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PHOTO COURTESY OF VEGAS SHOOT FACEBOOK PAGE

Kim Landry takes aim during one of her rounds at the Vegas Shoot competition.

## Focus on the process

Cambridge graduate claims international archery title

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When Cambridge-Isanti graduate and Stacy resident Kim Landry stepped onto one of the biggest stages in archery, The Vegas Shoot, she believed she could win.

In archery, that mental fortitude is half the battle.

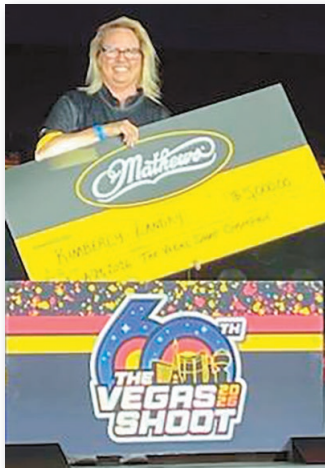
Landry knew the previous year's winner averaged 292 points per day. Her own average at home, on the range she built in her basement, is a 298.

"It's a lot easier shooting in the basement, but I'm thinking I can do it," said Landry. "I know I can shoot those scores."

Her confidence paid off; Landry won, becoming Compound Senior Female Champion with a score of 885 out of 900.

**OLYMPIC HOPEFUL**

Landry took up archery as



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Kim Landry earned \$5,000 in prize money for winning her division.

a sport in 1986, after watching her dad, also a competitive archer, and her brother.

"He was shooting with my brother at the house in the yard, and I said, 'that looks like fun.' So they bought me a used bow at a garage sale. It was painted camo. We

bought it for like 20 bucks. We peeled all that camo paint off; he got me some arrows. I started shooting and liked it."

Eventually, Landry's brother gravitated more toward bow hunting and away from competitions, but Landry herself loved to compete. She was a natural.

"I won every tournament. I was in the little local tournaments. I won everyone. I broke every record that I could in every class. I won nationals, and then I was actually in Sports Illustrated in the May sixth issue 1991. They came to the Cambridge High School and took my picture, which was pretty cool."

The goal was to make it to the Olympics, but in the 1990s archers didn't make any money from their sport. So Landry went to school to

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## Jury still out on North Branch adding license plate readers

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Surveillance is ubiquitous in 2026, but North Branch is unsure if it wishes to add more of it as they consider a contract with a law enforcement technology giant.

Flock Safety has cameras operating in multiple locations within Chisago County, including in Wyoming and Rush City. These automatic license plate readers capture images of the rear end of vehicles, including their license plate, vehicle color, make, model and other details as they drive past.

According to Flock Safety, these cameras do not capture video, or images of people, and all the data they do capture is automatically deleted after 30 days unless a department has downloaded it for an investigation. Further, all data belongs to the department that controls the cameras and cannot be released by Flock to any other agencies, according to company representatives.

Kristin MacLeod, public affairs senior manager with Flock Safety, attended a recent

city council meeting remotely to shed some light on the company and to try to ease concerns raised by members of the public.

"We certainly care quite a bit about our customers' data security," she said. "It's a top priority for us."

However, opponents say still images from license plate readers can be used to track private citizens' movements, particularly as departments share data between jurisdictions.

Shane Moore of East Bethel, who said he has relatives and friends in North Branch, spoke during the public hearing, claiming Flock cameras are easy to hack and run an outdated Android operating system.

In December, tech news outlet 404 Media reported video feeds from several of Flock's Condor video cameras (which can pan, tilt and zoom) were publicly accessible on the open Internet. They showed video of unattended children on a playground and a woman walking her dog, 404 reports, and followed a man rollerblading from one camera's field of view to the next using

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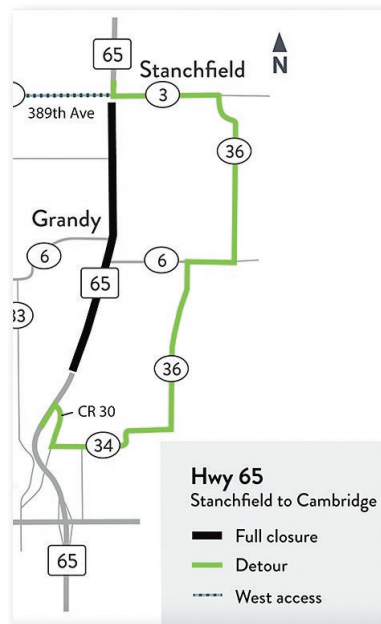
## Highway 65 project begins in July

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As if all the road construction taking place within the Cambridge city limits wasn't enough, the Minnesota Department of Transportation is set to begin a two-summer reconstruction project along Highway 65 between north of Cambridge into Kanabec County.

The project, which is set to begin sometime after the Fourth of July, will be broken up into two phases. The first phase will encompass Highway 65 between where the road transitions into one lane in either direction to the County Road 3 intersection.

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# Bluejacket Speech makes it four-straight section titles

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The Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket Speech team extended its Section 7AA championship streak to four, taking home the trophy during the section tournament held at Duluth Denfeld on Saturday, April 11.

The Bluejackets advanced 20 competitors — including an incredible six 8th-graders — to the section finals round, enabling the team to reclaim the championship trophy. Out of those 20, six individuals and one duo earned a berth in the Class AA State Tournament.

Ainsley Doom is making a return to the state tournament in the discussion category, which she repeated as section champion. Ava Smith and Cameron Bless will also be returning to state,

but this year as a duo, after taking first place in that category. Last year, Ava advanced in humorous interpretation, while Cameron was in a duo with a different partner. Lilia Osei-Dankwah is also returning to state in the extemporaneous reading category. Rounding out the returning state qualifiers is Niko Pearson, who will again compete in poetry interpretation at state after taking first place at sections.

They will be joined by three first-time state qualifiers. Amanda Kopp advanced in the extemporaneous speaking category by placing second. Genevieve Brace will compete in prose interpretation by taking second place. Cody Esposito will compete in creative expression after placing third.

The Class AA State Tournament will be held April 24 at Park Center High School.



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# North Branch Summer Concert Series begins June 23

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The city of North Branch continues to utilize a few fan-favorites as the foundation of its “Concerts in the Park” events, while at the same time mixing in some newcomers, along with slightly switching the schedule up.

This year’s series kicks off on June 23 in Central Park with the popular The Dweebs returning. The cover band, well known for engaging the audience in their act, is a staple of the series. This year will be their fifth appearance in Central Park in the last seven years.

The following Tuesday will again feature a bit of a change of pace, featuring a dance exhibition rather than a concert. This year will feature a Hmong Folk Dance performance from Hailey Dance Studio.

Following a one-week break for the Fourth of July, Transit Authority will again perform on July 7. They will be followed by a pair of “golden oldies” genre bands. July 14 has The Whitesidewalls returning for at least the sixth year in a row. On July 21, Rock & Roll/Rockabilly act Buddy Holly is set to perform.

On July 28, the series transitions into the country genre with Cindy Jo taking the stage.

As usual, the first Tuesday in August is dedicated to the annual Night 2 Unite event. While there won’t be any live music, there is typically plenty of fun to be had with free food (while it lasts), meet-and-greets, and demonstrations from local law enforcement and other emergency personnel. There’s also sure to be a number of kids’ activities offered.

AJ Spoff, who is typically the grand finale of the series, will perform on



AJ SPOFF MUSIC FACEBOOK PAGE

**AJ Spoff performs Aug. 11 at North Branch’s concert in the park.**

August 11.

A week later, the series concludes with a unique twist in the form of Mixed Precipitation. According to their website, they “create unexpected theatrical experiences through unique partnerships and festive events that inspire social engagement. The performance, titled “Pickup Truck Opera,” is “an annual harvest celebration that brings new life to old stories through music, movement, gardens, food, and visual extravaganzas. Previous productions have included imaginative adaptations of Beethoven, Mozart, Handel and Purcell.”

Each of the performances will start at 7 p.m. Food trucks and other activities, such as a bounce house and portable splash pad begins at 6 p.m. There will also be story time at 6:45 p.m.

As always, the concert series is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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## MON & THUR Alcoholics Anonymous

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

## MON - FRI Senior Dining

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

## MONDAYS

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

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

### Fresh Beginnings Alanon

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

### Book Club

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

## TUES & THURS Exercise for Those w/Parkinson's

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., 3:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

## TUESDAYS Braham Parkinson's Support

7 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. Braham Evangelical Lutheran



Isanti County Cancer Crusaders are hosting their annual spaghetti dinner on April 20 at the Isanti Community Center.

Church, 905 Central Drive W., Braham. For info. call Lonnie Anderson at 612-423-1863.

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

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tax Help with AARP**  
at Cambridge Public

Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through April 18 By appointment only by calling Seven County Senior Federation at 320-679-4700.

**APRIL 18  
Peace Walk**  
9:00 a.m. The group meets in the parking lot at 95 and Birch. The walk takes about half an hour. Anyone is welcome to join.

**APRIL 19  
Open House**  
Noon to 4 p.m. at Est Terrace Cooperative, 2155 6th Lane, SE, Cambridge. A cooperative ownership living for seniors 55 plus.

**APRIL 20  
Survivors Spaghetti Dinner**  
Hosted by Isanti County Cancer Crusaders from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Isanti Community Center, 208 1/2 Lst Ave NW. Cancer patients and their families are invited to attend our annual spaghetti dinner. Free will donations to benefit those in our community battle cancer. RSVP via text or call at 763-290-9524, email IsantiCountyCancerCrusaders@gmail.com

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## APRIL 21 One-on-One Basic Tech Help

Assistance with basic questions about laptops or mobile devices. Bring your laptop/device and power cord to your session. This program is geared to senior adults. Registration required. 1 - 2 p.m. in the Blue Jacket Room of the Cambridge Public Library

## SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

### CAMBRIDGE

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

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

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

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

### CHISAGO COUNTY

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**Mon, Wed, Fri.**  
Exercise with Connie - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
**Monday & Wednesday**  
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**Tuesdays**  
Music - provided before the meal - 11:15 a.m.  
Dominoes - starting at 10 a.m.

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

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

# Rainfall monitoring network seeks volunteers

The Minnesota State Climatology Office is seeking rainfall monitors for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, or CoCoRaHS. The network includes more than 20,000 volunteers nationwide who measure precipitation in their backyards using a standard 4-inch diameter rain gauge. Participants submit their precipitation reports online. The data from backyard rain gauges are a critical source of information and it is beneficial to add more volunteer weather observers each

year, even in areas where there are already volunteers. "Rainfall and snowfall amounts can vary widely over a short distance, so multiple reports are helpful in the same community or area," State Climatologist Luigi Romolo said. "We have some areas in greater Minnesota that have very few reporting stations. The more we have across the state, the better information we all have. Over time, as more volunteer reports make our precipitation maps more accurate, these

observations provide critical guidance on Minnesota's changing climate." Volunteers are particularly needed outside the Twin Cities metro area. Volunteers receive training on how to observe weather trends and how to submit their precipitation and weather event reports. All training material is available online. Participants must purchase or provide a standard 4-inch diameter rain gauge (available at discount through CoCoRaHS) and have internet access to submit reports.

For the past six years, Minnesota has won the "CoCoRaHS Cup" for recruiting the most new volunteers of any state during the annual national recruiting drive. Moved from March to April this year, "Rain Gauge Rally 2026" continues through the end of the month. To sign up or for more information, visit CoCoRaHS.org or contact Luigi Romolo at luigi.romolo@state.mn.us - MNDNR



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## When it comes to the Minnesota flag debate, silence is golden

Next Tuesday, April 21, the Isanti County Commissioners may be taking up a formal resolution stating their opposition to the “new” Minnesota state flag. Since its adoption by the state legislature in 2024, the flags outside the Isanti County Government Center and inside the board room have remained the former state flag. Only the flags in the courtrooms, which are considered state facilities and therefore were mandated to change, feature the new flag.

Let me make this perfectly clear: I don't like the new state flag. I think it is very boring and isn't a clear visual representation of Minnesota. Additionally, I've already seen a few flags that, after less than two years, are already looking pretty sad due to the fading of the light blue section.

On the flip side, I don't agree with the argument that this should have been put to a public vote. It already was, to a certain extent. The state conducted a public

vote similar to its “Name the Snowplow” campaigns. There were hundreds of initial choices. That's how we got “laser beam loon.” All of those submissions were whittled down to a final six choices people were able to vote on.

But that's where the state put a swerve on us. The winning design (besides, I'm guessing none of the above) got altered by the state's flag redesign commission to what we now have.

Either way, it's not something I'm losing sleep over. And it isn't something I am looking forward to listening to what might very well become a heated debate about.

During Tuesday's Committee of the Whole meeting, the commissioners weren't in full agreement as to whether a resolution is needed. There were various reasons given both for and against moving forward with the resolution, but there was one in particular that has me a little confused.

A couple of the commissioners noted how expensive it would be to make the switch, which is only partially true. According to staff, it wasn't super-expensive to change the flags. However, changing everything that features the state seal (which was also replaced in 2024) could get expensive. It was also noted those items could gradually be replaced over time as needed, which would be at no additional cost.

With that, the pro-resolution argument morphed into making a statement against yet another unfunded state mandate. I absolutely agree, there are way too many of those. But, as I mentioned already, only state buildings or other state-run facilities have been required to change to the new flag. In other words, they are protesting a “state mandate” that isn't mandatory.

The obvious counter to that is “it isn't now, but it could be mandatory in the future.” True, but the only way that will happen is if Minnesota again becomes a Democrat trifecta. I don't see that happening anytime in the near future, and if it does, well, go ahead and make your resolution at that time.

In the meantime, there's nothing wrong with just quietly keeping the old flag flying.

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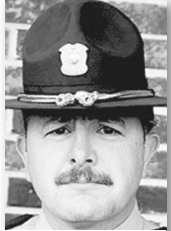
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Bill Stickels III



## Low beams high caution in fog

**Q**uestion: We are starting to see a lot more fog with spring time. Can you provide some advice for driving in those types of conditions.

**A**nsWER: This is a great topic. Here is some information from the National Weather Service for driving in fog. If you must drive in foggy conditions, keep the following safety tips in mind:



**Ask A Trooper**  
Jesse Grabow

- Slow down and allow extra time to reach your destination.
- Make your vehicle visible to others both ahead of you and behind you by using your low-beam headlights since this means your taillights will also be on. Use fog lights if you have them.
- Never use your high-beam lights. Using high beam lights causes glare, making it more difficult for you to see what's ahead of you on the road.

- Leave plenty of distance between you and the

vehicle in front of you to account for sudden stops or changes in the traffic pattern.

- To ensure you are staying in the proper lane, follow the lines on the road with your eyes.

- In extremely dense fog where visibility is near zero, the best course of action is to first turn on your hazard lights, then simply pull into a safe location such as a parking lot of a local business and stop.

- If there is no parking lot or driveway to pull into, pull your vehicle off to the side of the road as far as possible. Once you come to a stop, turn off all lights except your hazard flashing lights, set the emergency brake, and take your foot off of the brake pedal to be sure the tail lights are not illuminated so that other drivers don't mistakenly run into you.

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# 93% and still focusing on each and every student

Every graduating class is made up of individual student stories, each shaped by different experiences, challenges, and opportunities along the way. The recently released graduation data gives us a way to see how those stories are coming together. Graduation rates for the Class of 2025 were recently released by the Minnesota Department of Education. Over 93% of North Branch Area High School students graduated on time, well above the state average of 84%.

We have been reflecting on what this milestone represents. In 2021, we engaged in a strategic planning process focused on high school redesign. Over the past five years, NBAHS has increased its graduation rate from the mid 80s to over 93 percent. That growth reflects a sustained focus on systems that support students early

and consistently throughout their high school experience. The high school leadership team ensures each student has a trusted adult, and they collaborated to redesign our course registration process so students can make informed decisions entering high school and throughout their high school experience. Students continue to feel more connected to their learning and to their future.

For the Class of 2025, students excelled academically, with nearly two-thirds earning college credit offered right at the high school and some completing an associate's degree before graduating. Elective courses span a multitude of interests for students to apply core knowledge. Students explored career pathways in fields such as manufacturing, IT, and automotive, where they gained certifications while developing their skills and expanding their interests. Students who needed more time to complete credits continued on at our Norse Area Learning Center, where graduation continues to happen because success does not follow a single timeline.

Our focus on high school redesign continues because graduation is an important milestone in each student's journey. We want every student to leave NBAPS with direction for their future, confidence in their skills, and experiences that open doors. We prioritize earning college credits while still in high school because we know families value saving time and money; therefore, we continue to increase the number of college courses offered on our high school campus. We also continue to expand access to industry certifications to give students a competitive edge. When students leave with industry recognized skills and experiences, they step forward with momentum, graduating with life skills, knowledge and a clear sense of where they are headed next.

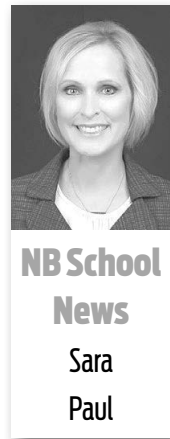
Beyond our high school, we also offer the North Branch Distance Learning Academy, an option designed to meet the unique needs of students and families. For some, flexibility in schedule, pace, or learning environment makes all the difference. Whether students are balancing work, health needs, or

simply learn best in a different setting, this model provides another pathway to stay engaged, earn credits, and graduate on time.

Celebrating this year's Viking Class of 2026 is underway. We have begun highlighting each of our 2026 Viking seniors on social media. Each student has a story, a plan, and a path forward. Seeing the variety of student experiences reflects partnership with families, peers, staff, coaches, and community members who are part of each student's story. Seeing all of their stories unfold is powerful.

In comparison to the state average, our 93% graduation rate is a success and is the result of the collective efforts of staff across the NBAPS. This work is about building trust, ensuring families can have confidence in a system that is consistent, responsive, and focused on each student's success. For NBAPS, it represents the courage to continue striving to be the best we can be for each and every student. SKOL! Vikings!

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**NB School News**  
Sara Paul

## Your voice matters in this busy season

Spring is one of the busiest times of the school year for students, families, and staff. Calendars fill quickly with concerts, performances, practices, testing, end-of-year projects, celebrations, and plans for summer. For many, this season can feel like a constant shift between winter coats and spring gear, school routines and evening activities, keeping up with assignments while also planning ahead for what comes next. It is a full season in every sense of the word.

And yet, even in the middle of all that activity, this is one of the most important times of year to pause, soak in the moments, and remain connected to what matters most.

When schedules are full and the pace of life picks up, it can be easy to assume that engagement has to look like attending every event, volunteering regularly, or being deeply involved in every decision. In reality, engagement often looks much simpler and just as meaningful. It may be reading a message from school, checking in with your child or grandchild about how things are going, reaching out to a teacher with a question, encouraging strong attendance, or taking a few moments to share feedback when invited. Those small actions matter.

In the coming weeks, principals across our district will be sharing a short family survey. This is one way we gather perspective from those who experience our schools most closely each day. We know surveys are just one tool, and we also understand this is a very busy time of year for many families. That is why we are working to keep this opportunity brief and accessible.

Family voice plays an important role in how we continue to learn and grow as a district. It helps us understand what is working well, where communication can be clearer, and how students and families are experiencing our schools. This information is reviewed alongside other data and used by school and district leaders to guide planning, strengthen programs, and better support students over time. In public schools, this kind of feedback helps ensure our work continues to reflect the needs and priorities of the community we serve.

At Cambridge-Isanti Schools, our mission is to educate, empower, and inspire every student, every day, in partnership with our community. Partnership requires more than simply sharing information. It also means listening well, inviting feedback from families and community members, and continuing to strengthen the relationships that support student success. We welcome input from community members at any time throughout the year, and anyone wishing to share feedback is encouraged to reach out at [dist-communications@c-ischools.org](mailto:dist-communications@c-ischools.org). We are deeply committed to this work.

This season asks a great deal of families. There is a lot to manage and coordinate, with so much still happening in classrooms each day. Even so, I hope families will take a few moments in the coming weeks to respond to the survey and continue staying connected in whatever ways are possible.

Your voice matters. Your partnership matters. Even in the busiest season, those connections make a difference for students, schools, and our community. We are honored to partner with you in supporting the students in your life and are grateful for the trust you place in our schools each day.

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**C-I Schools Community Ed**  
Christina Thayer Anderson

## Fluoride in drinking water does not harm children's IQ

Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral that has been shown to strengthen teeth and reduce cavities. Many municipalities add fluoride to their drinking water — called community water fluoridation — as a public health measure to support dental health. In recent years, however, some have claimed that ingesting fluoride can harm children's IQ.

Researchers at the University of Minnesota led a team that investigated the connection between fluoride in drinking water and children's IQ to see if these claims had merit. The study, published in PNAS, examined Wisconsin state testing records, archival information about when Wisconsin cities began to fluoridate their water, and data from the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study, which has followed a random sample of 10,317

high school seniors from 1957 through 2026. Key findings include:

There is no evidence supporting a connection between community water fluoridation and children's IQ.

There is also no evidence supporting a connection between community water fluoridation and cognitive functioning at various points later in life.

Findings confirm evidence published in previous research which also used a national sample, but considered school achievement test scores instead of actual IQ scores.

"Utah, Florida and many municipalities have chosen to remove fluoride from drinking water based on flawed studies that considered the IQ effects of exposure to massive doses of fluoride," said lead researcher John Robert Warren, a professor in the College of Liberal Arts. "Because

levels of fluoride added to municipal drinking water in the U.S. are so much lower, almost all prior evidence from those international studies is not relevant to U.S. public policy debates."

Future research will continue examining the benefits and harms of adding fluoride to community drinking water.

Study co-author Gina Rumore, co-director of the Demography and Economics of Aging Coordinating Center at the University of Minnesota, noted that these findings "provide no support for the claim that community water fluoridation has any harmful effect on children's IQ or on adult cognition."

The research was supported by the National Institute on Aging, the Vilas Estate Trust, the National Science Foundation and the Spencer Foundation. - The University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts

## Community invited to free Senior Fair

The North 65 Chamber of Commerce invites community members to attend their annual Senior Fair and Health Screenings event on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 9:00am - 12:00pm at City Center Mall in Cambridge, MN.

This free event is designed to support older adults and their caregivers by bringing together valuable health services, local resources, and community connections—all in one convenient location.

Attendees can take advantage of complimentary health screenings, including blood pressure checks, diabetes screenings, and balance assessments, and one-on-one conversations with local service providers and community organizations.

The Senior Fair will feature a wide range of local businesses and organizations offering services tailored to seniors. Vendors will include home healthcare providers, senior

living communities, financial services, mobility solutions, wellness resources, and more.

The event provides an opportunity to explore options, ask questions, and discover support available within the community. Guests will also enjoy prize drawings and giveaways offered throughout the morning. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at SAC's Friendship Café and City Center Market Café.

The North 65 Chamber extends its appreciation to this year's sponsors: CENTURY 21 Moline Realty, Edward Jones, Gillespie Law Firm PLLC, Granny May's, McDonald Law PLLC, Moments Hospice, Rosewood Senior Living, and The Levande by Vivie.

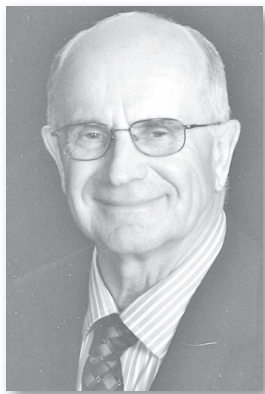
For more information and a list of participating vendors, visit [North65Chamber.com](http://North65Chamber.com) or call 763-689-2505. - North 65 Chamber of Commerce

## OBITUARIES

### Allan R. Koczur

Allan R. Koczur, age 80, of Cambridge, MN, passed away on April 3, 2026, at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN.

Al was born on March 9, 1946, in Little Falls, MN, to Joseph and Celia (Hylla) Koczur. He grew up with strong family values, a deep appreciation for hard work, faith, and community.



He graduated from Upsala High School in 1964 and went on to earn a degree in Mathematics and Coaching from St. Cloud State University. He later received his Master's Degree from Mankato State University. His lifelong love of learning and dedication to education shaped a rewarding career that touched the lives of countless young people.

Al began his teaching career at Waterville High School, where he taught for six years before joining the Cambridge-Isanti Schools, where he served for 28 years. Al was more than an educator. He was a mentor, coach, and role model who believed in encouraging students to do their best both in the classroom and on the playing field. He coached football and boys basketball for a total of 34 years, guiding generations of athletes with patience, wisdom, and unwavering commitment.

Active in his community, Al generously volunteered his time with several organizations, including the Isanti County Pheasants Forever, the Isanti County Sportsman Club, the Lake Superior Steelhead Association, and the Knights of Columbus. He also served on the Isanti County Soil and Water Conservation Board.

He found great joy in the outdoors and simple pleasures: hunting, fishing, vegetable and flower gardening, and making sauerkraut. A lifelong sports enthusiast, he followed athletics with genuine passion. He and his wife Nancy were frequently seen together at basketball games, sharing in the excitement and spirit of the game.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Celia Koczur; his brother Roman; and his sister Elaine Clark.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy, of Cambridge; his son, Brian Koczur and his wife, Jenny, of Duluth; and his grandchildren, Jacob and Molly. He is also survived by his brothers, Eugene Koczur of Florida and Jim Koczur and his wife, Mary, of Upsala; his sisters, Renee Beddow of Sauk Centre and Connie Tufte of Grants Pass, Oregon; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m., Friday, May 1, 2026 at Christ The King Catholic Church. Visitation 4-7 p.m., Thursday, April 30 with a sharing time at 6:30 p.m. AT THE CHURCH. Also one hour prior to the service on Friday. Private Interment in the parish cemetery. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com). Arrangements by Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Cambridge.

### Joe Paul Beise Jr.

Joe Paul Beise Jr. 26 year old resident of Rush City, MN passed away on April 10, 2026 at his home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 18 at Calvary Lutheran Church- Rush Point in Stanchfield, MN. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.



Joe Jr. was born on August 12, 1999 in Wyoming, MN to Joe Beise Sr. and Christine (Mack) Beise. He attended Rush City schools until the fifth grade, and transferred to North Branch Schools, where he graduated with the class of 2018. Joe Jr. enjoyed going to tractor shows, riding on his tractors, taking family trips, and riding around at home which was his safe

space. He enjoyed watching Classic Tractor Fever, listening to VeggieTales on his Ipad, coloring in magazines, cutting paper, and spending time with his sister, Emily.

Joe Jr. is survived by his parents, Joe Sr. & Christine Beise; sister, Emily Beise; paternal grandparents, Jerry & Carrie Beise; uncles; aunts; cousins; and many special people that helped him in his life.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Dennis & Mary Mack; paternal great-grandparents, Barney & Helen Beise, John & Florence Haller; maternal great-grandparents, Henry & Hildegarde Mack, Ed & Carola Roehl; uncle, Andy Mack; aunt, Katie Larson; cousin, Jeffrey Beise Jr.; and many other beloved members of our family.

Online condolences can be placed at [Strike-LifeTributes.com](http://Strike-LifeTributes.com).

## Cambridge Realtor receives two Century 21 awards

Nate Campion, a sales affiliate with CENTURY 21 Moline Realty Inc., received the 2025 CENTURY 21 Masters Ruby Award and the Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award.

The Masters Ruby Award is presented to a CENTURY 21 affiliate who meets minimum transaction requirements within a calendar year. Recipients receive a trophy and an invitation to attend the annual CENTURY 21 Top Agent Retreat.

The Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award is given annually to affiliates who receive a significant return rate on post-transaction client satisfaction surveys. - Moline Realty



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## Students' artistic adventure lands at Rush City Library

Fourth grade students at Rush City's C.E. Jacobson Elementary had the chance this Spring to create art based on Japanese artistic traditions, including painting on ceramic and ink-on-rice-paper sumi-e artworks. They used acrylic paint on their own ceramic plates and ink on rice paper to create their own sumi-e pieces. Their artworks are now on display at the Rush City Library for all to see.

In May, these students will go on a field trip to the Minnesota Institute of Art where they will see ex-

amples of these artworks as created by the original masters of the craft!

Rush City Schools are grateful to Rush City Library for sharing our students' work. The show will be on display until April 24. This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the East Central Regional Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund. - Rush City School District

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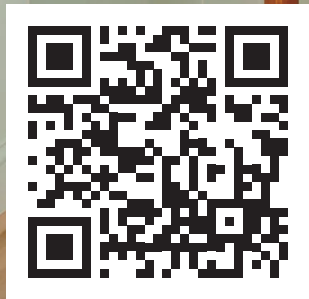
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# HIGHWAY 65: Work is set to begin after busy Fourth of July holiday

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The work to be done in that section will be pipe work and other repairs under the road, widening the road to add left-turn-only lanes at certain intersections, plus updating sidewalks in Grandy. Intersection lighting at Isanti County Roads 6 and 4 will also be added. Additionally, the road will be resurfaced using a cold-in-place recycle process.

According to MnDot, during the pipe work and other underground fixes, traffic in both directions will need to be occasionally detoured via County Road 30, to County Road 34, to County Road 36, to County Road 3 (for northbound traffic). For southbound traffic, it is the same route, but in reverse order.

During the resurfacing portion of the project, the stretch will be converted to southbound one-way. Northbound traffic will need to take the same detour as during the pipe work (see detour map).

The second phase will begin in the spring of 2027. That stretch

will encompass County Road 3 north to south of Brunswick in Kanabec County. This phase will also include pipe work and other underground repairs, plus resurfacing.

Like with the first phase, Highway 65 traffic in both directions will need to be detoured during the underground work. That detour is Kanabec County Road 16, to County Road 14/4, to Isanti County Road 3 (for southbound traffic). For northbound traffic, it is the same route, but in reverse order.

During the resurfacing portion, Highway 65 will be converted to a northbound one-way. Southbound traffic will need to take the same detour as during the pipe work.

According to MnDot, during both phases, local access will be maintained. However, short detours may be required in certain areas.

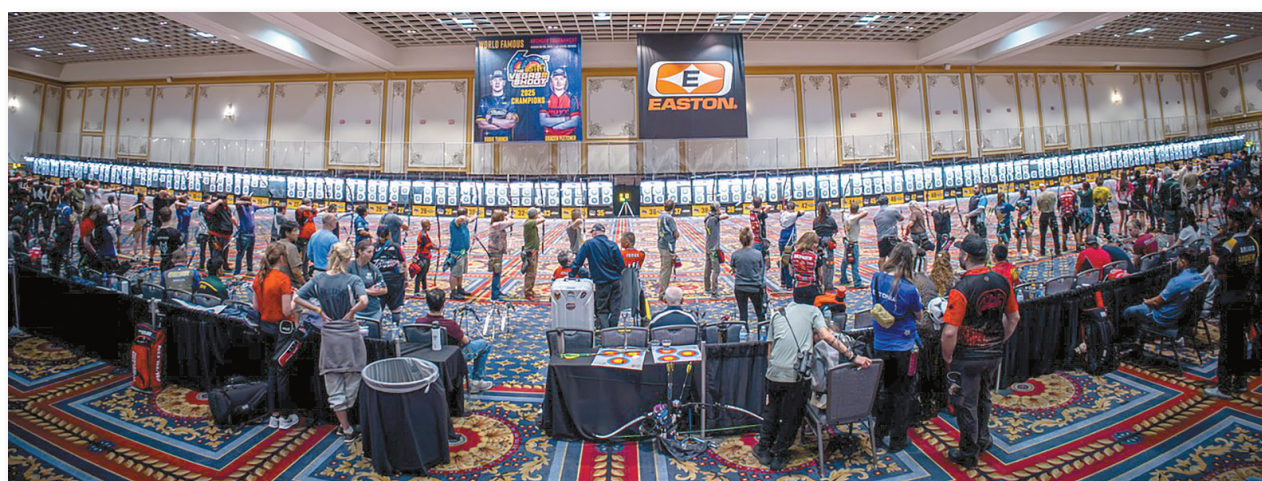
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## You've got good taste

Donna Robinson from The Levande by Vivie points out some of the tempting appetizers they were featuring during the Rotary Club of Cambridge and Isanti's annual "The Taste" fundraiser held at the Tibetan American Foundation of MN Center on Thursday, April 9. A total of 30 local food and beverage vendors participated in this year's event.



VEGAS SHOOT FACEBOOK PAGE

# ARCHERY: Win comes after a two decade hiatus

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become an electrician instead and put away her bow and her dream.

"I always look back and wonder what could have happened," Landry said. "I should have (continued), I kind of kick myself for getting out of it, because I stopped shooting for 23 years."

### THE QUEEN OF COMEBACKS

Archery had become part of Landry's past. Then, in 2018, her brother dared her to try again.

"My brother said I bet you can't shoot anymore," Landry said. "He kind of says stuff like that, knowing that I will do it. I think that was his way to get me to do it."

Her response? "I bet I can."

Landry went out and bought all the equipment she needed and started shooting again. It was like she had never stopped.

"I won nationals within two to three months of starting to shoot."

And she has continued to build on that success, winning state and national tournaments.

"I broke four state records. The last two years, I've won nationals. I won the Midwest sectionals. Actually, every year I shot that I've won."

### LAS VEGAS SHOOT

In March of this year, Landry attended the 60th Anniversary Vegas Shoot. Ten days prior to her trip, she had been diagnosed with pneumonia, which impacted her ability to train.

"I was so sick and miserable, but I still went downstairs and shot as much as I physically could. So I just stuck it out, and I thought well, it's whatever happens, happens."

The first day did not go as well as she'd hoped.

"Friday, I shot, and the nerves got to me. I was really nervous. I could tell," Landry said. "When you're that nervous, you shoot differently. You're

tense. I had to move my sight 15 clicks one way, 10 clicks the other. I'm like, what am I doing wrong? What's going on?"

After the first day's scores were tallied, Landry had shot a 293.

"I shot pretty bad and that put me in eighth place, and I think there were roughly 35-38 shooters in my class from all over the world."

Instead of dwelling on how she shot, Landry decided to focus on the process.

**'That's what I've been learning and trying to do. Just think about one arrow at a time.'**

**Kim Landry**

Compound Senior Female Champion  
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"That's what I've been learning and trying to do. Just think about one arrow at a time. Don't think about your score at all. If you shoot an arrow and it's bad, try not to think about it. It's over. Because it will eat you up, and it will make you shoot worse. Forget about that arrow and just think about the process."

Saturday, Landry felt as if the pressure was off. Her thought was "what happens is what happens," and her score reflected her new sense of calm, shooting a 297 (just three points off a perfect 300) and bringing her up to third place overall.

"At that point, I'm thinking, well, it's anybody's game."

On Sunday, Landry shot a 295, giving her an overall score of 885, one point higher than her competition.

When asked if there was anything she would do differently if she could, Landry didn't have to think very hard. "I went there with too much pressure, knowing I'm going there to win. I should have gone there knowing I'm a good shooter. I know the process. I just have to shoot how I know and not think about winning. I'm learning that you can't do that."

What's left for Landry? What does she have left to accomplish?

"I would love to break a record at nationals," Landry said. "I think I can. So that's the goal to maybe break a national record and just try to keep winning Vegas."

# FLOCK: Cameras will not have pan or zoom function

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the pan and zoom functions.

MacLeod emphasized these incidents did not involve the kind of ALPR cameras North Branch is considering, and said it only affected a small number of departments who were notified immediately.

Another resident brought up the case of Lee Nygaard, a former police chief who used Flock ALPR cameras to track his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend 228 times, and even followed them using his police vehicle.

One North Branch resident said he opposes the contract because Flock data has been used by ICE. While Flock company data says it does not contract with ICE, 404 Media reports state wildlife agents in Florida are one of the latest local law enforcement offices using the system to help ICE.

North Branch Police Chief Dan Meyer assured the council the department does not share data with ICE, a policy council member Jeff Goulet questioned.

"Immigration is a civil process," Meyer said, "in which local law enforcement does not have a legal right to play a part."

MacLeod said there are policies everyone must follow in order to keep track of who is using the data. Every time an officer accesses the Flock system, it is logged for periodic audits. Certain uses require a search warrant, while others require a case number.

Goulet asked whether

North Branch might be able to opt in to reviewing data from other jurisdictions only and forego adding more cameras to the city.

MacLeod said she would have to discuss the matter with a sales representative, but that she believed the cost would be similar or higher to what the city would pay for access to seven of its own cameras.

"I hope that answer's wrong, because that means the data's worth something to you," Goulet said. "That's the only reason why you'd charge more money for the subscription than the cameras themselves."

Ultimately, the contract and draft policy were tabled to another meeting due in part to a perceived split 2-2 vote (with Council member Patrick Meacham absent), and council members requesting more information from Flock and members of the public who spoke at the hearing.

Reached via email after the meeting, Meyer said he had been quoted a price of \$12,000 per year for search-only access, as opposed to \$21,000 per year associated with installing seven cameras around the city. The former option would also require the jurisdictions operating the cameras to agree to share their data with NBPD.

"This could potentially provide us with camera information from other jurisdictions," Meyer said, "but I don't think that would benefit our PD much, especially at that price."

### C-I, NB HOME SCHEDULES: APRIL 16 - 24

To see both schools' full schedules, go to [www.mississippi8.org](http://www.mississippi8.org). Schedules are subject to change with minimal advanced notice based on weather, availability of officials, or other reasons.

#### Thursday, April 16

- C-I baseball vs. North Branch (5 p.m.)
- C-I softball vs. North Branch (5 p.m.)
- NB boys tennis vs. C-I (4 p.m.)

#### Friday, April 17

- C-I softball vs. Sauk Rapids-Rice (5 p.m.)
- NB boys & girls track home invite (4 p.m.)

#### Saturday, April 18

- C-I softball vs. Cloquet (4 p.m.)

#### Monday, April 20

- C-I boys tennis vs. Chisago Lakes (4 p.m.)
- C-I baseball vs. Chisago Lakes (5 p.m.)
- C-I softball vs. Chisago Lakes (5 p.m.)

#### Tuesday, April 21

- NB boys tennis vs. Becker (4 p.m.)
- NB baseball vs. St. Francis (4:30 p.m.)
- NB softball vs. St. Francis (5 p.m.)

#### Thursday, April 23

- NB boys tennis vs. Monticello (4 p.m.)
- NB baseball vs. Monticello (4:30 p.m.)
- NB softball vs. Monticello (5 p.m.)

#### Friday, April 24

- NB boys tennis vs. Grand Rapids (3:30 p.m.)



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(Left photo) North Branch's Stephen Gerten shows great athleticism tracking down a high-bouncing return during his doubles match at Cambridge-Isanti on Saturday, April 11. (Top photo) Cambridge-Isanti's Max Korts hits a return during his fourth singles match against North Branch. There wound up being no team results due to rain suspending play early. The rain also canceled both teams' match against Academy of Holy Angels.

### CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH SCOREBOARD: MARCH 30 - APRIL 14

#### March 30

NB softball 8, Benilde St. Margaret 2

#### March 31

NB softball 14, Duluth Denfeld 0

#### April 1

NB softball 12, Gentry Academy 2

#### April 2

C-I boys tennis 0, Mora 7

#### April 8

C-I baseball 6, North Branch 1  
 C-I softball 7, Princeton 3  
 NB boys track and field vs. Monticello & Princeton  
 \*First place finishers: 4x100 relay, 4x800 relay, Nolan Weidenhamer (high jump)  
 NB girls track and field vs. Monticello & Princeton  
 \*First place finishers: Sophia Thorsen (100, 200), Ava Witkowski (1600), Ella Dick (pole vault)

#### April 9

C-I boys tennis 0, Becker 7  
 C-I softball 1, North Branch 2  
 NB girls golf home invite - 3rd/6 teams  
 \*Top finisher: Jenna Minke - 1st place (85)  
 NB boys tennis 4, Princeton 3

#### April 10

C-I boys tennis 0, Coon Rapids 7  
 C-I boys track and field Norm Ayen Invite - 2nd/9 teams  
 \*First place finishers: Jackson Ziebarth (100), Hunter Jacobson (3200), 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, 4x400 relay, 4x800 relay, Wesley Kennedy (pole vault)  
 C-I girls track and field Norm Ayen Invite - 3rd (tie)/9 teams  
 \*First place finishers: 4x400 relay, Taylor Dybvig (discus), Rilynn Herbst (triple jump)  
 NB boys tennis 3, Duluth Marshall 4

#### April 11

C-I boys tennis vs. Academy of Holy Angels - canceled (rain)  
 C-I boys tennis vs. North Branch - team results not complete due to rain  
 C-I softball 21, Rock Ridge 0  
 NB boys tennis vs. Academy of Holy Angels - canceled (rain)

#### April 13

C-I girls golf @ Pebble Creek - 9th place/16 teams  
 \*Top finisher: Allie Nystrom & Nora Gustafson - 31st place tie (94)  
 C-I boys tennis 7, St. Francis 0  
 C-I baseball 3, Becker 2  
 C-I softball 12, Becker 2  
 NB boys tennis x, St. Johns Prep x  
 NB baseball 0, Princeton 5

NB softball 4, Princeton 0

#### April 14

C-I boys track and field vs. Chisago Lakes & Monticello  
 \*First place finishers: Cole Arneson (100), Ruger Block (400), Hunter Jacobson (800), Austin Burgess (1600), Liam Zdon (110 hurdles), Logan Majorowicz (300 hurdles, triple jump), 4x200 relay, Cruiz Dissing (high jump), Wesley Kennedy (pole vault)  
 C-I girls track and field vs. Chisago Lakes & Monticello  
 \*First place finishers: Briella Nichols (100), Ashley Husbyn (400), 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, 4x400 relay, Aubrey Wilson (pole vault), Lilly Gravem (triple jump)  
 C-I baseball 5, St. Francis 4  
 C-I softball 9, St. Francis 2  
 NB softball 4, Hermantown 19  
 NB boys tennis x, Chisago Lakes x  
 NB boys track and field vs. Big Lake & St. Francis  
 \*First place finishers: Nathanael Damiani (800)  
 NB girls track and field vs. Big Lake & St. Francis  
 \*First place finishers: Sophia Thorsen (100, 200), Ella Dick (pole vault), Kallie Kopp (long jump)  
 NB baseball 0, Chisago Lakes 10  
 NB softball 7, Chisago Lakes 6



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## Cambridge-Isanti High School advances to state economics competition

Cambridge-Isanti High School advanced to the State Economics Challenge competition after 118 teams of students were challenged in a series of tests in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and international economics and current events.

The eight students representing the school, along with their social studies teacher and coach, Breanne Schoen, competed against other high schools in the championship held April 14 at the University of Minnesota. The Economics Team is competing at state for the sixth year since 2019.

The team from Cambridge-Isanti High School competed in both the Adam Smith and David Ricardo divisions of the Minnesota Online Qualifier Economics Challenge. The Adam Smith division is for students in an Advanced Placement, International Baccalaure-

ate, College in the Schools, Honors, or other advanced courses in economics. The students who earned a slot in this top category included Isaac Egge, Jackson Ryberg, Cassidy Milender, and Athena Schoen, who are all seniors.

The David Ricardo division is for students in a general or introductory course in economics. These students included juniors Jacob Pauly and Amanda Kopp, and seniors Madelyn Hoglund and Elsie Schneider.

The Economics Challenge program is the flagship program from the Minnesota Council on Economic Education providing students from across the state an opportunity to demonstrate their economic understanding and reasoning skills. State results will be reported following the competition. ~ CI Schools

## FORECLOSURES

### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### REDEMPTION NOTICE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032,

DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

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

By: Jennifer C. Toohey  
Its: Attorney in Fact  
THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY:

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## PROBATE

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

Court File Number: 30-PR-26-8  
Case Type: Informal Probate

**Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)**

In Re The Estate Of Amy L Backlund A/k/a Amy Louise Backlund, Deceased

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

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

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Self-Represented Litigant: Karen Ruth Backlund  
Address : 714 Maple Hills DR UNIT B Maplewood MN 55117  
Email : kbacklund@gmail.com  
Phone Number: 651-363-4509

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

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.  
Date: March 25, 2026  
Probate Registrar : Erin Boettcher, Court Administrator  
Date: March 25, 2026  
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### STATE OF MINNESOTA ISANTI COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File Number: 30-PR-26-9  
Case Type: Informal Probate

**Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)**

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

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Probate Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.  
Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:  
Self-Represented Litigant: Karen

Ruth Backlund  
Address : 714 Maple Hills DR UNIT B Maplewood MN 55117  
Email : kbacklund@gmail.com  
Phone Number: 651-363-4509

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

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Probate Registrar : Erin Boettcher, Court Administrator  
Date: March 25, 2026  
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### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY ISANTI DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT: 10TH

Court File Number: 30-PR-26-4  
Case Type: Probate

In Re the Estate of Kenneth Henry Herzog a/k/a Ken Herzog, Decedent (Deceased Person)

**Notice and Order for Hearing on Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirship, and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors**

It is ordered and notice is given that on April 7, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. a hearing will be held at: Remotely - 555 18th Ave SW Cambridge MN 55008

for the formal adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of:

Name: Corey Herzog  
Address: 15185 Verdun Street NW Andover MN 55304

as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in: an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition should be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. **NOTE:** You will need to pay a filing fee when you file the objection. If you cannot afford the fee, you can ask for a fee waiver (see <http://mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=19&p=69>).

If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

BY THE COURT: Doon, Carrie (Judge)  
District Court Judge OR Court Administrator

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### STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT

Court File Number: 30-PR-26-21  
Judicial District:Tenth  
Case Type: Probate

In Re the Estate of Philip Henry Dahl, Decedent (Deceased Person)

**Notice and Order for Hearing on Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirship, and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors**

It is ordered and notice is given that a hearing will be held as follows:  
Date: 05/19/2026  
Time: 2:40PM Remote  
Location: 555 18th Ave SW, Cambridge MN 55008 REMOTE  
for the formal adjudication

of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of:

Name: Jennifer Geist  
Address:  
as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in: an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition should be filed with the Court before, or raised at, the hearing.

If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.  
Date: March 25, 2026  
District Court Judge OR Court Administrator : Stoney L. Hiljus (Judge)

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## NOTICES

### SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

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

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

- Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- Approved Consent Agenda Items A through H
- Heard the Administration Departments 2025 Year in Review Report
- Held a Public Hearing on Ordinance 814 Annexation of PIDs 03.028.3000 and 03.028.6700
- Approved Ordinance 814 Annexation of PIDs 03.028.3000 and 03.028.6700
- Approved Resolution R26-018 calling for a TIF Public Hearing for Reuter Walton Apartments
- Approved Parks Priority List as amended by the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission
- Approved 2026 Street Improvements Resolution R26-019 Approve Plans and Authorize Ad for Bids

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### SUMMARY PUBLICATION

Ordinance 814 annexed land located in Cambridge Township, Isanti County, Minnesota Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.033 Subdivision 2 (3), Permitting Annexation by Ordinance as

petitioned by the property owner. The parcel numbers affected are 03.028.3000 & 03.028.6700. A complete copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge for inspection.

ATTEST:  
Monica Seiberlich,  
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR 2027 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of East Bethel shall meet on April 27, 2026, 5:30 p.m., at East Bethel City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your

assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 18th day of February, 2026.

Matt Look  
Clerk of City of East Bethel  
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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2026 PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECT CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA

**RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS:** Proposals for the work described below will be received online through QuestCDN.com until 10:00 a.m. on 4/28/2026, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read through Microsoft Teams. Please use the link below or call in number/Conference ID to see and/or hear the bid opening results:

1. Microsoft Teams Link: <https://bit.ly/IsantiPavementBidOpen>
2. Call: 612-428-8778/Conference ID 843 832 12#

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

- 24,900 SY Sealcoat Aggregate
- 1,081 SF Remove & Replace Concrete Walk
- 3,000 GAL Bituminous Material for Fog Seal
- 485 LF Remove & Replace Curb and Gutter
- 7,000 GAL Bituminous Material for Seal Coat
- 179 SY Sodding Type Lawn
- 11,892 LB Route & Seal Bituminous Cracks
- 864 SF Crosswalk Block
- 1,382 SY Bituminous Patch
- 1,060 LF Solid Line Multi-Comp together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications.

**COMPLETION OF WORK:** All work under the Contract must be complete by 10/30/2026.

**PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION:** The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at [www.questcdn.com](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 #10154975 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 the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

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

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

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

**DATED:** 4/10/2026 /S/ Ms. Josi Wood, City Administrator  
Published:  
Isanti Chisago Star News:  
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### NORTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

The annual township road review will be on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. starting at the North Branch Township Hall, 29113 Notre Dame St. Ne. The purpose of said meeting is to drive and inspect all town roads.

Cleanup Day for the township will be April 25, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Branch Township Hall, 29113 Notre Dame St. NE

The regular May meeting will be moved to May 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Shawn Williams  
North Branch Township Clerk  
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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The East Central Solid Waste Commission (ECSWC) will receive sealed bids to screen and size soil overburden at the municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill, which includes, but is not limited to, furnishing all necessary labor, materials and equipment, and performing all required work under the Bid Schedule. Soil material is stockpiled at the landfill site. Work will include material screening and separating aggregates from the provided stockpile to process approximately 30,000 ± cubic yards of soil for use in landfill applications.

Onsite assessments are available to contractors by appointment. Landfill operational hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4:00 PM. To receive a complete bid package or schedule a site visit, contact John Kellas at [johnk@eastcentralsolidwaste.com](mailto:johnk@eastcentralsolidwaste.com).

ECSWC will receive bids by 3:00 p.m. on May 8th, 2026. Sealed, mailed or hand delivered bids will be accepted at the ECSWC office: 1756 180th Ave. Mora, MN 55051

ECSWC reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, including without limitation the rights to reject any or all nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids; and to reject the Bid of any Bidder if ECSWC believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that bidder, whether because the Bid is not responsive or of doubtful financial ability or fails to meet any other pertinent standard or criteria established. ECSWC also reserves the right to waive all informalities not involving price, time or changes in the Work and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder.

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### 2026-2027 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FUEL BID FOR DIESEL AND GASOLINE

Bids shall be submitted to the District at the following address on or before 4:00 p.m. (CDT) Monday, May 4, 2026. An envelope containing bids must be sealed and marked on the lower left-hand corner "Fuel Bid for Diesel and Gasoline - August 2027". The name and address of the bidder must also appear on the envelope. Bids received after that time will not be accepted or considered and will be returned unopened. Submit bids to:

Christopher Kampa  
Director of Finance and Operations  
Cambridge-Isanti Public Schools, ISD 911  
625A Main Street North  
Cambridge, MN 55008-1270

Bids will be publicly opened at 4:00 p.m. (CDT), Monday, May 4, 2026.

Bids will be made on the Fuel Bid Sheet in duplicate. Vendors are requested to comply in all respects with the specifications, conditions and instructions to vendors. Detailed bid specifications and bid forms are available at [c-ischools.org/departments/budget-finance](http://c-ischools.org/departments/budget-finance).

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# WORSHIP *guide*

## Baptist

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

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

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

## Catholic

**Christ the King**  
305 Fern Street N  
Cambridge, MN 55008  
763-689-1221  
Friday 8:30am  
Saturday 4pm  
email brigitte@isantiacc.org  
Website: isantiacc.org

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.  
763-444-4035  
Email: brigitte@isantiacc.org  
Mass: Tues. & Wed. 8:30am.  
Sun. 8:30am.  
isantiacc.org

## Evangelical Covenant

**Karmel Covenant Church**  
5799 County Road 6, Princeton MN  
763-389-3169  
Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis  
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Sunday School for All Ages (school  
year only): 9-10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (in person & online):  
10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Programming (school year  
only):  
Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with  
AWANA and Youth Group from  
6:30-8 p.m.

## Evangelical Free

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

**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 fol-  
lowed by fellowship & Sunday School  
Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm  
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boys – 2 Fridays per month.

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

**Wyanett Evangelical Free Church**  
12 Miles West of Cambridge on Hwy 95  
www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org  
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:30 am  
Mondays - Women's Evening Bible  
Study 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm  
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**Braham Evangelical Lutheran  
Church (ELCA)**  
Dr. Suzanne Begin, Minister  
905 Central Drive West  
320-396-2755  
www.brahamlutheran.org  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
In-person & Live on Facebook  
9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School  
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**Calvary Evangelical Lutheran  
Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)**  
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.  
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.  
10:30am Worship with Fellowship fol-  
lowing  
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.  
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

**Cambridge Lutheran Church  
(ELCA)**  
621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge  
763-689-1211  
Traditional service: 8:30 a.m.  
Contemp service: 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
KidZone 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
www.cambridgelutheran.org  
Facebook: fb.com/Cambridgelutheran  
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**Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-  
689-5333  
Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.  
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/  
Bible Class 10:30am  
www.christcambridge.com

**First Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
43779 Gates Ave., Harris.  
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ble.  
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt  
Sunday Worship 9:20am  
Coffee & fellowship following service  
Email: firstlutheran@q.com  
www.firstlutheranharris.org

**Joy Lutheran Church  
(Missouri Synod)**  
33525 Jefferson Street NE, Cambridge  
763-689-4355  
www.joylutheran.net  
Pastor James Ritter  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

**Living Branch Lutheran Church  
(LCMS)**  
6486 Elm St (PO Box 335),  
North Branch  
651-674-5576  
Pastor Glen Kleppe  
Sunday Worship 10am  
Sunday School 9am  
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Tuesday Bible Studies 1pm & 7pm  
www.livingbranch.org  
email: office@livingbranch.org

**Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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Pastor Rebecca Holland  
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www.salemutherandalbo.com

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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  
**8:15am** Worship with fellowship fol-  
lowing

**St. John Lutheran Church  
(Missouri Synod)**  
28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch  
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5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12. 763-  
444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor;  
Sunday 9am Worship;  
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Thursday 6:30pm Bible study.  
Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
(Missouri Synod)**  
980 West 4th Street, Rush City  
320-358-3623  
Sunday 8:45am Worship  
Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study  
stjohnsrushcity.org

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(Missouri Synod)**  
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320-396-3103  
9 :15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible  
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8am Worship.  
ststephensbraham.org

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38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch  
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9 am Coffee Hour  
9 am Sunday School  
www.trinitynorthbranch.org  
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

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Thejourneynlcc.org

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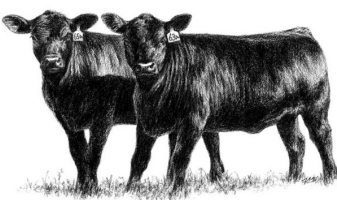




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