas powered lawn mowers and yard equipment, that's going to hurt business and everyone.
- Also talking about rank choice voting which is unfair, confusing, and open to many mistakes.

They are coming up with new stuff to ban and make our lives harder and more expensive, almost weekly.

Remember the surplus they were giving taxpayers back, they are breaking their promise and changing their minds about that. I think they are even going to tax us more.

Many are having a hard time right now with gas and groceries going up so much. You would think they would know that and want to help families right now...but their policies are hurting us.

They appear to be favoring illegals and criminals.

We all better start getting in touch with those in Congress before we are too far gone.

These are not our values.

**Judy Hansen  
Cambridge**



**NB School  
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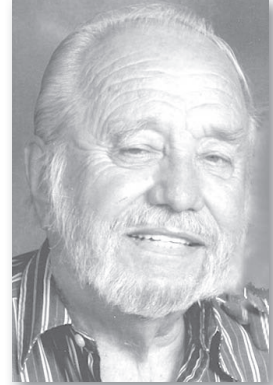
**Ask A  
Trooper**  
Jesse Grabow

## OBITUARIES

### Dennis Edward Peterson

Dennis Edward Peterson, 84, of Cambridge passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Cambridge Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 5, 1939 in Isanti County, Minnesota to Oscar Reynold and Ruth (Erickson) Peterson.



Denny was born and raised in Isanti County and lived in Cambridge, Minnesota, all his adult life. He was fond of doing things his own way and enjoyed meeting others of the same mind set.

Denny was adept at anything mechanical, motorcycles, cars of all types and years, airplanes, mopeds, boats, ANYTHING! Nothing was too difficult that a Leatherman tool and a vice

grip couldn't repair.

One of his early jobs was as a high-rise window washer in Minneapolis, surviving a major equipment malfunction. He also worked at the Twin Cities Arsenal for many years while starting his auto body business in the garage at home.

He realized his dream by building the Cambridge Auto Body shop, east of Cambridge. This kept him busy working on repairs, picking up cars and parts, as far south as Texas.

In meeting and marrying Gail, he found his missing piece. She went along for it all, the full tour!

Denny loved airplanes and had many through the years. This provided a lifetime of adventures on the road and in the air. Going to the Oshkosh Airshow was like a candy store to him. Many miles of back roads were driven in search of airports, parts, and interesting people to talk story with.

He and Gail, together, enjoyed many road trips and RV excursions all over the US. The destination was not important, it was all about the journey!

Many winters were spent in Hawaii and at their second home in Mesa, Arizona.

He was blessed to have many friends to share his life experiences and his endless stories.

We love him and will miss his unique style and outlook on life.

Denny was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Kenneth, granddaughter, Corey Peterson, and many other family members.

Denny is survived by his wife Gail, children Dan Peterson (Rechele Smith) of St. Francis, Denise (Brian) Poziembo of Nikiski, AK, Tony Peterson of Ramsey, step children Ted (Julie) Trandahl, Tami (Brad) Janshen, Tom (Jenny) Trandahl, 13 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren with one on the way, other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service 11a.m., Monday, April 10, 2023 at North Isanti Baptist Church in Cambridge. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment in the church cemetery. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

### Roland Lantz

Roland Lantz, 80, of St. Cloud passed away peacefully on Monday, April 3, 2023 at Carefree Living in St. Cloud. Private services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in North Branch.

Roland was born on April 21, 1942 in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin to Victor and Adelia (Shoberg) Lantz. He grew up on the family farm in North Branch and has lived in St. Cloud since 1973. Roland was employed by Moorhouse Hatchery for eight years and at Fingerhut since 1983. He later worked at WACOSA.

Roland enjoyed watching sports and was an avid Minnesota Twins fan. He also enjoyed roller-skating, dancing, spending Saturdays at his brother's farm with family, taking pride in the cars he drove and attending Harvest Fellowship Church.

He is survived by his sisters-in-law, Joyce Lantz of Cambridge, Mary Ellen Lantz and Betty Lantz both of Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Walter, Earl, LeRoy, Bert, and Carl Lantz; and sisters, Helen Dahlstrom and Maurine Iverson.

### Mary Anna (Gillette) Avre

Mary Anna (Gillette) Avre passed peacefully early Friday morning on April 7, 2023 at Scandia House-Ogilvie. Mary just enjoyed her 90th birthday celebration with her family and friends at Joy Lutheran Church - Cambridge, in which she was a long time member.



Mary was born to David and Ada (Haight) Gillette on March 21, 1933, at General Hospital, Minneapolis, youngest of six. She remembers strong faith practiced in their home.

Family had moved several times, residing in Minneapolis as a teenager. Mary married John Ovre (later Avre) Feb. 13, 1952, had six children. They moved to Rush City to farm, easily adapting as a farmer's wife.

Other residences were North Branch, Sandstone, Isanti then Cambridge Pine Village. She worked outside the home in various roles such as sewing, Head cook, daycare. Her favorite role was being Grandma Mary. Mary also enjoyed keeping busy with sewing quilts, Card Clubs, church activities, Queen of Red Hatters and casino trips. Her friend, Marilyn Benting, was frequently alongside. She loved living life, never afraid of candidly speaking her truth.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and all her siblings. She lost her husband of 67 years, John, Jan. 6, 2020 and her two sons, Daniel and John; and two grandchildren years earlier.

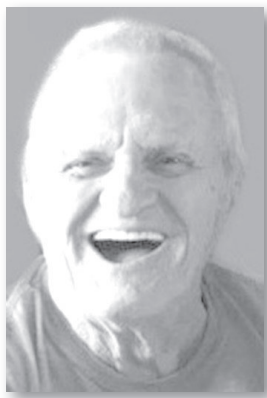
She is survived by her four children Michael (Nancy) Avre, William Avre, Vicki (Michael) Danielson, Cindy (Patrick) Henderson, 23 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews and their families.

Funeral service 11 a.m on Friday, April 14, 2023 at Joy Lutheran Church in Cambridge with visitation one hour prior. Luncheon to follow. Interment in Isanti Union Cemetery. Online condolences can be placed at [StrikeLifeTributes.com](http://StrikeLifeTributes.com).

### Wilford L. Boutain

Wilford L. Boutain age 89 of Princeton, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on April 5, 2023.

Wilford was born in Red Lake Falls, MN to Alec and Sadie Boutain on Feb. 14, 1934. After his schooling, he was drafted into the US Army. He was honorably discharged in 1957. Wilford worked various jobs after the military, cooking in restaurants in Thief River Falls and aboard Iron Ore ships on the Great Lakes. He married Patricia Nelson on June 7, 1958 and they settled in Anoka and raised their family. Wilford started his life-long career with the city of Anoka in the Parks Department. He retired after 30 plus years as a



Foreman.

During his free time, Wilford enjoyed camping with his family, snowmobiling, horseshoes, hunting, fishing, cards, restoring his classic 1973 Charger, cooking and baking. We will miss his fish fries with onion rings.

He is survived by his loving wife Patricia; children Deborah (Randy) Mensing, Michelle Boutain, Pam (Bruce) Leeth, Kimberly Walker and Gregory (Jodi) Boutain; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; brothers Clarence (Veruna), Virgil (Jenny) and Jim (Kay); sisters Sharon Grindeland and Linda Hamlin; and sisters-in-law Evie Boutain, Janet Boutain, Donna Boutain and Nancy Boutain.

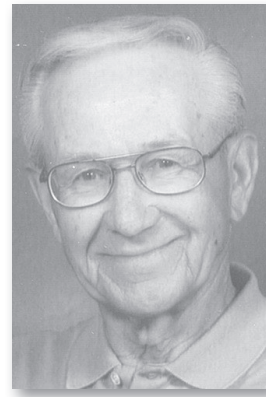
Wilford was preceded in death by his grandchildren Jerod Paulson and Shane Leeth; brothers Raymond, Ronnie, Alex Jr. "Poncho" and Lawrence Boutain; sisters Margaret Hamm, Mary Sweno and infant Darlene.

Funeral service 3 p.m., Monday, April 10, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church, 5972 70th St. Princeton, MN. Visitation one hour prior to service at the church. Private Interment.

Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge 763-689-2244.

### Toivo Tapio Setala

Toivo Tapio Setala of Cambridge passed away peacefully at home on April 1, 2023, at the age of 95. He was born at home in Stoney Brook Township, MN to parents Frank and Martha Setala. When he was two years old his family moved back to Finland



so his father could work as a logger in Russia. When Toivo was five, after the depression ended his family came back to the U.S and made a home in Brookston, MN.

Toivo graduated as valedictorian from his high school class. After high school he was drafted into the Army and served during World War II. Following his service in the Army, Toivo worked as a signalman for Great North-

ern and then later Burlington Northern.

He met his wife Janice while working on the railway and stopping in for coffee at Charlottes Cafe in Carlton where she worked. They married on June 24, 1950. They were married for 63 years and had two children Martha and John. They made their first home in Carlton and shortly after they moved to Hibbing where they would live for three years. They then moved to Foxboro, Wisconsin for a year-and-a-half before moving to Kindred, North Dakota where they would live for five years.

In 1960 they moved to Isanti and then in 1978 they moved to Skogman Lake in rural Cambridge. After retirement they bought a seasonal home in Mission, TX where they stayed during the winter.

Toivo enjoyed skiing at Big Mountain in Whitefish MT. over the years, golfing in Texas in the winters, woodworking and projects around home.

Toivo was a member of the American Legion. In 2018 he participated in Freedom Honor Flight, a tribute to Veterans that flies them to Washington D.C to visit memorials built in their honor.

He is survived by son, John Setala of Nowthen; grandchildren, Matt Steinke, Phil (Kelly) Setala, Maggie (Joe) Hecht and Nina (John) Setala; great-grandchildren, McCoy, Alexander, Zackery, Maverick, Olivia and Connor. He is preceded in death by parents, Frank and Martha Setala; wife, Janice Setala; daughter, Martha Steinke; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Setala; brother, Wilho Setala and sister, Anja Lanhart.

Memorial services will be held Friday April 21, 2023 at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior at Thurston-DeShaw Funeral Home, 13817 Jay Street NW, Andover, 763-767-7373. Interment at Union Cemetery in Cambridge.

### David H. Pratt

David H. Pratt, age 75, of Braham passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 13, 2023, in Cambridge MN.

David dearly loved his family and always had a way with all babies and children. He is survived by his children: Lisa (Derek) Peterson, Ian Pratt and Noah (Jaime) Pratt; grandchildren Araka, Eli, Illana, JJ, Shane, Alora, Elijah, Cody, Maleah and Ava; great grandchildren Presley, Cheyanne, Loretta and Enzo; brother Tim (Gayle) Pratt; sisters Debby (Juan) Rangel and Becky Rude-nick; Loved ones; Charlene Schnitzius, Sharon Noto, Sue Lawrence, Anna Lenarz, John Lawrence III, Ana Hanson and many nieces,



nephews, cousins and friends. Dave was preceded in death by his sister Sharon Lindgren, brother Tom Pratt, son Shane Pratt, nephew Jeremy Pratt, daughter-in-law Nikki Pratt and brother-in-law Pete Lindgren.

His celebration of life will be held at "The Party Room" at 126 Adams's St. South, Cambridge, MN, on April 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A military service is planned for April 17 at 9:45 a.m. at Ft. Snelling National Park. Meet at Assemble Area 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home 763-689-2244.

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## OBITUARIES

## Gordon (Gordy) Lowell Schroeder

Gordon Lowell Schroeder (Gordy), age 90, of Cambridge, MN, passed away peacefully March 31, 2023 with his children at his side. He was in hospice care at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Gordon was born on Sept. 9, 1932 to Robert and Florence Schroeder in New Ulm, MN. He grew up on the family farm in Courtland Township and began school in the one-room country schoolhouse next door. He transferred to New Ulm public school in the 5th grade, where he met a girl named Loretta. They became best friends, high school sweethearts and later, husband and wife.

Gordy attended New Ulm High School where he played football, sang in the choir and played saxophone in the Swing Band. He graduated in 1950 and started college that fall at the University of Minnesota Agriculture Campus in St. Paul, MN.

In 1951, during the Korean Conflict, and while still attending college, he enlisted in the Naval Air Reserve. On Feb. 21, 1953, he married his high school sweetheart, Loretta Herrick, at the First Methodist Church in New Ulm, MN. After graduation, they moved back to New Ulm as he began a job with Kraft Foods. He then followed job opportunities to Melrose, MN and Redwood Falls, MN before returning to New Ulm in 1963 to farm alongside family.

He lived life with integrity and hard work, faith and love of family. As a father, he found a common interest he could share with each of his children and nurtured that connection. Soon after moving to the farm, he got a horse for Kristen. He enjoyed horses too; it was the beginning of 4-H horse shows and trail rides.

Gordon was a founding member and first President of the Nicollet County Pork Producers. He also did a one-year term as President of the Minnesota Pork Producers Association in 1973. In 1974 Gordon stepped away from the farm and started a new chapter in the Princeton, MN area where he and Loretta were warmly welcomed by a neighborhood group called the "Blue Hill Gang". He also continued his interest in horses and rode with the "Pony Express Riders".

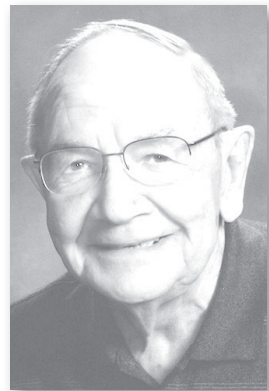
He became the Dept of Agriculture ASCS Director for Chisago County and after giving his horse to his daughter Kristen, he moved the family to a lake home east of Princeton and closer to work. He loved music and singing, a talent he shared with daughter Kay. Together, they joined the Community Summer Theater and performed in several musical productions.

Gordy enjoyed life on the lake, he loved fishing and his young grandchildren were excited about boat rides with Grandpa. In 1990, Gordy and Loretta moved to Cambridge, MN and once again became active members of the local United Methodist Church. He picked up golfing and a new interest in hockey as grandchildren began playing the game. He shared a love of sports with son David, and he and Loretta enjoyed many of their grandchildren's hockey games. When Loretta was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, he sought out caregiver education for himself and later worked with other families to pass on his knowledge and experience.

Gordon was preceded in death by Loretta, his wife of 65 years, his grandson Ben Schroeder, his parents Robert and Florence Schroeder and his brother Donald Schroeder.

is survived by his daughter Kristen (Randy) Smoyer, son David (Lynne) Schroeder, daughter Kay (Jim) Namovich, sister Darleen Wieland, 8 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is loved and will be missed by all.

The date for the Memorial Service is pending. Please refer to [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com) for updates. Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.



## Thomas K. Boysen

Thomas K. Boysen of Isanti, MN passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. He was 59 years old.

Tom was born in Rochester, MN on April 26, 1963, to parents Gary Boysen and Kathleen (Pemberton) Giere. Tom grew up with two siblings: Heidi Boysen and Peter Boysen and attended Pine Island Schools. He enjoyed wood working, hunting, and the outdoors. After graduating, Tom attended college at Stout before venturing into crop dusting, owning his own woodworking business, and then going back to school to the U of M where he completed his



Management and Business degree with an emphasis in Forest Products. Upon completion of college, he worked with Eastman Chemical and Everlam.

During his time in Pine Island, at his woodworking business, he met the love of his life, Deanna (Klingsporn) Boysen in 1987. Tom and Deanna married in September 1992 and were able to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in 2022. They have two beautiful children together; Mackenzie Boysen (age 27) and Benjamin Boysen (age 25).

Tom had many talents and was known for his unique sayings, love of fishing (especially along the Rum River and at the cabin), skills in woodworking, and passion for music and singing. He was a loving family member to his wife and children. He was a friend to all and always knew how to light up a room with his charismatic personality.

Thomas is preceded in death by his sister, Heidi Boysen.

He is survived by his wife Deanna Boysen; his two children Mackenzie (Jacob) Boysen of Duluth and Benjamin (Ellen) Boysen of Isanti; parents Gary (Deb) Boysen of Hayfield and Kathleen (Jon) Giere of Rochester; brother Peter (Kris) Boysen of Duluth; various uncles and aunts, nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends. His little corgi, Betty, will miss him too.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials are preferred to Minnesota's Future Forest Fund - c/o - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, MN 55155

Memorial Service 11 a.m., Saturday, April 22, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Isanti. Visitation 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 21 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com) Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

Online condolences can be shared at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com).

## Gary F. Fix

Gary F. Fix, of Braham, passed away on Friday, April 7, 2023 at his home. He was 74 years old.

Visitation will be held from 4 -7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the Hamilton Funeral Homes- Rock Chapel in Braham. A Rosary Service will be held at 7 p.m. Visitation will be held again one hour prior to the service, beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. A Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Braham. Interment will be in the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials are preferred to the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. A full notice will follow next week. Condolences may be posted at [www.hamilton-fhs.com](http://www.hamilton-fhs.com).

# Governor Walz fills Tenth Judicial District vacancies

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Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan today announced the appointment of Jason Steffen as district court judge in Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District. The seat will be chambered in Pine City in Pine County.

Steffen will be replacing the Honorable Ellen L. Maas for the seat chambered in Pine County.

"It is my pleasure to appoint Jason Steffen to the Pine County bench," said Governor Walz. "Having spent a decade of his career as a public defender, he took his impressive academic background and applied it to help those most in need."

"Jason Steffen has demonstrated a profound sense of fairness and justice in his work, recognizing that approaching his job with humility and understanding is the best way to ensure a just outcome," said Lieutenant Governor Flanagan. "He will be a great addition to the Tenth Judicial District."

Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District encompasses Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright counties.

Also announced was the appointment of John Bowen as district court judge in Minnesota's Tenth Judicial District chambered in Buffalo in Wright County.

Jason Steffen is an assistant county attorney in Chisago County, where he prosecutes all types of criminal cases. He served as public defender for nearly a decade in the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender's Office and the Mohave County Public Defender's Office in Arizona. Steffen has also served as an adjunct professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law and has taught at Hamline University and the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. Steffen's community involvement includes assisting with criminal expungement cases for the Volunteer Lawyers Network and volunteering with Feed My Starving Children and Happy Tails Rescue. He also has volunteered as a judge for the William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition and the Summit Cup 1L Motion Argument Competition at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. He earned his B.A. from Georgetown University, J.D. from Harvard Law School, and Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.



CONTRIBUTED  
Jason Steffen has been appointed to the 10th Judicial District in Pine County by Governor Walz.

# Spring for Libraries Fundraising Campaign

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East Central Regional Library is excited to launch our second annual 'Spring for Libraries' fundraising campaign, which runs April 1- April 30, 2023.

For the Spring for Libraries campaign, each of our 14 branches have created a 'wish list' of items that will directly impact the patrons of their branch. During the month of April, 100% of donations are kept within the ECRL branch of the donor's choosing to be used toward purchasing the wish list item(s). Make a difference by donating at your local ECRL branch or by giving online at [www.ecrl.to/donate](http://www.ecrl.to/donate).

East Central Regional Library (ECRL) is a consolidated regional library system serving the residents of Aitkin, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine Counties in Minnesota. Headquartered in Cambridge, MN, ECRL operates fourteen library locations and an outreach service. The library is home to over 250,000 books, CDs, DVDs, board games, and activity kits, 147 public computers, and information services.



### A Program for Victims of Domestic Violence

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# DNR reminds public to not to cut oaks spring through July

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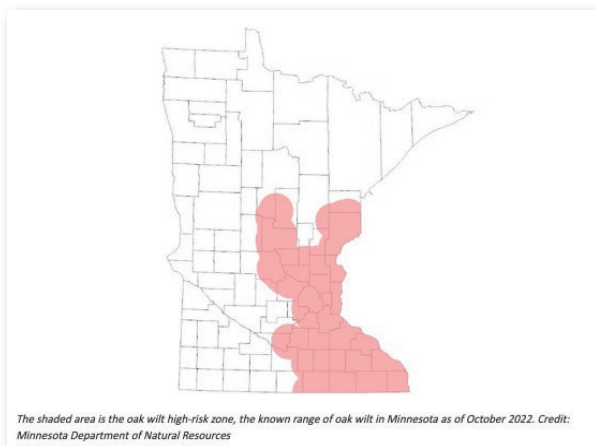
Despite a cool and snowy spring, oak trees will soon be at risk of oak wilt infection. Oak wilt is an invasive fungal disease that kills all of Minnesota's oak species. Not pruning or cutting oaks from April through July is the easiest way to prevent the spread, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

April is the average start of the period when there is risk of oak wilt infection on fresh cuts or wounds. Spring temperatures can be unpredictable, so the exact date varies. You can use the University of Minnesota Extension's oak wilt in Minnesota page ([extension.umn.edu/plant-diseases/oak-wilt-minnesota](http://extension.umn.edu/plant-diseases/oak-wilt-minnesota)) to find daily updated oak wilt risk for your part of the state.

Oak wilt is spread to new areas by beetles carrying oak wilt spores. These beetles are attracted to fresh wounds on an oak. Oaks can become infected with oak wilt if they are trimmed or damaged in spring and early summer. Once beetles introduce the fungus, it may spread to neighboring oaks underground through connected roots. In recent years, the disease has expanded into northern forests in Crow Wing, Cass, and Pine counties.

"Controlling oak wilt can be very expensive and often requires removing many dying and healthy oak trees to save others on a property," said Rachael Dube, DNR forest health specialist. "The good news is that by following pruning guidelines, people can reduce spread of oak wilt in their yards, woods, and communities."

Dube encourages residents to prune and cut oaks



The shaded area is the oak wilt high-risk zone, the known range of oak wilt in Minnesota as of October 2022. Credit: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

in November through February, when there is no risk of oak wilt transmission. If residents must prune or cut oaks before July, they can greatly reduce infection risk by immediately applying a pruning paint to the fresh cut or stump.

In addition to following pruning guidelines, Dube cautions campers, cabin owners, visitors, and hunters not to move infected firewood. Moving oak firewood can spread oak wilt over long distances. Use locally sourced firewood or firewood certified by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture ([mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/firewood-producers](http://mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/firewood-producers)) to prevent transporting oak wilt and other invasive species.

For more details on oak wilt prevention and how best to deal with infected trees and wood, visit the DNR's oak wilt management page ([mndnr.gov/tree-care/forest\\_health/oakwilt/management.html](http://mndnr.gov/tree-care/forest_health/oakwilt/management.html)).

# Cambridge to allow 'No Mow May'

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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Cambridge residents who are concerned about the plight of pollinators will get a month-long reprieve from having to keep their lawns under 12 inches in height.

"No Mow May" is a movement popularized in the United Kingdom, but has gained traction in the United States and Minnesota over the last couple of years.

According to Community Development Director Marcia Westover, the concept is that by not mowing lawns and cutting wildflowers during the vital month of May, people will help revive pollinator species such as bees and butterflies — many of which have or will be included in the endangered species list.

Westover said participation is completely voluntary, and residents don't need to identify their property as participating. The city will simply refrain from issuing any citations for violating the city's Nuisances code regarding unkept lawns. Westover added this shouldn't be an issue since the city typically hasn't needed to issue such citations until at least June anyway.

### ODDS AND ENDS

Also at the April 3 Cambridge City Council meeting, the council:

- Once again received a clean audit for 2022;
- Approved submitting a letter of support for New Pathways for state grant funding. According to City Administrator Evan Vogel, a new state requirement mandates organizations that aid the homeless receive a show of support from the communities they serve;
- Approved a 10-year renewal of the city's cable television franchise agreement with MidCo; and
- Called for a public hearing to be held on May 15 for a request by the developers of the proposed Strong Oak Apartments for the creation of a Tax Increment Financing District on that property along Old South Main Street.

# LePage to increase all waste hauling fees

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As foreshadowed by Cambridge City Administrator Evan Vogel during an earlier council meeting addressing Waste Management's request for an increase in yard waste fees, Cambridge residents who are customers of LePage and Sons will now also see an increase in their fees.

As with Waste Management, since LePage is one of two companies that have an exclusive contract with the city of Cambridge for residential refuse hauling service, if they wish to increase their rates, the company must get council approval before doing so. Unlike Waste Management — which only requested a sizable rate increase for yard waste removal, LePage's request was for fee increases for its base trash rate, base recycling rate, and "compost" (yard waste) rates.

According to the request submitted to the city, the amount of the increase will be between approximately 30% for the smallest containers and just over 22% for the largest containers. LePage offers three different container sizes for its customers — 35 gallons, 65 gallons, and 95 gallons. Additionally, the company's fees for compost removal will increase by over 40%. Currently, customers are assessed a pre-tax monthly

fee of \$18 for 95 gallon containers (for both regular trash and recycling pickup), \$16 for 65 gallon containers, and \$14 for 35 gallon containers. LePage's fee for yard waste removal is currently \$99 for the year. Finally, LePage will start assessing a \$20 fee for the removal of Christmas trees. That service was previously free.

During discussion, Councilmember Aaron Berg asked how the two companies' fees compare to each other. Vogel said with the exception of yard waste fees, the two companies' monthly fees appear to be within a couple of dollars of each other.

Councilmember Bob Shogren repeated his desire for the council to look into the possibility that the city increases the number of allowable residential refuse haulers to operate within city limits. Vogel told the council the current contracts under which that ordinance was based aren't set to expire until December 2024. He added he isn't certain if the city would receive any additional bids if the ordinance was amended to allow for more than two residential and one additional commercial hauler.

Unlike the Waste Management fee increase vote, which was approved 3-2, the motion to approve LePage's fee increases was unanimous.

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## CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on April 2 - 8. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Michael Sidney Eggum** (DOB 10/31/1976) of Wyoming, was charged April 3 with two counts of dangerous weapon firearm prior violent crime possess ammo/any firearm - conviction or adjudicate; one count of explosive/incendiary - possess - previous conviction violent crime; one count of machine guns and short-barreled shot-guns - acts prohibited - own/possess/operate; and three counts of drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Brandon Martin Bassett** (DOB 04/26/1981) of

Brook Park, was charged April 3 with identity theft - transfers/possesses/uses identity of other person.

**Troy Anthony Dye** (DOB 05/27/1981) of Circle Pines, was charged April 4 with damage to property - 1st degree - value reduced over \$1,000.

**James RV Ames** (DOB 12/16/1965) of Newport, was charged April 5 with damage to property - 1st degree - value reduced over \$1,000.

**Joseph Edward Johnson** (DOB 10/13/1994) of North Branch, was charged April 6 with theft - by swindle.

**Ryan Denis Larsin** (DOB 04/13/1973) of Stacy, was charged April 7 with threats of violence - reckless disregard risk.

## ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on April 2 - 8. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**Robert Thomas Karalunas** (DOB 10/27/1969) of Cambridge, was charged April 3 with domestic assault - by strangulation.

**Matthew John Major** (DOB 05/08/1985) of Garrison, was charged April 3 with three counts of drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**Patrick Thomas Schulz** (DOB 09/06/1989) of Rogers, was charged April 3 with drugs - 5th degree - possess schedule 1,2,3,4 - not small amount marijuana.

**David Tyrel Szczodroski** (DOB 07/14/1981) of Little Falls, was charged April 3 with one count of theft - by swindle; one count of check forgery - offer/possess w/intent to defraud; and one count of possession or sale of stolen or counterfeit check.

**Donald Raymond Benson** (DOB 10/19/1976) of Dalbo, was charged April 7 with two counts of assault - 4th degree - peace officer - throws/transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto officer.

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## Isanti set to adopt cannabinoid ordinance

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Following the Minnesota Legislature's decision last spring to make certain edible THC products legal, cities and counties across the state were forced to implement moratoriums on sales. The moratoriums allowed cities to properly hammer out their own rules for businesses that sell the product. Having spent the last half-year researching the topic, the city of Isanti is now prepared to enact its ordinance.

According to City Administrator Josi Wood, the draft of the ordinance that has been prepared requires any business that wishes to sell such products to obtain a license from the city. Some of the terms for issuing a license include:

- The business must have a permanent (non-movable) location.
- No license shall be issued to an exclusive liquor store.
- The retail establishment shall be located not less than 300 feet from a school, as measured door-to-door.

Additional requirements on the individual applicant include they can't have been convicted within the past five years for any violation of any other laws relating to the product, the applicant hasn't had a license revoked in the past 12 months either in the city or any other municipality, among other requirements.

The ordinance also includes other requirements for the labeling and packaging of the products, along with other standard licensing requirements.

Wood noted that this ordinance is only to be enforced for edible products. A license is not required for lotions that contain THC. A license will be required for vape products.

The fee for obtaining a license is being set at \$250 per year, with the license needing to be renewed by Dec. 31 each year. There is no reduced fee for a license that is obtained part-way through a calendar year.

The council will take one final look at the ordinance at one of its May meetings.

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## VIKING GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

**Head coach:** Norm Nagel  
**Assistant coaches:** Brent Lundgren, Eli Erickson, Madison Mench, Paige Larson, Kathy Robtcek, Mike Boelk, and Adam Wilson.  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Avery Smith, Dakota Esget, Sophia Thorsen, Sophia Benedict, Derrian Dick, and Ella Kuhlman all return from last season's 4x200 and 4x400 relay state qualifiers. Ella Dick returns as a state pole vault qualifier, and Asaysha Olson qualified in both long and triple jump last year.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** This year's squad is young and very polished. We will be very strong in the sprints and relays this year. We have all of our athletes coming back with a lot of new faces to help this group. We have a ton of pole vaulters. Our field events should be strong too.  
**What challenges will the team face?** Right now our biggest obstacle is the weather. It looks like mother nature is not on our side this year. We already have a short season and not getting on the track to do field events, workouts is hard to swallow.  
**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** We first would like to achieve academic gold status, move up from 3rd place in our conference, top three in sections, and defend the Section 7AA True Team trophy.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Cambridge-Isanti and Monticello in the conference. Cloquet and Chisago Lakes in the section.



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**Head coach:** Michael Galligan  
**Assistant coaches:** Kevin Larson, Emma Gross, Tyler Hayft, Clint Lundeen, Kyle Willette, Stacey Nelson  
**Who are the players to watch this year?**  
 Kendyl Izzo - sprints, relays, jumps, Kendyl Izzo - middle distance, Ada

Schlenker - jumps, Hannah Bingham - all around athlete, Kenna Sjolberg - distance.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** This team has a great attitude, excellent athlete leadership, and a lot of talent along with our num-

bers literally doubling from last season.  
**What challenges will the team face?** Staying Healthy and motivated with an extended indoor period due to the late spring.  
**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** To improve our finish in the

Conference and Section and send as many athletes to State as possible.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Conference-Monticello, Section-Blaine

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**Head coach:** Thea Lowman  
**Assistant coaches:** Jennifer Magnuson, Macy Hartman, Jed Bingham, Josh Lowman, Jim Lepping  
**Who are the players to watch this year?**  
 We have several players returning with at least one season of varsity experience. Two returning All Conference players to watch are Keagen Lowman, who placed third in Section 7AA singles last season, and Caden Chesla.

Returning All Conference Honorable Mention players to watch are Micah Gustafson, Elliot Knudsvig, Justin Sauze, and Phil Yerigan  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** The core of our team is a group of athletes who are passionate about tennis and are positive leaders. We are looking for these players to help guide those new to varsity. These core leaders and many other players have been working on their tennis games

in the off-season, so we're focusing on using their past experiences and successes as a foundation for confidence during tough matches.  
**What challenges will the team face?** Besides dealing with that which we cannot control, like the weather, replacing seniors lost to graduation, especially replacing two out of our three top players from last year's team. Finding the most effective doubles pairings will be key.

**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** Overall, our goal is to become a stronger, deeper tennis team by boosting our individual tennis games each time we step on the courts. In doing so, we're looking to clinch those 4 team points needed to win each match.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Conference: Becker; Section: Duluth, Elk River

**VIKING BOYS TENNIS**



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2023 North Branch Viking boys tennis

**Head coach:** Joel Santjer  
**Assistant coaches:** Bryant Meyer  
**Who are the players to watch this year?**  
 We're going to be looking to see some growth for this season from our players that have been out awhile, especially in our singles lineup. We'll have quite a few guys back from last year. We'll mix

things up a bit in the lineup and have some guys playing new positions.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** We're really pushing for our guys to stay consistent, and be aggressive when necessary. With more guys back this year than last, it's fun to have a base skill already in place. Now

we can just keep fine tuning our skills and get better every day.  
**What challenges will the team face?** The weather was an early problem for us, but we're through that now. The guys stayed in great spirits and worked really hard during those in-door practices.

**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** Grow the program and grow the players.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** We've got a great section and conference with lots of great competition.

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**VIKING SOFTBALL**

**Head coach:** Kathy Crudo  
**Assistant coaches:** Carli Hart, Ava Sittlow, Karissa Ratcliff, Kyle Groh, Brandon Hunter  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** I think our returners will be our backbone this year. Hannah Bernier, Erin Pederson, Peyton Verdon, and Kaytlin Hammond. However we have a few players that practiced with varsity all last year that will need to step up in full time roles: Samantha Schmitt, and Abby Pfeifer.

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Our older girls leading the younger girls in a positive manner will be huge for us. We will obviously have our pitcher/catcher back which is nice defensively but filling the open spots with kids stepping up and playing varsity for the first time will be a process. I think consistency will be the main factor for us. Once our leaders become more consistent I think the rest of the team will follow (offensively and defensively).

**What challenges will the team face?** Obviously the same challenges as everyone else in the area in terms of getting outside and getting the reps necessary on dirt. Also a big challenge will be adjustment for the younger players fighting for spots and not ever playing at this level before. Getting them up to speed but also understanding it will be a growth process and they need to have that mindset.

**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** Keep everyone healthy and to compete with everyone we face.

**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** I think it is more so individual players (90% of the time these are just that teams pitcher) that we will need to prepare for not necessarily teams as a whole which is pretty similar for most of us smaller schools.



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**2023 North Branch Viking softball (in no particular order):** Hannah Bernier, Kaytlin Hammond, Ellcey Johnson, Carli Kantorowicz, Alexis Mathison, Makayla Mihajlovich, Erin Pederson, Abigail Pfeifer, Alexis Porter, Alison Potrament, Jersey Richter, Kortney Poettjer, Samantha Schmitt, Peyton Verdon, Aubrey Charpentier, Tori Thurmer, and Cora Jacobsen-Groholski.

**BLUEJACKET SOFTBALL**

**Head coach:** Cari Tohm  
**Assistant coaches:** Jill Matson, John Brooks, Kevin Kostecka (JV) Katie Sohn (C-Squad)

**Who are the players to watch this year?** We have many varsity returners this season. Cuicny Gibbs is stepping into the infield this year. Alyana Szafranski is returning to the mound and Reese Andrus will see both corners of the infield and we are looking forward to her bat as well. Alison Foss is returning as one of our most consistent hitters.

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** We have 7 seniors on the team that need to lead our younger classman both on and off the field. We need to reduce errors and get our bats working. If all of the players can continue to support each other, push each other and work together we can be successful.

**What challenges will the team face?** We just need to continue pushing forward in the face of adversity. We will have some players in new positions this season and some new rotations. We have some young players in key positions. We just need to keep working through the process and improving each game.

**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** To increase our on base per-



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**2023 Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket softball (In no particular order):** Alayna Szafranski, Allison Foss, Katie Busse, Clara Rawson, Cuicny Gibbs, Reese Andrus, Maraya Wilttrout, Maeghan Milz, Molly Larson, Rachel Vick, Sydney Epple, and Croix Vavra

centage, decrease our errors and play together as a team and support each other as a team.

**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** We have a tough conference and section. This-

ago Lakes and Monticello are teams to watch out for.

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**BLUEJACKET BASEBALL**

**Head coach:** Mike Bergloff  
**Assistant coaches:** Jonathon Dunning, Cody Kielsa, Jesse Jennissen, Michael Lorden, and Shaun Miller  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Tyler Gustafson, SR.

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Pitching and defense. We will have a very young pitching staff so we will need to grow up real fast.

**What challenges will the team face?** Depth in our pitching staff and the inability to get outside enough. We will need to make the most of our inside practice time.

**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** To improve record wise and to be competitive and improve the quality of baseball played compared to last season.

**Who is the opponent to watch for**

**this year in the conference/section?** Princeton and Monticello.

**2023 Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket baseball (starting with seniors):** Preston Anderson, Edward Arett, Peyton Brown, Jonah Cole, Tyler Gustafson, Tanner Johnson, Lincoln Larsen, Jacob Moreno, Brayden Carlson, Brayden Coplan, Austin Gebert, Jameson Harcey, Everett Herzog, Tyler Lero, Gabe Nelson, Brayden Olson, Logan Ostlund, and Tucker VandeWalker.

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**VIKING BASEBALL**

**Head coach:** Matt Solberg  
**Assistant coaches:** Charlie Linder, Josh Beaver, Nick Solberg, Aaron Robillard, Casey Schwalbe  
**Who are the players to watch this year?**  
 We are returning our two top hitters/pitchers from this past year's roster (Andrew Orf and Noah Thorsen). The expectation is for both of them to have tremendous seasons and help lead our team on and off the field. Others to watch include Tanner Helin and Sam Robillard, both of which had injuries that cut short the previous season. Fortunately both have looked great this spring and ready to contribute offensively, defensively, and on the mound. Seniors Loghan Croal, Jacob Karnes, and Austin Darwin should see expanded roles this spring as well. Lucas Goggin and Carter Drill are the two sophomores who won varsity spots early this year and should be key contributors.



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**2023 North Branch Viking baseball (in no particular order):** Loghan Croal, Austin Darwin, Jacob Karnes, Sam Robillard, Michael Christense, Ty Ellsworth, Tanner Helin, Tyler Hendricks, Andrew Orf, Micah Ragsdale, AJ Rosario, Everett Thomsen-, Noah Thorsen, Carter Drill, and Lucas Goggin.

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Pitching depth and offensive consistency will be the key's to our teams success. With the condensed schedule we will have to use several arms to get through the season. This year our pitching depth has been very impressive and our pitching coach Charlie Linder is thrilled with the improvements we have seen thus far.

**What challenges will the team face?** Our biggest challenge for this team is organizational depth and inexperience. Six of the nine players with the most at bats this past season have moved on and replacing that volume of varsity at bats will be difficult. The entire outfield graduated and we hope those open spots will generate competition to get into the lineup.

**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** We have been relatively competitive in our section the past few years which lead our returning athletes to have the drive and hunger to push through to get to state.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Conference: Princeton is the defending champion and has an excellent program. St

Francis is coming off a state tournament appearance and are extremely well coached.  
 Section: Hermantown and Grand Rapids are both programs returning multiple players from extremely good rosters this past season. Both teams will be incredibly tough outs come section tournament time.

**BLUEJACKET BOYS GOLF**



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**2023 Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket boys golf (in no particular order):** Jackson Anderson, Joshua Bauer, Connor Binger, Joey Bromwich, Luke Erickson, Ashton Geving, Dominik Gholamireents, Cadyn Hallberg, Trevor Haupt, Tanner Jones, Magnus Lillemo, Deven Magaard, Dalton Muehlberg, Damian Natzel, Will O'Donovan, Finn Overby, Jayden Patrick, Luke Pierson, Travis Rasche, Caleb Sachs, Joshua Sauro, Seth Splittstoser, Garon Sutherland, Logan Westman, and Joseph Willmert.

**Head coach:** Joel Lund  
**Assistant coaches:** Jeff Kurowski  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Logan Westman, Trevor Haupt, Will O'donovan, Finn Overby

**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Keeping a round together for 18 holes. Over the course of a round, one is bound to have a bad hole, but the key to a good round is to minimize the big numbers. Can our guys avoid the "blow up" hole? If we can do that, I think we can shoot some really nice scores as a team.

**What challenges will the team face?** As always, the weather in the spring can bring challenges and this spring appears to be the worst we have had in quite some time. We will be asked to play in competitions very soon after beginning to practice outdoors, so can the guys be ready to go without having had much time on an actual golf course before our meets ramp up?

**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** I believe the talent of our team is good enough to be one of the top teams in the Mississippi8. One of our goals is to be there at the end with a chance to win the conference.

**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Our conference is fairly balanced, but I look at Chisago Lakes and Princeton to be a few of the top teams in the Mississippi8.

**VIKING BOYS GOLF**

**Head coach:** Ryan Minke  
**Assistant coaches:** Chad Carlson  
**Who are the players to watch this year?**  
 Tyler Minke was an All-Conference Player, and State Tournament participant last year as a 9th grader. Nick Melvin is a 7th grader, but has played lots of highly competitive tournaments. Drake Dimich and Carter Magnison both played Varsity last year as 7th

graders. I expect the 4 of them to be very competitive in the conference this year.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Staying Positive. We are young, and at times if things aren't going well, guys can get frustrated. We just need to stay positive and good things will happen.  
**What challenges will the team face?**

We are young and don't have a ton of experience.  
**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** Finish near the top of the Conference, and Section  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** I think Monticello and Chisago will be tough in the Conference, and Titino-Grace will be the favorite to win the section.

**2023 North Branch Viking boys golf (in no particular order):** Tyler Minke, Drake Dimich, Nick Melvin, Carter Magnison, Aiden Peterson, Ian Smith, Evan Pommier, Andrew Karnes, Jake Durhiem, Isaac Cornelious, Hunter Reinhart, Vince Crudo.

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**VIKING GIRLS GOLF**



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**2023 North Branch Viking girls golf (in no particular order):** Olivia Weyenberg, Madison Thornborrow, Ashley Bistodeau, Annabelle Lattimore, Gabriella Desrosier, Hailea Koep, Kyra Shepard, and Lauren Thiel

**Head coach:** Chad Bistodeau  
**Assistant coaches:** Chad Carlson, Alicia Voight  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Olivia Weyenberg, Ashley Bistodeau, both have a chance at the top 5 in the conference and could even win it.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Putting and chipping, and minimizing mistakes, because everyone who plays golf makes mistake, it's just not compounding a mistake with another.

**What challenges will the team face?** Youth and inexperience. We only have 2 girls back from last year.  
**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** Top 3 in the Conference, Top 2 in the section and get 2 players to the state tournament  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Becker, Chisago, Cambridge in the Conference. Providence Academy, Totino Grace and Delano in the Section

**BLUEJACKET GIRLS GOLF**



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**2023 Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket girls golf (starting with seniors):** Payton Danielson, Emily Nystrom, Emma Scott, Chloe Dobosenski, Mia Kurowski, Haylee Hall, Ava Miller, Addi Rothbauer, Meghan Stauffer, Amber Grecula, Isabelle Weidenbach, Hannah Westman, and Allie Nystrom.

**Head coach:** Steve Hanson  
**Assistant coaches:** Jim Poppen  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Emily was the conference medalist last season. Payton, Mia, Amber, Hannah, and Allie all played in many meets.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** The girls have varsity experience. We just have to realize that you need to put in the practice time to improve.  
**What challenges will the team face?** The big challenge this season (other than the weather) is for our team to support each

other and know that we are just as good as the opponents we are playing against.  
**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** We want to see the girls enjoy the experience of playing golf and being on a team. Our main goal is to assist all of the girls in becoming positive individuals who will look back at the season and see that they have grown as young women.  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Becker and Chisago Lakes. Elk River is the huge favorite in the section.

**VIKING BOYS TRACK AND FIELD**

**Head coach:** Brent Lundgren  
**Assistant coaches:** Norm Nagel, Kathy Robotcek, Adam Wilson, Maddie Mench, Paige Larson, Eli Erickson, Mike Boelk  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** Nick Bovitz and Carson Weber will be big leaders for our jumps and sprint groups this year. Jordan Stumm had a great cross country season earning a trip to state. Austin Anderson will be a great sprinter for the team. Eric Flor had a great season down the stretch last year earning a trip to state in pole vault.  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** Staying healthy will be a huge key

to our success this season.  
**What challenges will the team face?** We will be smaller in numbers this season so athletes will be tasked with running in multiple events and trying out different field events. Some athletes may be pushed out of their comfort zone in early meets to see where they can help the team the most.  
**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** To finish in the top 3 at the Section 7AA True Team meet, Conference Championships, and Section 7AA Championships. Most importantly we want to develop our younger athletes and get them experience.



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**2023 North Branch Viking boys track and field (in no particular order):** Austin Anderson, Dooley Beaver, Paul Boelk, Nickolas Bovitz, Nathanael Damiani, Michael Dragicevich, Eric Elizarraga-Flor, Tate Erickson, Matthew Fenton, Ethan Holmberg, Blake Lelm, Carter McWilliams, Jack Nelson, Moses Ochoa, Tanner Peterson, Austin Reynolds, Andrew Rieken, Jayden Roske, Brody Rothe, Willaim Stelmack, Jordan Stumm, Zachary Sway, Brady Taff, Carson Weber, and Andrew Witkowski.

**BLUEJACKET BOYS TRACK AND FIELD**

**Head coach:** Kent Viesselman  
**Assistant coaches:** Stacey Nelson, Clinton Lundeen, Tyler Hayft, Kyle Willette, Breanne Schoen, Kelly Nordling  
**Who are the players to watch this year?** We will be strong on the track specif-

ically hurdlers, middle distance and distance  
**What will be the keys to the team's success this year?** The keys for our team will be developing athletes in the field events and staying healthy

**What challenges will the team face?** The weather and inexperience in some events  
**What are your goals for the 2023 season?** To get better everyday and be competitive in the conference, true

team and MSHSL sections  
**Who is the opponent to watch for this year in the conference/section?** Opponents to watch are Blaine, Big Lake, Monticello and Forest Lake

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# Isanti County invites input for Imagine 2045 Comprehensive Plan

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Isanti County, with input from residents and stakeholders, is working to update its long-range plan that outlines strategies for growth and preservation of our county's assets and resources. These meetings and survey will offer the public an opportunity to provide input that will be used to inform the future of Isanti County. The plan will cover the topics of land use; natural resources; transportation; economic development; parks; and intergovernmental cooperation.

The community is invited to learn about the plan and provide input at two open houses. Attendees at both meetings will be introduced to the comprehensive plan process and provide input that will be used to develop a plan for the next 20 years. Presentations will be given at 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. followed by engagement activities. The community is invited to provide input on these important plans at one of the following meetings.

## ISANTI COUNTY PUBLIC MEETINGS:

**Wednesday, April 19**  
Stanford Town Hall  
5050 261st Avenue N.W., Isanti

**Wednesday, April 26**  
East Central Regional Library  
111 Dellwood Street S North, Cambridge

The community is also invited to provide input through an online survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Imagine2045>  
Representatives from Isanti County and SRF Consulting Group will be on hand to answer your questions and discuss your concerns.  
Learn more about the project at [www.ImagineIsantiCounty2045.com](http://www.ImagineIsantiCounty2045.com)

# Talking organ donation with U of M

BY UOFM  
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More than 100,000 people in the United States are waiting for an organ donor right now, according to the Health Resources and Service Administration. Each donation is impactful — a single donor can save eight lives and enhance over 75 more.

For National Donate Life Month in April, Dr. Thomas Leventhal with the University of Minnesota Medical School talks about the importance of organ donation, misconceptions, and how people can make a difference.

**Q:** Why is organ and tissue donation so important?

**Dr. Leventhal:** Transplantation can provide a cure, so to say, for many medical conditions that are irreversible and typically end in mortality or severe sickness. In my practice, I've seen patients with liver failure who can essentially live normal lives after receiving a liver transplant.

Donors can also provide tissues that can help those with torn ligaments in their knee or for people with vision loss due to a disease involving the retina, ultimately and dramatically improving their quality of life.

**Q:** What is living-donor transplantation? What are the most common types?

**Dr. Leventhal:** For some people with end-stage organ failure, they may be a candidate to receive a donated organ (or partial organ) from another living person. The donor is often a family member or close friend of the potential recipient. Other times, the donor may be unknown to the recipient, but their organ is an excellent match. Living-donor transplants typically involve kidneys or a portion of the liver, and studies have shown these donors tend to have great long-term outcomes. Living-donor transplantation is an excellent way to receive a transplant without significant time on a wait list, which decreases the likelihood of the recipient getting seriously ill from their disease.

**Q:** What are some misconceptions about organ and tissue donation?

**Dr. Leventhal:** Many people have heard rumors that medical teams are aggressive about declaring someone dead, or that "death panels" exist to transition hospitalized patients into donors. This simply isn't true. Every life is immensely valuable and we work hard to save and maintain each one. Sometimes the best medical care simply isn't enough to prevent death, and in those situations, it provides an incredible opportunity for a donor to give part of themselves to others in desperate need.

**Q:** Who can become an organ and tissue donor?

**Dr. Leventhal:** Anyone can be an organ donor! Any time you apply for a state ID or driver's license in Minnesota there is an opportunity to document your desire to be formally recognized as a donor. Minnesota's also been a national leader in providing opportunities for people to declare themselves as organ and tissue donors by including it as an option on hunting and fishing license applications. Regardless of including this information on a formal license, it is important to talk to loved ones and those that would speak on your behalf to make sure they know your desire to donate. I am very proud that the people of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota have some of the highest percentages of registered organ donors in the U.S.

**Q:** What research are you doing in this area at the University of Minnesota?

**Dr. Leventhal:** Our team at the University of Minnesota recently completed a study evaluating liver transplantation for people with acute liver failure — a severe malfunction of the liver which can be deadly. We were able to show that donated organs were of the highest quality and that people who received liver transplant with this condition recovered very well. We are also in the process of assessing a standardized approach to managing organ and tissue donors to see if it can help maximize the number of organs and tissues the incredibly generous individuals are able to share.

**Dr. Thomas Leventhal** is an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School and a transplant hepatologist, gastroenterologist and critical care physician with M Health Fairview. Dr. Leventhal treats critically ill patients with liver disease, with a special clinic interest in those with acute liver failure, and management of hospitalized patients before and after liver transplantation. His research focus is acute liver failure as well as outcomes in the pre- and post-transplant period and generic drug costs and their impact on care.

# Springtime means temporary road, trail closures

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The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will begin temporarily closing some roads and trails in state forests, state parks, recreation areas, and wildlife management areas as the spring thaw impacts road conditions. Seasonal melting makes these roads and trails too soft to support vehicle traffic without damage. Depending on weather and local site conditions, the temporary closures could remain in effect until sometime in May.

"Closures protect roads and trails from damage when cars, trucks, ATVs, or any vehicles travel on the wet, unstable road conditions present during spring thaw," said Matt Huseby, roads coordinator for the DNR's Forestry Division. "Please check the DNR road closure page for updates, follow the closures, and use good judgement wherever you drive or ride."

After a lengthy winter, the warmer spring weather inspires many people to hit the trail in



one of Minnesota's state forests. To prevent unwanted surprises, please check for road and trail closures before heading out. In addition, be aware that roads that can handle vehicle traffic will remain open but might have vehicle weight restrictions.

For information on road and trail closures, visit the DNR's

road and trail closure page ([mndnr.gov/closures](http://mndnr.gov/closures)). Information is updated weekly on Thursdays by 2 p.m. Signs will also be posted at entry points and parking lots. Closure signs may be in place before the website is updated.

For information on roads and trails on county land, contact the county directly.

# Don't miss Weatherz School at the Cambridge Public Library

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You and the whole family are invited to learn all about weather from Minnesota meteorologist Brandon Weatherz during "Weatherz School," an all-ages program starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Cambridge Public Library.

Weatherz, a broadcast meteorologist in Duluth, with roots in Central Minnesota, will talk about what a meteorologist does

and demonstrate a couple of fun experiments in discussing tornadoes, hail, and lightning!

No registration necessary. The Cambridge Public Library, a branch of the East Central Regional Library system, is located at 111 Dellwood St. N., Cambridge, and can be reached at 763-689-7390. For more information, visit [ecrlib.org](http://ecrlib.org) or follow the library on Facebook and Instagram (@ecrlmn).



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## Evangelical Covenant

### Karmel Covenant Church

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

## Evangelical Free

### Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

### Kost Evangelical Free Church

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

### Oxlip Church

9am Sunday Worship Service  
Sanctuary seating or Online: Facebook and YouTube Pastor  
Leroy Scheumann  
29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti, MN 55040  
www.oxlip.org  
763-444-5134

### Wyanett Evangelical Free Church

12 Miles West of Cambridge on Highway 95

www.wyanettefc.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 6:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/Prayer 6:00 pm  
Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study - 9:30 am  
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## Lutheran

### Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

West Central Drive & County Road 4, Braham  
320-396-2755  
Pastor Andrea Bonneville-DeNaples  
**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - BELC  
**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Live on Facebook  
**Sunday:** 9:30 am Worship Service on KBEK 95.5 FM  
Sunday School 9:45am  
Office hours 9:00 a.m. to Noon Tuesday thru Friday

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

Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.  
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.  
10:15am Worship with Fellowship following  
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.  
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

### Cambridge Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge  
763-689-1211  
9 a.m. Traditional Service  
10 a.m. Contemporary Service  
www.cambridgelutheran.org -  
fb.com/CambridgeLutheran

### Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

### Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

109 Second Ave NW, Isanti  
763-444-9201  
Pastor Ian Coen-Frei  
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.  
Home of Heavenly Sunshine Preschool  
email:  
office@faithlutheranisanti.com

### First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

43779 Gates Ave., Harris.  
651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.  
Pastor Craig Lundstad-Vogt.  
Sunday Worship 9:30am, 10:30am coffee  
and fellowship.  
Email: firstlutheran@q.com  
www.firstlutheranharris.org

### Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge  
763-689-4355  
www.joylutheran.net  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

### Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040 763-444-5315. Pastor  
Sue Olson  
Worship Sundays at 9am in-person, in parking lot or online  
longlakeluth.org  
Wednesday  
6:00pm Worship  
6:30pm Confirmation & educational programming

### Salem Lutheran Church

4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687  
Join us for worship every  
Sunday at 9:00am, Sunday  
school for 3 yrs to 6th gr.  
begins at 9:00am. Coffee  
fellowship after worship  
www.salem.lutheran.dalbo.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.

slchurch.org

Email: slchurch@gmail.com

**8:30am** 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

### St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMC)

31075 Genesis Ave., Stacy, MN 55079  
651-462-5115.  
Office Hours - 9:00am - 1:00 pm  
9:00am Services,  
Sunday School following Service (10:15am).  
Email - stjohns@midconetwork.com.  
Website - stjohns.lutheranchurch-stacymn.org

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

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

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

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

### Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

38460 Lincoln Trl, North Branch  
651-674-7047. Pastor Greg Wilcox  
In-person and online Worship  
Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour & Sunday School at 9 a.m.  
Email:  
office@trinitynorthbranch.org  
or visit www.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.  
Livestream of services and more info at  
commongroundumc.org.  
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## Non-Denominational

### Bethesda Church

38180 Hemingway Ave., North Branch, MN 651-674-5873.  
Pastor Mark Huber.  
9am Worship Service.  
10:30am Sunday School  
and adult Bible studies.  
bethesdachurchnb.com

### Lakeside Christian Church

32393 Rendova Cir. N.E., Cambridge (3 mi. E of Cambridge  
just off Hwy. 95). 763-689-3649. Ministry Coordinator Jeff  
Bonkoski. Administrative Assistant Sharon Dahl. Sunday  
9:30am Worship.  
Retreat house & personal retreat cabins available. Call for  
reservation. Email:  
lakesidesecretary@gmail.com.  
lakesidechurchcambridge.org

### Journey of Faith

Bible based worship.  
651-600-9878.  
faiththroughaction777@gmail.com  
Sunday fellowship 9am  
Worship & Youth Ministry 10am Come as you are. All  
welcome. Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti.  
Refreshments served.

### JustPassinthrough IHS Ministries

Becoming Agape – Allowing the Holy Spirit to  
transform lives  
763-689-6987  
Meeting at Crossroads Commons 101 1st Ave. E., Suite  
100, Cambridge MN  
justpassinihs@gmail.com  
Justpassinthrough.net

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### Kingdom of God Resources and Training

150 Birch St. N, Cambridge MN 55008  
Kingdomofgodresourcesandtraining.com  
Ministry coordinators Mike and Leslie Kelzenberg  
Saturdays 8:30-9:30, 10-11, 11:30-1:00  
And other events: See web site  
kingdomofgodrandt@gmail.com 763-346-7292

## Pentecostal

### The Journey New Life Church

601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti  
Pastor David L. Willis.  
Sunday 10am Worship &  
the Word & Kids' Church.  
Sunday 6pm Family Worship.  
Wednesday 7pm Family Breakout Classes.  
763-689-4471  
Thejourneynl.org

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## NOTICES

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Cambridge Business Development Company will hold its Annual Meeting Monday April 24, 2023 at 6:00PM at Cambridge City Hall.

Allen Goldsmith  
Secretary  
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the land located at PID 16.157.0010.  
2. Granting a business subsidy for the land located at PID 16.157.0020

The summary of the terms of the proposed agreements are available for inspection at City Hall, during regular business hours. After the public hearing the City Council will consider approving the agreement and granting of the business subsidy.

A person with residence in or the owner of taxable property in the granting jurisdiction may file a written complaint with the City if the City fails to comply with Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995, and no action may be filed against the City for the failure to comply unless a written complaint is filed. All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their views orally or in writing prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA.

Stephanie Hillesheim  
Community Development Director  
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on April 6, 13, 2023

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ISANTI COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Public Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Economic Development Authority will hold meetings on April 25, 2023; July 25, 2023; and October 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners on this 7th day of February, 2023.

Julia Lines  
Isanti County Administrator  
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on April 13, 2023

### CITY OF ISANTI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR REFUSE SERVICES

The City of Isanti is accepting proposals for a three (3) year contract for refuse services for the City of Isanti. Specifications and quote sheet are available online at [www.cityofisanti.us](http://www.cityofisanti.us). The City Council reserves the authority to waive irregularities, accept or reject any/all proposals, and award in the best interest of the City. Proposals can be submitted via email to [Jstrand@cityofisanti.us](mailto:Jstrand@cityofisanti.us) or addressed to Jaden Strand at 110 - 1st Avenue NW, PO Box 428, 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 3, 2023.

Jaden Strand  
City Clerk  
Posted on: 4-5-2023  
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on April 13, 2023

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS RAILROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

**SAP 245-101-002**  
**SAP 246-106-002**  
CITY OF ISANTI  
ISANTI, MN  
RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals for the work described below will be received online through QuestCDN.com until 11:00 a.m. on April 26, 2023, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read online via Microsoft Teams. Please use the link or call-in number/conference ID below to see and/or hear the bid opening results:

1. Microsoft Teams Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/IsantiRRABidOpen>

2. Call: 612-428-8778, Conference ID: 209 977 106 #

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The work includes the construction of approximately:

- Remove Concrete Walk 380 SF
- Bituminous Patch (Street) 1,410 SY
- 6" Concrete Walk 1,340 SF
- Sodding Type Lawn 10 SY
- Loam Topsoil Borrow 10 CY
- 24" Solid Line Multi Comp (White) 130 LF

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Prevailing Wage Rates, Truck Rentals and Responsible Contractor Certification.

**COMPLETION OF WORK:** All work under the Contract must be complete by 12/29/2023.

**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](http://www.questcdn.com) or [www.boltonmenk.com](http://www.boltonmenk.com).

**TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS:** Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) or [www.boltonmenk.com](http://www.boltonmenk.com). You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering

Quest project 8446876 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](mailto: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 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.

**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: 4/5/2023 /S/ Ms. Josi Wood**

City Administrator  
Published:  
QuestCDN: 4/13/2021

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 3RD AVENUE UTILITY EXTENSION CITY OF ISANTI ISANTI, MN

**RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS:** Proposals for the work described below will be received online through QuestCDN.com until 10:30 a.m. on April 26, 2023, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read online via Microsoft Teams. Please use the link or call-in number/conference ID below to see and/or hear the bid opening results:

1. Microsoft Teams Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/Isanti3rdAveBidOpen>

2. Call: 612-428-8778, Conference ID 269 222 767#

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The work includes the construction of approximately:

- Bituminous Patch (Trail) 330 SY
- Bituminous Patch (Street) 700 SY 12"
- 6" Concrete Pad 350 SY
- 2.5" Trenchless Formcain 1,010 LF
- 8" Sanitary Sewer 1,060 LF
- Duplex Grinder Station 1 LS
- Sanitary Sewer Manhole 43 LF
- 6"- 12" Watermain (Open Cut) 335 LF

Watermain (Trenchless) 1,920 LF  
6"- 8" Gate Valve and Box 10 EA  
Hydrant 5 EA  
Watermain Fittings 2,480 LB  
Hydraulic Bonded Fiber Matrix 3,330 LB

Loam Topsoil Borrow (LV) 256 CY together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Responsible Contractor Certification.

**COMPLETION OF WORK:** All work under the Contract must be complete by 12/29/2023.

**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](http://www.questcdn.com) or [www.boltonmenk.com](http://www.boltonmenk.com).

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**DATED: 4/5/2023 /S/ Ms. Josi Wood**

City Administrator  
Published:  
QuestCDN: 4/5/2023

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### ISANTI COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CONTRACT NO. 2301 & 2302 NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic proposals for Isanti County Contract 2301 & 2302 will be received by the Board of Commissioners of Isanti County, Minnesota, until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 09, 2023, through QuestCDN vBid™.

Plan and Proposal may be viewed and purchased through the Isanti County QuestCDN vBid™ portal located on the County website: <https://www.co.isanti.mn.us/799/Advertisement-for-Bids> & follow the Complete digital contract bidding documents "link".

At that time, the bids will be electronically opened and read publicly at the Isanti County Highway Department building located at 232 Emerson St North, Cambridge, MN 55008. The as-read on-line bid results will be available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) following the bid opening.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the website for a nonrefundable fee of \$30 by inputting Quest project number **Quest # 8444138** on the website's Project Search page. Bidders are also required to pay a \$45 online bidding fee. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and bidding information.

This will be the only means of Bid submittal. Bids will only be accepted via the electronic bidding service through QuestCDN. **NO HARD COPY BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**Contract No. 2301 & 2302**  
**S.A.P. 030-628-004, C.P. 23-S-07-291, C.P. 23-C-35-291 & C.P. 23-C-PATCH**

**Type of Work:** Milling, Reclamation, Asphalt Pavement, Aggregate Surfacing and Pavement Markings

Project is located within Wyanett & Spencer Brook Township on CSAH 7, CSAH 28 & CR 35.

The major estimated quantities are:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	EST. QTY.
2118.509	AGGREGATE SURFACING CLASS 1	TON 7225	
2118.509	AGGREGATE SURFACING CLASS 1 (MOD)	TON 950	
2215.504	FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION	SQ YD 124,155	
2232.504	MILL BITUMINOUS SURFACE (3")	SQ YD 119,325	
2360.509	TYPE SP 9.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	(2,B) TON 14,605	
2360.509	TYPE SP 12.5 WEARING COURSE MIXTURE	(2,B) TON 14,405	

EST. QTY.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT
2563.601	TRAFFIC CONTROL LUMP SUM	3
2580.503	INTERIM PAVEMENT MARKING LIN FT	12,960
2582.503	4" SOLID & BROKEN LINE PAINT LIN FT	129,228

The provisions of MINN. STAT. 16C.285 Responsible Contractor are imposed as a requirement of this contract. All bidders and persons or companies providing a response/ submission to the Advertisement for Bids of Isanti County shall comply with the provisions of the statute.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond, Certified Check or a Corporate Surety Bond in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the total bid made payable to the Isanti County Treasurer. If the bidder, upon the letting of the contract to them, shall fail to enter into the contract, as let, the amount of such bidder's bond shall be forfeited to the County.

The Isanti County Board of Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities therein, and further reserve the right to award the contract to serve the best interest of the County.

The proposed contract is subject to minimum wage rates as set forth by the Minnesota Department of

Labor and Industry and incorporated into the Specifications.

Justin Bergerson, County Engineer  
Isanti County, Cambridge, MN 55008

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## FORECLOSURES

### NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY 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 a mortgage dated June 28, 2021, executed by Meadow Land Builders INC, a Minnesota corporation, as mortgagor(s), to CCM Finance, LLC, as mortgagee, in the original or maximum principal amount of One Hundred Seventy Thousand and no/100 (\$170,000.00) Dollars, recorded at the office of the Isanti County Recorder on June 30, 2021, as Document No. A506028; which Mortgage was assigned to CCMF1, LLC, by assignment dated June 28, 2021, and recorded on August 11, 2021, as Document No. A507460; which Mortgage was assigned to Alerus Financial, N.A. by assignment dated June 28, 2021, and recorded on August 20, 2021, as Document No. A507764; which Mortgage was assigned to CCMF1, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company, by assignment dated January 11, 2023, and recorded on January 17, 2023, as Document No. A521570; which Mortgage was assigned to CCM Finance, LLC by assignment dated February 13, 2023, and recorded on February 15, 2023, as Document No. A521985; that there has been compliance with all notice provisions and conditions precedent as required by law; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover any part of the debt secured by said mortgage; that there is claimed to be due thereon, including taxes, if any, paid by mortgagee, the sum of One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four and 02/100 (\$191,254.02) Dollars on this date; and that pursuant to the power of sale therein contained, the mortgage will be foreclosed and the tract of land lying and being in Isanti County, Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 42, Block 11, Bridgewater, Isanti County, Minnesota

Property Address: 545 - 19th Place Southeast, Cambridge MN 55008 Parcel I.D. #: 15-148-3570

Transaction Agent: N/A  
Transaction agent's Mortgage Identification Number: N/A

Mortgage Originator: CCM Finance, LLC

Lot 41, Block 11, Bridgewater, Isanti County, Minnesota

Property Address: 529 - 19th Place Southeast, Cambridge MN 55008 Parcel I.D. #: 15-148-3560

Transaction Agent: N/A  
Transaction agent's Mortgage Identification Number: N/A

Mortgage Originator: CCM Finance, LLC

**MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:** None.  
will be sold by the sheriff of said county at public auction on May 25, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at the Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN 55008 to pay the debt secured by the mortgage, including costs and attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption by the mortgagor(s), its heirs or assigns, within two (2) months from the date of sale.

This notice pertains to a voluntary foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Minn. Stat. §582.32 pursuant to an Agreement for Voluntary Foreclosure dated March 10, 2023. Each holder of a junior lien may redeem in the order and manner provided in §582.32 subd. 9, beginning after the expiration of the mortgagor's two month redemption period.

**TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY:** If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on July 25, 2023, (if that date is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then the date to vacate is the next date thereafter which is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday).

**IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**  
Dated: April 5, 2023 CCM Finance, LLC, Mortgagee  
Christopher L. Olson, GDO LAW, Attorneys for CCM Finance, LLC, 4770 White Bear Parkway, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 (651) 426-3249

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage dated June 28, 2021, executed by Meadow Land Builders INC, a Minnesota corporation, as mortgagor(s), to CCM Finance, LLC, as mortgagee, in the original or maximum principal amount of One Hundred Seventy Thousand and no/100 (\$170,000.00) Dollars, recorded at the office of the Isanti County Recorder on June 30, 2021, as Document No. A506028; which Mortgage was assigned to CCMF1, LLC, by assignment dated June 28, 2021, and recorded on August 11, 2021, as Document No. A507460; which Mortgage was assigned to Alerus Financial, N.A. by assignment dated June 28, 2021, and recorded on August 20, 2021, as Document No. A507764; which Mortgage was assigned to CCMF1, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company, by assignment dated January 11, 2023, and recorded on January 17, 2023, as Document No. A521570; which Mortgage was assigned to CCM Finance, LLC by assignment dated February 13, 2023, and recorded on February 15, 2023, as Document No. A521985; that there has been compliance with all notice provisions and conditions precedent as required by law; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover any part of the debt secured by said mortgage; that there is claimed to be due thereon, including taxes, if any, paid by mortgagee, the sum of One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four and 02/100 (\$191,254.02) Dollars on this date; and that pursuant to the power of sale therein contained, the mortgage will be foreclosed and the tract of land lying and being in Isanti County, Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 42, Block 11, Bridgewater, Isanti County, Minnesota

Property Address: 545 - 19th Place Southeast, Cambridge MN 55008 Parcel I.D. #: 15-148-3570

Transaction Agent: N/A  
Transaction agent's Mortgage Identification Number: N/A

Mortgage Originator: CCM Finance, LLC

**MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:** None.

will be sold by the sheriff of said county at public auction on May 25, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at the Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge, MN 55008 to pay the debt secured by the mortgage, including costs and attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption by the mortgagor(s), its heirs or assigns, within two (2) months from the date of sale.

This notice pertains to a voluntary foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Minn. Stat. §582.32 pursuant to an Agreement for Voluntary Foreclosure dated March 10, 2023. Each holder of a junior lien may redeem in the order and manner provided in §582.32 subd. 9, beginning after the expiration of the mortgagor's two month redemption period.

**TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY:** If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on July 25, 2023, (if that date is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then the date to vacate is the next date thereafter which is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday).

**IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**  
Dated: April 5, 2023 CCM Finance, LLC, Mortgagee  
Christopher L. Olson, GDO LAW, Attorneys for CCM Finance, LLC, 4770 White Bear Parkway, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 (651) 426-3249

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### NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL

**PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19**

**CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

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Lot 48, Block 11, Bridgewater, Isanti County, Minnesota  
 Property Address: 1848 Bridgewater Boulevard South, Cambridge MN 55008 Parcel I.D. #: 15-148-3630  
 Transaction Agent: N/A  
 Transaction agent's Mortgage Identification Number: N/A

Mortgage Originator: CCM Finance, LLC  
 MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None.  
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**COUNTY BOARD**

**ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF**

**COMMISSIONERS 2023 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING (WORK SESSION) SCHEDULE**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners has set their 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting (work session) schedule. All meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the exception of April 25, July 25, and October 24, which will begin at 1:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Isanti County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of February, 2023.

Julia Lines  
 County Administrator  
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**ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2023 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Drainage Authority will hold their 2023 meetings immediately following the County Board meetings on Tuesday, April 18, June 6, August 15, October 17, and December 5. All meetings will be held in the County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Avenue SW, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of March, 2023.

Julia Lines  
 Isanti County Administrator  
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**ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COUNTY BOARD 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Isanti County Board of Commissioners has set their 2023 County Board meeting schedule. County Board meetings will be held on the following Tuesday's beginning at 9:00 a.m.: April 18, May 2, May 16, June 6, July 5, July 18,

August 1, August 15, September 5, October 3, October 17, November 7, November 21, and December 5; and the following Tuesday's beginning at 6:00 p.m.: June 20, September 19, and December 19. All County Board meetings will be held in the Isanti County Board Room of the Isanti County Government Center, 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008.

By order of the Isanti County Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Julia Lines  
 County Administrator  
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**SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ISANTI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ISANTI COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Per Minnesota Statutes 375.12 Publication of Proceedings.

Meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. - Government Center Boardroom

A detail of the entire minutes are available for public inspection in the Isanti County Administrator's Office or by visiting our website at www.co.isanti.mn.us.

Members Present: Vice Chairperson Alan Duff; Commissioners Bill Berg, Steve Westerberg, Kristi LaRowe

Members Absent: Chairperson Mike Warring

Others Present: C Struss, J Edblad, T Bergloff (Reporter: B Stickle and N Hallman)

Oo Vice Chairperson Duff called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Oo Public Comment Session. General Comments - public comment was made.

23/03-18 Westerberg/Berg to approve the March 21, 2023, County Board Agenda. Carried.

23/03-19 Berg/Westerberg, to approve the March 7, 2023, County Board meeting Minutes. Carried.

23/03-20 Westerberg/LaRowe, to approve the amended December 20, 2022 County Board Meeting Minutes. Carried.

23/03-21 Westerberg/LaRowe, to approve the following Personnel

Action Items (on file). Carried.

23/03-22 Westerberg/Berg, to approve the following Personnel Committee meeting notes (on file). Carried.

Oo Public Comment Session - Comments Specific to 2nd Amendment Resolution. Public comment was made.

23/03-23 Berg/Westerberg, to table the approval of the Isanti County 2nd Amendment Dedicated County Resolution and bring to the March 28, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion, and then bring to the April 4, 2023, County Board Meeting when all Commissioners are in attendance for the vote. Carried.

23/03-24 Westerberg/Berg, to approve the following Resolution Regarding the Opioid Settlement (on file). Carried.

23/03-25 Berg/Westerberg, to approve the following utility permit (on file). Carried.

23/03-26 Westerberg/Berg, to approve the following Claims & Warrants:

Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc \$ 12,784.11

Alternative Business Furniture \$21,759.88

Chader Leasing Corp \$13,139.00

DW Companies LLC \$27,707.25

Election Systems & Software Inc \$9,256.34

Federated Co-Ops Inc \$12,575.1

Information Systems Corp \$ 7,440.00

Morris Electronics Inc \$6,650.00

Morton Salt Inc \$30,459.59

Postmaster \$5,044.40

Royal Tire Inc \$5,284.39

SRF Consulting Group Inc \$6,380.64

Summit Food Service, LLC. \$9,333.39

Total claims & warrants: \$167,814.09

Carried.

23/03-27 Westerberg/Berg: 1) Approval was given for all public assistance and social service actions, public assistance and social service expenditures, and social welfare expenditures as listed on the agenda of this meeting and as detailed in supporting documents maintained in the Family Services Department and 2) Payment of the following Family Services Department claims for

Public Assistance, Administration, and Social Services was approved:

Canvas Health \$46,001.72

Isanti County Auditor-Treasurer \$26,976.00

Isanti County Family Services \$5,558.34

Kanabec Co Family Svcs Agency \$48,307.16

Lighthouse Child & Family Services \$5,781.87

MSOP-MN Sex Offender Prog- 462/(15)- \$7,314.45

North Homes Children & Family Services \$9,316.74

Resource Training & Solutions \$7,742.35

Rise Incorporated \$43,416.33

Therapeutic Services Agency Inc \$7,616.00

USPS \$7,000.00

Volunteers of America \$20,869.46

Auditors \$193,764.96

Family Services Voucher Total: \$429,665.38

23/03-28 LaRowe/Westerberg, to approve the ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS (on file). Carried.

23/03-29 Berg/Westerberg, to approve the request of Harvey Johnson & Roberta Johnson, 35319 Forest Blvd, North Branch, MN 55056 to present a preliminary plat of Trollin Wildlife Estates. Legal description is Pt Govt Lot 2 of Section 25, Township 37, Range 23, Stanchfield Township, with the following conditions (on file). Carried.

23/03-30 Westerberg/LaRowe, to approve the request of Geraldine Larson & Jean Larson, 6173 County Road 6 NW, Princeton, MN 55371 for a conditional use permit for a rural tourism request to operate a one day event annually (Fall Equinox Festival) the last weekend of September. Legal description is the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 & W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 2, Township 36, Range 25, Wyanett Township with the following conditions and findings (on file). Carried.

23/03-31 Westerberg/Berg, to adjourn (7:25 p.m.). Carried. Chad Struss, Interim County Administrator

By: Colleen Anderson, Administrative Assistant II

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**NORTH BRANCH 2022 DRINKING WATER REPORT**

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**Making Safe Drinking Water**

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: six wells ranging from 220 to 762 feet deep, that draw water from the Mid-Proterozoic sedimentary, Mt. Simon, Quaternary Buried Artesian and Mt. Simon- Fond du Lac aquifers. North Branch works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Randy Fisk, Lead Water Operator, at 651-775-9962 or randalf@ci.north-branch.mn.us if you have questions about North Branch's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe

drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**North Branch Monitoring Results**

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html).

**How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables**

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

**Definitions**

· **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

· **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency

· **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

· **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

· **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

· **MRDLG (Maximum residual**

**disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

· **N/A (Not applicable):** Does not apply.

· **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

· **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

· **PWSID:** Public water system identification.

**CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.**

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
<b>Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)</b>	N/A	80 ppb	15.9 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)</b>	N/A	60 ppb	8.7 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Total Chlorine</b>	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1.44 ppm	1.11 - 1.85 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

**OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.**

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
<b>Fluoride</b>	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.64 ppm	0.62 - 0.66 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

**Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances**

**LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.**

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
<b>Lead (09/14/20)</b>	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0.91 ppb	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
<b>Copper (09/14/20)</b>	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.78 ppm	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

**INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.**

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
<b>Barium (04/19/21)</b>	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.05 ppm	N/A	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposit.

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**Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (if Applicable)**

Fluoride: If your drinking water fluoride levels are below the optimal concentration range of 0.5 to 0.9 ppm, please talk with your dentist about how you can protect your teeth and your family's teeth from tooth decay and cavities. For more information, visit: MDH Drinking Water Fluoridation (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/fluoride.html>). Fluoride is nature's cavity fighter, with small amounts present naturally in many drinking water sources. There is an overwhelming weight of credible, peer-reviewed, scientific evidence that fluoridation reduces tooth decay and cavities in children and adults, even when there is availability of fluoride from other sources, such as fluoride toothpaste and mouth rinses. Since studies show that optimal fluoride levels in drinking water benefit public health, municipal community water systems adjust the level of fluoride in the water to an optimal concentration between 0.5 to 0.9 parts per million (ppm) to protect your teeth. Fluoride levels below 2.0 ppm are not expected to increase the risk of a cosmetic condition known as enamel fluorosis.

**Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised

persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**Learn More about Your Drinking Water**

**Drinking Water Sources**

Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and is found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water, and is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.

**Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.

**Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How North Branch is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at Source Water Assessments (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/>

environment/water/swp/swa) or call 651-201-4700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Lead in Drinking Water**

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. North Branch is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. **Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.

You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead->

pipes-in-your-home  
The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.

2. **Use cold water** for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.

3. **Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.

Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:

Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>)

The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.

4. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.

Read about water treatment units:

Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/>

factsheet/poulead.html)

Learn more:

Visit Lead in Drinking Water (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>)

Visit Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>)

Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Common Sources (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/fs/common.html>)

Water systems have ongoing infrastructure, operations and maintenance costs in supplying safe drinking water, and many are implementing additional efforts to help insure health equity and manageable water bills with:

o Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth.

o Shower instead of bathing to reduce water use.

o Fix running toilets by replacing flapper valves.

o Run full loads of laundry and use a minimal water use setting.

o Our water system partners with others to help consumers with limited resources make payments to their water bills. o Contact us to learn more.

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**EASTER Coloring Contest Winners!**

The age 7-10 group winners are:

- Esther Walberg
- Alissa Sjodahl
- Leo Arias

The age 4-6 group winners are:

- Norah Johnson
- Payton Neubeck
- Kaia Asbury



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**TOGETHER WE MAKE OUR COMMUNITY THRIVE**

**Business Opportunities**

Enjoy monthly networking opportunities and educational seminars. Receive referrals and gain access to business resources.

**Marketing Resources**

Promotional opportunities in our weekly email, monthly new resident mailings, community guides, tourism promotions, press releases and more.

**Community Support**

Showcase your business at community events through sponsorship and volunteering. Participate on advisory boards and roundtables.

**Chamber Community Involvement**

Ribbon Cuttings  
 East Central MN Job Fair  
 Isanti Rodeo & Jubilee Days  
 Grow Minnesotal Partnership  
 Discover Downtown Cambridge  
 New Teacher Luncheon  
 Employee Recognition Luncheon  
 Cambridge Customer Appreciation  
 Senior Fair  
 Chamber Cup Golf Outing  
 Career Exploration Event  
 Manufacturer's Roundtable  
 Annual Gala & Awards Dinner

The North 65 Chamber of Commerce represents businesses in the cities of Cambridge, Isanti and the surrounding area, promotes business growth, provides resources and enhances partnerships to support a thriving community. Visit [www.North65Chamber.com](http://www.North65Chamber.com) or call (763) 689-2505.



one of a pair of dancers  
 players on the same stage  
 partnership  
 work together in a business  
 venture or within a

You're Invited...



# Gala & Awards Dinner

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Erickson Farmstead \* Isanti  
 5:00pm social & entertainment  
 6:30pm dinner & awards

[TICKETS@NORTH65CHAMBER.COM](mailto:TICKETS@NORTH65CHAMBER.COM)

# ISANTI RODEO & JUBILEE DAYS

July 6 - 9, 2023  
 Isanti, MN

The North 65 Chamber of Commerce and the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo Association proudly present the **2023 Isanti Rodeo & Jubilee Days festival, July 6-9.**

A wide variety of activities are held in partnership with many community organizations. **Volunteers are needed to make this annual favorite a success! SCAN QR to sign up!** Flexible opportunities are available to fit your schedule and interests. Contact the North 65 Chamber of Commerce for information and registrations.



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