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## Modified Winterfest set for Saturday

STAFF REPORT  
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After experiencing ideal weather conditions for last year's Cambridge Winterfest, Mother Nature has returned to offering unwinter-like weather for this year's event, forcing some modifications to be made. While the event as a whole will still take place at Central Green Park from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, some of the activities have been changed, plus one new one has been added.

Due to the lack of snow on the ground, the popular sled dog rides will not be offered as originally advertised. Instead, the dogs and their handlers will be available for a "meet and greet." For the same reasons, sledding also will not be offered. Although its not exactly a winter activity, organizers have decided to take advantage of the snow-free area and are offering kites for flying instead.

Beyond that, according to organizers, "there will be plenty of fun for everyone," including free horse drawn carriage rides, skating on the ice rinks, bonfires for s'mores, various yard games, a DJ, plus food trucks and craft vendors.

While there, attendees can vote for their favorite snowman submission. Entries for the snowman contest can be made via a photo until Friday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. Snowmen don't have to be made of snow. Prizes for the winners via popular vote will be announced at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

## The future looks bright (orange) for city of Cambridge

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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Mayor Jim Godfrey has a vision for Cambridge's future, and at least for the immediate future, that vision includes orange traffic cones — lots of them. What's more, those orange traffic cones will envelope some of the city's most frequently used streets. "2026 and 2027 will be very busy years for infrastructure and street improvements for Cambridge," Godfrey said during his State of the City presen-

tation during the North 65 Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Specifically, Godfrey is referencing the much-anticipated Highway 95 expansion project. After years of planning and wondering if it will ever come to fruition, the MnDoT project will break ground as early as April. Meanwhile, there already has been some activity associated with the project taking place as MnDoT has started taking down trees in

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## Legacy of local aviator lives on

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Those who knew Timothy Merhar would tell you he had a bright personality and a genuine interest in others. They would also tell you he formed friendships effortlessly and within minutes of meeting him, you would feel like you'd known him for years.

"He had a great sense of humor and the prefect level of banter. He would tease people, but not too much, and somehow always get a positive response," said Toni Merhar, Tim's wife of 17 years.

Tim, 41, tragically died on Sept. 4, 2025, in a plane crash near the Cambridge Municipal Airport. After his death, it was discovered he suffered

from atherosclerotic coronary artery disease, including a severe plaque buildup in his left anterior descending artery, placing him at high risk for sudden cardiac arrest. The condition went undetected until it resulted in the inability to control a flyable aircraft.

From childhood, Tim was drawn to aviation and wanted to become a pilot. Emily Merhar, Tim's younger sister, said they spent a lot of time going to air museums growing up.

"We happened to live by one in Eden Prairie. We had a membership to an air museum we visited frequently ... If it wasn't going to the air museums, it was drawing airplanes and learning as much as he could about them," she added.

Tim was a member of the

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) program. Through the program, he was able to fly his first aircraft at the age of 16 and received his private pilot's license when he was 17. The friends he made at CAP remained some of his closest throughout his entire life.

Andrew Atkins, a longtime friend, met Tim when they were both in the CAP Program.

"When he was in the military, we'd see each other a couple times a year at most ... He would make that effort (to stay in touch)," Atkins said. "It didn't matter if we hadn't seen each other for a few weeks or a few years. It was like you're family and time doesn't really pass."

Atkins added that Tim



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Tim Merhar, with the Aeronca Champ he won in a raffle Through the Dakota Territories Aviation Museum.

rubbed off on everyone he met, and he wasn't shy about letting those around him know how much he cared.

"He wasn't shy about letting you know that he loved you," Atkins explained. "I think

that's one thing I'll take away (from Tim); don't be shy about telling your friends and your loved ones that you love them or show them that you love

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# CAMBRIDGE: Highway 95 construction project slated to take two years to complete

FROM PAGE 1

the construction area.

According to Godfrey, the entire project is slated to take two years to complete, with phase 1 running from April to October and phase 2 taking place those same months in 2027.

### PHASE 1

Phase 1 will be broken up into two stages. Stage 1, which is scheduled for April to somewhere around mid-summer, will involve the stretch of Highway 95 from Fern Street to east of Dellwood Street. This stage will not include a widening of Highway 95, but will include storm sewer replacement and a complete reconstruction of the highway and sidewalks.

During this stage, a detour will be set up from Spirit River Drive South to 2nd Ave SW to Birch Street and back onto Highway 95. According to Godfrey, Fern Street and/or Dellwood Street will be open across Highway 95 for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Stage 2 will begin immediately after the completion of stage 1 and go until sometime in October. This stage will be from Dellwood Street to Main Street. The widening of the highway to two lanes in both directions will begin at Cyprus Street. There will be an island running along the stretch that will turn the intersection at Ashland Street into right turn only both onto and off of Highway 95.

The detour for this stage will be turning off Highway 95 onto Dellwood Street, south to 11th Ave SW, taking 11th across Main Street until it curves and turns into Garfield Street, and returning to Highway 95 at the stoplights at McDonald's.

As with the first stage, Birch Street and/or Cypress Street will be open across Highway 95 for both vehicles and

pedestrians.

Godfrey emphasized despite the detour bypassing the downtown business district, there will be several ways to easily access those businesses.

"We have worked hard and will continue to work hard every day to make sure residents will be able to travel safely throughout the city and that there will be access to all our businesses that may be impacted by construction close to them," Godfrey said.

### PHASE 2

Phase 2 of the project will take place from April, 2027 until October, 2027. It will cover the entire stretch from Main Street to Fillmore Street. It will also involve widening the entire stretch to two lanes in both directions, with an island creating right turn only at Adams Street and Davis Street.

While a specific detour wasn't revealed for phase 2, it is anticipated to at least start with the same route as stage 2 of phase 1, but may be adjusted to south on Main Street to 11th Avenue SW once construction at the intersection of Highway 95 and Main Street is completed.

There will be two other projects taking place simultaneous to phase 2, both of which will be met with thunderous applause from residents and commuters alike. The first is replacing the storm sewer with wider pipes to help eliminate the chronic street flooding during heavy rains.

"Do you remember August, 2022?" Godfrey hypothetically asked. "Heavy rainstorm. Cars literally floating away. By taking our sewer system, which is 50 years-old, the pipe was one foot (in diameter) and we are making it six-foot. It will take a Biblical-style flood for that to happen again."

The second is moving the railroad switch from very close to Highway 95

to south of Federated Co-op. This will eliminate the blocking of Highway 95 as trains go back and forth to switch rails while loading and unloading propane cars. It will also mean the only time Highway 95 will be blocked is by trains going full speed or accelerating to full speed, which will greatly decrease the blockage time.

### CITY STREET IMPROVEMENTS

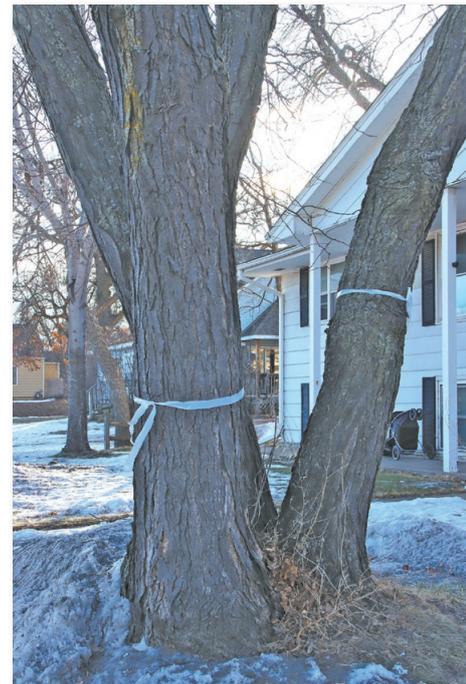
The other street improvement project taking place in 2026 involves several of the streets in front of and surrounding all the retailers on the east side of town such as Walmart, Menards, Target, and Kohls.

In short, Godfrey said during that project, there will always be one or two ways to access all those businesses.

During these projects, Godfrey said communication will be key. To that extent, there will be multiple community meetings, a direct mailer from the city to every resident and business in town; updates and a FAQ on the city's website that can be accessed via the QR code (below tree photo); informational displays in area businesses via coasters, window clings, table cards, etc.; newspaper articles; social media posts; and radio broadcasting.

"Whether it is downtown or over by the Walmart and Target area on the east side of town," Godfrey said, "we want to do everything we can to provide up-to-date access to information about all those projects."

"The bottom line is it takes a village," Godfrey summarized. "We all need to work together, to be patient with construction, and especially to support our local businesses in downtown and along the project corridor."



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## 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

### Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's

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

## TUESDAYS

### Braham Parkinson's Support

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

## Alzheimer's Support

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

## Memory Cafe

First Tuesday of every month, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at GracePointe Crossing



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**Cambridge WinterFest returns for its fourth year on Feb. 28 in Central Green Park. There will be free horse drawn carriage rides, food trucks, craft vendors and more.**

Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. Contact Julie at 763-306-5066 for info.

## PrimeTime Singers

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

## Grief Share

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

## Celebrate Recovery

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

## WEDNESDAYS

### Alanon

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

## Chisago County Drop-in Center

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

## THURSDAYS

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## 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

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## Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

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## Medicare and Medicaid 101 Open House

Third Thursday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Get your questions

answered by trained agents. (763) 689-7390 or eclib.org for info.

## Tax Help with AARP

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

## SATURDAY

### GriefShare

At Joy Lutheran Church, from 9-10:30 a.m. each Saturday, except for the 1st Saturday of each month. Contact Mary Schuett, 561-222-3347, for more information.

## Joyful Walking Club

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

## Tax Help with AARP

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

## FEB 28

### Fourth Annual Cambridge Winter Fest

Noon-4 p.m. at Central Green Park located at

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### Wednesdays

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## The dream isn't necessarily over

I can remember as a nine year-old hockey player watching the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" hockey game. At the time, I knew nothing of the geopolitical backstory to that game. Heck, I wasn't even aware the game I was watching was actually prerecorded from earlier that day. All I knew was the USA were underdogs and it was something special to beat the Russians. Beyond that, I was just feeding on the energy that was being transmitted through our television screen.

I also remember some years later when my family visited the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, watching the video recap of all the games from that Olympics. They had a monitor placed in the middle of a giant gold medal and they played the video on a continuous loop. I can't remember exactly how many times we watched it, but I'm pretty sure it was more than one.

As time went by and I grew up, I heard and could understand the full extent of how meaningful the U.S. winning the gold medal and more specifically just the win over Russia really was. Reading the book "The Boys of Winter" really brought a lot of that to light.

Then, of course, there's the movie "Miracle" — by far one of my all-time favorites. I don't cry while watching movies, but I nearly did (and still do) for that. I never even objected to the blatant "Hollywood" additions to the story. That is, until now.

While I was watching Sunday's gold medal game between USA and Canada, much of those same emotions that nine year-old boy had were coming back to the surface. Only this time, I was fully cognizant of the geopolitical backstory, but I simply didn't care. It was simply one of the most exciting hockey games I've seen in a long time, if not ever.

As I was watching the U.S. celebrate its victory, though, a thought struck me about an inaccuracy in the movie I had not considered before. At the very end of the movie, as the players were celebrating their gold medal win over Finland, Kurt Russell — as Herb Brooks, said in a voiceover, "A few years later, the U.S. began using professional athletes at the games. Dream teams. I always found that term ironic because now that we have dream teams, we seldom ever get to dream."

I don't know if Herb Brooks actually said that quote during interviews for the movie or if it was just another Hollywood addition, but while watching the current U.S. team celebrate the country's first gold medal since that 1980 team, you can't tell me that group of NHL players, some of which have won the Stanley Cup, weren't as emotional as the players were 46 years ago.

So, while it might be true that the chance to dream of Olympic glory has shrunk down to a more select few of the elite players in the country, it doesn't mean those players haven't been dreaming of that moment their whole lives. Therefore, as the closing credit theme song by Aerosmith proclaims, "dream until your dreams come true."

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**Worth a Thousand Words**  
Bill Stickels III



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Decency, respect for one another

To the editor,

What has happened to respecting one another and common decency and law and order? We are a country of laws, a Constitution and those in authority to enforce these laws. Police have always enforced our laws — when you call for help, 911, we all depend on them. We have laws enforced in most communities; but then there is Minneapolis and St. Paul.

When a mayor and a governor call for police not to work with ICE, and call for people to demonstrate against them, this is opposite of law and order. This is outrageous, no respect or decency here.

This is all about illegals in this country, the left wants to keep them here and put them before legal citizens, even if they have committed murder, drug crimes,

rape, molested children and many other serious crimes. It is also about the fraud—giving them free stuff and robbing legal citizens of tax dollars. I guess this is there plan to get voters.

How many people have been hurt by all these whistles, rocks at cars and ice pieces and bricks and fire works, directed at ICE agents? People not being able to go to work because streets are blocked, and chaos all over — because the governor told them to block ICE agents. We never hear about those injuries. I heard about a few, one reporters' camera was stolen, and one reporter was brutally attacked.

That church service was disrupted by these demonstrators and children were screaming — they were just having a church service. So serious since we just had that church shooting a few months previous.

Schools are also involved,

with some teachers encouraging children to join marchers. Children don't comprehend this, and are parents informed of letting children out of school? I'm sure a lot of parents heard about what is happening and are keeping their children home.

It is a shame with the reading scores in schools so low, that they are telling children to get involved in this rather than working on reading, writing, math, etc. The vulgar language used on these signs for the kids, are the same words which are bleeped out on TV. No respect or decency there.

We long for law and order and police to do their jobs and be respected, and schools to teach respect for others, and get those reading scores back up.

**Judy Hansen  
Cambridge**

#### CORRECTION

In last week's article on page 3 about Authors for Minnesota Day, it was incorrectly stated Mallory Hayes is co-owner of Scout and Morgan. She is actually manager of Red Balloon Bookstore. Also, it was incorrectly stated authors would be rotating between bookstores. Each author will only be visiting one store.

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# Student voice, statewide impact

Cell phone bans have been an ongoing topic at the Legislature for the past couple of years. This week's Senate committee discussion reflects a deeper understanding of what is needed to protect the learning environment in Minnesota schools.



**NB School News**  
Sara Paul

The proposal discussed at the Capitol mirrors the approach already in place at North Branch Area Public Schools (NBAPS). The legislation would limit cell phone use during the school day while still ensuring students can have access to their phones in the event of an emergency and maintain communication between students and families around safety. Protecting instructional time without compromising student safety is central to our local policy.

It is affirming to see the broader statewide conversation reflect what our students, staff, families and board have worked together to design and implement.

At times, conversations at the Capitol are not always aligned with what is happening in classrooms. That is why student voice matters.

Over the past two years, students from NBAPS have courageously stepped into the statewide conversation. They presented at the Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Conference, sharing their experiences with cell phone restrictions and describing how learning changes when distractions are reduced. Our students spoke about stronger focus, better peer interaction and a different classroom culture. They spoke from lived experience and helped shape the broader conversation happening across Minnesota.

At NBAPS, we define trust as working together across roles, valuing each person's contribution and holding shared accountability for results. Trust means encouraging questions, communicating clearly and focusing on outcomes that support students.

When conversations about cell phone use began in our district, we started with the "why."

Protecting the learning environment matters because classrooms are places where students concentrate, participate and build strong relationships with

their peers and teachers. Attention is a resource. How we protect it directly impacts how students learn.

Our process unfolded in three stages: learning work, change readiness and change management.

First came the learning work. Throughout fall 2023 and spring 2024, we gathered feedback from families through our Strategic Advisory Committee, surveyed staff, facilitated student focus groups and engaged in school board work sessions and policy discussions. Students, parents, teachers and board members all had a voice.

Next came change readiness. Before implementation, we created parent videos, student expectation videos and a clear "Why" video to explain the purpose behind the change. We aligned policy and procedures so expectations were consistent across classrooms and buildings.

Then came change management. As the 2024-25 school year began, we continued communicating with families, elevating student perspectives and ensuring consistency across staff and board leadership. Protecting the learning environment requires steady leadership and follow-through.

Technology is an important tool in

our schools. Our responsibility is to teach students how to use it thoughtfully and skillfully. That means learning how to ask better questions, verify information, manage distractions and use emerging tools to support creativity and problem solving. These are life skills. Protecting focused instructional time during the school day helps students build the habits of attention and self-discipline they will need long after they leave NBAPS.

Protecting the learning environment is part of our responsibility to every student and every family. It reflects our mission to partner with students, families and communities to help all students achieve their greatest potential and become informed and engaged citizens.

I am proud of our students for leading with courage and clarity. I am proud of our staff and families for engaging in this work with trust and shared responsibility.

SKOL! Vikings!  
SARA PAUL is superintendent of North Branch Area Public Schools. She can be reached at 651-674-1000 or spaul@isd138.org.

## When should headlights be used?

**Q**uestion: Can you write about the laws on headlights on when they are to be used? It would probably be a good idea to mention the rules of dimming one's bright lights. Thanks.

**A**nswer: When you are within 1,000 feet of an oncoming vehicle or following another vehicle at a distance of 200 feet or less, your headlights must remain on low beam.

Your headlights must be turned on at sunset and used until sunrise. Use them during weather conditions that include rain, snow, hail, sleet or fog, and any time you cannot clearly see the road ahead for at least 500 feet. You should be able to stop within the distance your headlights illuminate the road. For most vehicles, this distance is no more than 350 feet on high beam.

When driving in the dark, you may encounter glare from oncoming headlights or from the reflection of headlights in your rearview mirror. If you are blinded by the glare, use the white line along the edge of the road as a reference.

For glare caused by headlights from behind you, use a "day-night" mirror or adjust your regular mirror.

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## As deadlines approach, Minnesota DNR urges fish house owners to plan for shelter removal

Recent warm weather has deteriorated many public water accesses in the central and southern parts of Minnesota and prompted thin-ice warnings for some bodies of water. As a result, many fish house owners have already removed their shelters from the ice. For those who haven't, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds anglers to start planning for bringing them off the ice in advance of approaching removal deadlines.

The upcoming statutory removal deadlines are:

- 11:59 p.m. on March 2 for inland waters in the southern two-thirds of the state.
- 11:59 p.m. on March 16 for inland waters in the northern one-third of the state.
- 11:59 p.m. on March 31 for Minnesota-Canada border waters, including Lake of the Woods.

In addition to the deadlines for Minnesota-Canada border waters, other removal deadlines include Minnesota-South and North Dakota border waters (March 5); Minnesota-Wisconsin border waters (March 1); and Minnesota-Iowa border waters (Feb. 20).

Anglers may still fish after removal deadlines, but shelters on the ice between midnight and one hour before sunrise must be attended or occupied. Also, shelters may not be left at public

access sites.

The DNR also wants to remind all fish house owners to pick up and properly dispose of any trash as part of removing their shelter from the ice. This includes wooden blocking materials, which must be removed, even if they are frozen into the ice.

"It's been a good, long season for many anglers," said Lt. Col. Robert Gorecki, assistant director of the DNR Enforcement Division. "We'd like to see that continue and have this part of the season end on a high note, which means shelters off by the deadlines and the ice free of litter."

If shelters aren't removed by the statutory deadlines, owners may be prosecuted, and structures left behind may be confiscated and removed or destroyed by a conservation officer.

A final reminder from the DNR's Enforcement Division: When venturing out on the ice always keep in mind that ice conditions can vary widely and change quickly. Ice is never 100% safe, and everyone should check the ice thickness for themselves.

For additional information, including delineations of which areas are subject to which removal deadline, visit the DNR's ice shelter webpage ([mndnr.gov/fishing/shelter.html](http://mndnr.gov/fishing/shelter.html)). - MN DNR

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## OBITUARIES

### Linda Marie Swanson

Linda Marie Swanson of Cambridge, age 59, passed away peacefully on Tuesday February 17, 2026 at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN.

She was born on September 19, 1966 in Golden Valley, Minnesota to Ronald and Marie (Maki)



Shereck. Her early years were spent in Blaine, Minnesota and Knoxville, Tennessee where her dad transferred for his job. In 1972 her family moved to Cambridge, MN where she attended school and graduated in 1984. During high school she sang in the Chamber Choir, played fast pitch softball, volleyball and was even student director of several musicals. After high school, she spent one year at Golden Valley

Lutheran College and played softball for the Royals and then earned an Associate degree in Business Management from Anoka Ramsey.

She met Bradley Swanson in August of 1985 and knew he was the one! They were united in marriage at the Cambridge United Methodist church in 1988. Their marriage was blessed with two sons, Tyler and Derek. She very much enjoyed going to watch their school baseball, football and wrestling events and made many lasting friendships with other parents.

Over the years, Linda was involved in golf league at the Purple Hawk, where she golfed league for over 30 years. She enjoyed her friends at the Hawk and loved going on girls' golf trips with the Tag-along girls. She also was a 40-year member of the Cambridge Curling Club where she curled in women's and couples' leagues. She loved taking an active role in the betterment of the club and enjoyed working on various fundraising activities over the years.

Linda worked for USDA, Rural Development for over 32 years. She started as a County Office Clerk in 1989 and completed her career as a Multifamily Housing Loan Specialist. It was rewarding work where she could make a difference in people's lives. She retired in January, 2023.

Linda and Brad were married for 38 wonderful years, during which time God blessed them with many incredible adventures in the US and other countries. So many great memories were made with each other and family and friends. Linda's family, particularly her six grandchildren, meant the world to her. They were the light of her life!

During her initial diagnosis of stage III ovarian cancer and subsequent recurrences, Linda and family were so grateful for the friends and family that supported them during those difficult times.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Ronald and Marie Shereck and mother and father-in-law, LaDonna and James Swanson.

Linda is survived by her husband, Bradley; son Tyler; son Derek (Gloria); and six grandchildren: Gavin, Tucker, Odessa, Theodore, Victor and McCoy; her sister Doreen (John) Polzin; brother Mark (Vicki) Shereck; brother Kevin (Jane) Shereck; brother Tim (Sarah) Shereck; sister-in-law Randa (Todd) Urness; brother-in-law Michael Swanson; along with eight nieces and their families.

Memorial Service 11 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2026 at Cambridge Lutheran Church. Visitation 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 5 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.

### John Royal

John Royal of Duluth and Cambridge, MN died Jan. 22 at his home in Cambridge with his family by his side. A service will be held later this spring.

### Robin Marilyn Wetther

Robin Marilyn Wetther, passed away on February 23, 2026, in North Branch, MN. Born on October 24, 1970, in Cambridge, MN, Robin was the beloved daughter of David and Lillian (Reineccius) Wetther.



Robin grew up in Isanti and attended Cambridge High School, where she graduated in 1989. Her early years were marked by a strong connection to her community and faith, as she was both baptized and confirmed at Cambridge Lutheran Church. Robin worked at the Creamery Cafe in Isanti while still in

high school.

Throughout her life, Robin's passions were a reflection of her loving and gentle nature. She was a devoted fan of Michael Jackson, joining his fan club in her younger years and always cherishing his music. Her love for music extended beyond her favorite artist, as she enjoyed attending concerts and embracing the joy and camaraderie they brought. Robin's sense of humor was one of her most cher-

ished attributes; she loved to hear and share jokes, bringing laughter and lightness to those around her.

An avid sports enthusiast, Robin's loyalty to the Minnesota Vikings was unwavering. She celebrated their victories with gusto and remained hopeful through their defeats, embodying the true spirit of a fan. In a more personal sphere, Robin had a unique and endearing affection for "pigs," finding joy in anything related to the adorable creatures. This quirky interest was just one of the many facets that made her such a memorable and lovable individual.

Robin was preceded in death by her parents, David and Lillian, as well as her brothers, Tim, Jon, Terry, and Corey Wetther. She is survived by her siblings, Carole (Larry) Wilson of Isle, Larry (Janice) Wetther of Stanchfield, Tom (Diane) Wetther of Cambridge, and Tina (Rob) Marshall of Isanti; niece, nephews, cousins, and her "house sisters", Dorothy, Helen, Kim, and Laura, will hold onto the memories of her loving spirit. Robin also leaves behind many special caregivers, who became constant companions and everlasting friends, reflecting the deep bonds she formed with those who cared for her.

Celebration of Life Gathering 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2026 Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home in Cambridge. Condolences at: [carlsonlillemoen.com](http://carlsonlillemoen.com)

### LaVerne H. Golden

LaVerne H. Golden, 82, of Grandy, MN passed away on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at her son's home in Stanchfield.

She was born February 11, 1944 in Braham, Minnesota to John and Hulda (Smith) Leaf. LaVerne grew up in the Grandy area where she attended country school and later Cambridge High School.



Vernie met Dennis Golden and they were married April 15, 1967 in South Dakota. They made their home in Blaine and raised two sons. In 1983 they moved to Grandy and have lived there ever since.

She worked at MinCo Products in Fridley, retiring from there after 45 years. She enjoyed spending time with Dennis at the cabin in Alexandria. Vernie enjoyed fishing, camping, baking, tending to her flower gardens, hunting at Camp Ripley, spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and attending their sporting events. She and Dennis enjoyed traveling, making three summer trips to Alaska and two trips to Arizona to visit family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Betty Engberg, brothers Dennis and Donald Leaf.

Vernie is survived by her husband Dennis "Butch", sons Todd (Teresa) Golden of Pine River, Terry (Becky) Golden of Stanchfield, three grandchildren Jessica (Cody) Binger of Cambridge, Martina Golden (Chase Hicks) of Roseville, Triton Golden, four great grandchildren Branson, Ainsley, Lainey and Baylor, godson Cory Leaf, two brothers Darrell Leaf, Duane (Dawn) Leaf, sisters Mickey Sutherland, DeeDee (Michael) Lund, many other relatives and friends.

Vernie's gentle spirit and unwavering love will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of her loved ones.

Celebration of Life Gathering 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home. Interment at a later date in Calvary Lutheran Cemetery at Rush Point. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com)

### Marilyn A. Spencer

Marilyn A. Spencer, 92, of Cambridge, MN passed away Saturday, February 21, 2026 at GracePointe Crossing.

She was born March 11, 1933 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Dale and Alice (Brazil) Tweed. Marilyn grew up in Minneapolis, attended school in Columbia Heights, graduating from high school in 1951. She went on to attend business school for nine months. She worked as a secretary at First National Bank in Minneapolis from 1951-1955. Marilyn would move to Cambridge where she worked as a waitress at the American Legion from 1970-1976.



On July 10, 1976 she married Don Spencer in Cambridge and along with her two children completed their family. She worked at Watson Co. Inc in Cambridge and retired from there in 1991. In their retirement, Don and Marilyn spent several winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Marilyn was a member of the Cambridge Legion Women's Auxiliary since 1970. She and Don made trips to Branson, and enjoyed camping all throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Cathy Snider, Diane Franco, and brother Tom Tweed.

Marilyn is survived by her husband Don, son Brian Grisham of Braham, daughter Cynthia Grisham (husband Patrick Noonan) of Cambridge, three grandchildren Nick (Trisha) Stilson of Cambridge, Jennifer (Brett) Mahrer of Cambridge, Rebecca (Matt) Cederberg of Dalton, seven great grandchildren Kristina, Cody, Danielle, Jacob, Zachery, Blaine and Charlie, sisters Patricia Saari of Minneapolis, Shirley Louiselle of Minneapolis, Nancy Kroll of Cannon Beach, OR, other relatives and friends.

Memorial Service 11 a.m., Monday, March 2, 2026 at Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home in Cambridge. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment in Cambridge Lutheran Cemetery. Condolences at [www.carlsonlillemoen.com](http://www.carlsonlillemoen.com).

## STUDENT NAMES IN THE NEWS

### Student Achievement Lists

**Maxwell Sickler**, of Cambridge (Dean's) from the University of Tampa.

### Degrees

**Joshua Olson** of Lindstrom (Bachelor of Science Magna Cum

Laude in Finance), **Jordan Petersen** of Wyoming (Associate of Arts), and **Derek Dowell** of Cambridge (Bachelor of Science Magna Cum Laude in Cybersecurity Technology) from University of Maryland Global Campus

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# AVIATOR: 'He's be pleased to know we're getting more young pilots in the air'

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them.”

After high school, Tim attended the University of North Dakota. He graduated in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in history and a commission into the U.S. Air Force through the Reserve Officer Training Corp. He went to pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, graduating in the class of 08-04. His first operational assignment was flying C-17s at McChord Air Force Base near Seattle, Washington. Over 12 years on active duty, Tim served as a C-17 instructor pilot, MC-12 mission commander and C-40 evaluator pilot at assignments in Washington, Delaware and Hawaii. He completed four deployments and earned 10 air medals.

In 2018, Tim transitioned to the Air Force Reserves as a USAF liaison officer with the Civil Air Patrol, obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serving as a single-engine flight instructor for the Rocky Mountain and North Central Regions. Tim was also a first officer with Southwest Airlines.

In 2013, Tim bought his first recreational airplane, an old 1946 Stinson 108. Not long after, a cracked engine block caused him to execute a dead-engine landing in a soybean field in Indiana. Toni said the safety report drew praise from the Federal Aviation Administration, as the aircraft sustained no damage beyond the failed engine. Seven years later, Tim won his second airplane, an Aeronca Champ, in a raffle through the Dakota Territories Aviation Museum. Aviation brought Tim joy, and he wanted others to experience it.

“His love for aviation was second to none,” Atkins recalled. “It didn't matter if it was an old prop taildragger, a bomber, a cargo plane or a fighter jet. He loved them all.”

Emily said the first time she went up in a small air plane was with Tim when she was around 16. “He was a really good pilot,” she added.

Outside of aviation, Tim had a passion for history, books and anything outdoors. He enjoyed hiking, biking, skiing and playing hockey. Over the past two years, Tim was as a coach with the Mounds View Irondale Youth Hockey Association and played in multiple adult leagues at the Super Rink in Blaine. But more than anything, Toni said Tim loved being a dad. You could often see him biking or walking his kids to school at Island Lake Elementary.

Tim was also a frequent blood donor through the American Red Cross. “When you donate with the American Red Cross, you can track where your blood gets used. Tim was always eager to see his go to children's hospitals,” Toni explained. She added that Tim would love to see a surge in donations to the American Red Cross in his memory.

When describing her partner, Toni emphasized his contagious joy for life. “He was always happy, and it had a physical manifestation in the crow's feet around his eyes.”

The two met in 2008 during C-17 initial qualification training and were married in 2009. The couple has two children, August and Margaret. Tim always hoped to move back to Minnesota and Toni made that dream reality



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The Merhars grab a photo on one of their family adventures. Outside of aviation, Tim enjoyed hiking, biking, skiing and playing hockey.

through an Air Force assignment to the University of Minnesota. The family moved to Shoreview in 2023 after living in Colorado Springs for five years.

“He wanted everyone to be happy,” Emily said. “He genuinely wanted to be a good person through what he did with aviation and volunteering ... He was a very kind and compassionate person.”

In his honor, the Civil Air Patrol has started the Timothy Merhar Flight Scholarship. In its first cycle, Toni said

the scholarship funded 25 new cadets in pursuit of their private pilot licenses. Tim's callsign, ARCANÉ 77, was also retired by CAP-USAF.

“Tim's absence is devastating,” Toni said. “But I think he'd be pleased to know we're getting more young pilots in the air in his honor. It's a start at least.”

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# Bluejackets advance two boys wrestlers to state

BY BILL STICKELS III  
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The Cambridge-Isanti Bluejacket boys wrestling team will be represented by a pair of grapplers at the Class AAA Individual Tournament, joining Hannah Tilus-Tierne from the Bluejacket girls team down at the Grand Casino Arena Thursday, Feb. 26 through Saturday, Feb. 28.

At 114 pounds, Wyatt Wald cruised his way to the section championship and state tournament berth. He started with a 15-0 tech fall over freshman Corbin Vue from Coon Rapids. In the semifinals, he recorded the same shut-

out score in defeating eighth grader Caleb Jolly from Forest Lake. In the championship match, Wald gave up his first and only point to his opponents, defeating Elk River's Aiden Tribon 9-1.

C-I's other state qualifier, senior Brock Brown at 160 pounds, had a somewhat tougher time earning a state tournament berth, but not much tougher. Brown pinned both his quarterfinal and semifinal opponents, however he suffered a 13-1 defeat in the championship match to Forest Lakes' Dayton Dale. This sent Brown to a potential true second match to earn his trip to St. Paul. That match turned out to be unnecessary, though, as Elk River's

Talon Sasse, who Brown defeated in the semifinals, wound up claiming third place.

The Jackets nearly had three more qualifiers as Brady Huntley (121 pounds), Grady Jennissen (127 pounds), and Grant Oliver (285 pounds) each won their third place match. However, Jennissen and Oliver were defeated in their true second match; and Huntley had previously been defeated by the loser of the championship match, making a true second match unneeded.

The Class AAA Individual Tournament begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, with the girls tournament beginning later that same session. In the

opening round, Wald goes against Connor Bischof from St. Thomas Academy, Brown goes against Riley Forar from Lakeville North, and Tilus-Tierne goes against Bentlie Jackson from Waconia.

The quarterfinals and wrestlebacks also begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27. With a change in the bracket system used for the state tournament, every wrestler is guaranteed to have at least two matches. For a full tournament schedule, go to the state wrestling tab at mshsl.org.



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**North Branch senior Ella Dick medaled on the vault at the Class A State Individual Meet by placing sixth with a score of 9.55.**

### C-I, NB SCOREBOARD: FEBRUARY 19 - 24

#### February 19

C-I boys basketball 67, North Branch 62  
\*Trey Gustafson (C-I) - 21 points, Jacob Knoespel (NB) - 20 points  
NB girls basketball 46, East Central 62

#### February 20

C-I boys basketball 75, Chisago Lakes 78  
C-I gymnastics @ Class AA State Team Meet - 6th/8 teams (141.875)  
C-I boys diving @ Section 7AA Championships  
\*Eddie Steman (7th place)  
NB girls basketball 24, Zimmerman 73  
NB boys basketball 47, Zimmerman 88

#### February 21

C-I gymnastics @ Class AA State Individual Meet  
\*Aubrey Wilson - vault (28th place, 9.3), bars (48th place, 7.925), floor (15th place, 9.4); Anika Michaelis - beam (28th place, 9.0)  
NB gymnastics @ Class A State Individual Meet  
\*Ella Dick - vault (6th place, 9.55), bars (47th place, 6.6), beam (17th place, 9.15), floor (16th place, 9.25), all-around (21st place, 34.55); Sophia Thorsen - vault (43rd place, 8.55), floor (24th place, 9.125)  
C-I wrestling @ Section 7AAA Individual Championships  
\*State qualifiers: Wyatt Wald (114 pounds), Brock Brown (160 pounds)  
C-I boys swimming @ Section 7AA Championships - 8th/8 teams  
\*Top finisher: 200 medley relay (5th place)

#### February 23

NB basketball 45, Osceola 91

#### February 24

C-I boys basketball 84, Big Lake 70

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Sophomore Anika Michaelis - vault, bars, beam, individual state qualifier - beam



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Senior captain Julia Henderson - floor



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Junior Lilly Gravem - all-around



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Sophomore Chloe Rist - bars



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Junior captain Rilynn Herbst - vault, beam, floor



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Senior captain Aubrey Wilson - all-around, individual state qualifier - vault, bars, floor



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Sophomore Skyer Reichow - vault



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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 (contemporary style)

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

Sunday School for All Ages (school year only): 9-10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (in person & online): 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Programming (school year only):  
Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with AWANA and Youth Group from 6:30-8 p.m.

**Evangelical Free**

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

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

**Oxlip Evangelical Free Church**  
29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti  
(1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)  
763-444-5134 oxlip.org  
9am Worship Service  
10:45am Christian Education  
Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6 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  
Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/Prayer 2:00 pm  
Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at Heart Matters Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton  
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**Lutheran**

**Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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  
Children may join worship service or be picked up by an adult  
All Are Welcome!

**Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)**  
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.  
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.  
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following  
my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.  
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

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

**Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333  
Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.  
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30am  
www.christcambridge.com

**First Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
43779 Gates Ave., Harris.  
651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.  
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt  
Sunday Worship 9:20am  
Coffee & fellowship following service  
Email: firstlutheran@q.com  
www.firstlutheranharris.org

**Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)**  
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  
Sunday Adult Bible Study 9am  
LENT SERVICES TUESDAYS @ 7PM  
www.livingbranch.org  
email: office@livingbranch.org

**Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040  
763-444-5315  
Pastor Sue Olson &  
Pastor Rebecca Holland  
All Are Welcome!  
Sundays  
9 am Worship & 10 am Sunday School  
Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays  
Wednesdays 6 pm Confirmation

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

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

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

**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.), Braham  
320-396-3103  
9:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.  
8am Worship.  
ststephensbraham.org

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch  
651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon  
In person and online worship  
8 & 10 am Worship  
9 am Coffee Hour  
9 am Sunday School  
www.trinitynorthbranch.org  
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

**Methodist**

**Common Ground - A United Methodist Community**  
404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge.  
763-689-2071.  
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena.  
Sunday 9:30am Worship.  
Livestream of services and more info at commongroundumc.org.  
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**Non-Denominational**

**Grace Gospel Church**  
37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080  
763-308-5618  
Coffee fellowship: 9:45am  
Service: 10:00am  
Pastor: Tim Miller  
www.gracegospelmn.org  
info@gracegospelchurchmn.com  
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**Journey of Faith**  
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651-600-9878.  
faiththroughaction777@gmail.com  
Sunday fellowship 9am  
Worship & Youth Ministry 10am  
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**JustPassinThru IHS Ministries**  
Becoming Agape – Allowing the Holy Spirit to transform lives  
763-228-0883  
Meeting at Crossroads Commons  
1001 1st Ave. E., Suite 100, Cambridge MN  
justpassinihs@gmail.com  
JustpassinThru.net  
Pastor Tom Bakke  
Sunday mornings at 10 am  
Sunday nights and Wednesdays

**Pentecostal**

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

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## FORECLOSURES

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

State of Minnesota, County of Isanti, Tenth Judicial District, Civil No. 30-CV-25-756, First National Bank, Plaintiff vs. Dylan Investments LLC; D.B. Graphics, Inc.; Dennis George Buchana; Tammy Jane Buchanan; Platinum Bank; and John Doe, Mary Roe, and XYZ Corporation, whose correct names are unknown to Plaintiff, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order for Judgment dated December 15, 2025, and entered December 19, 2025, in the above-cited action, a certified copy of which has been delivered directing the sale of the premises hereinafter described to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to said Plaintiff in the above-cited action from said Defendants, the Sheriff of Pipestone County will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the premises described in said Judgment to pay the debt secured by the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 26, 2021  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$709,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): Dylan Investments LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company MORTGAGOR(S): First National Bank DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING:

Recorded on May 27, 2021, as Document Number A504965 in the Office of the County Recorder of Isanti County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti  
Common Street Address(es): 801 Highway 65 NE, Isanti, MN 55040 Tax Parcel ID No: 16.020.1100 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 of SW1/4) of Section Twenty (20), Township Thirty-five (35), Range Twenty-three (23), described by metes and bounds as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the SE1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 20, Township 35, Range 23, thence north along the north and south quarter line a distance of 440 feet; thence west and parallel with the south line of said SE1/4 of SW1/4 a distance of 600 feet; thence south and parallel with the east line of said SE1/4 of SW1/4 a distance of 440 feet to the South line of SE1/4 of SW1/4; thence east along the south line of said SE1/4 of SW1/4 a distance of 600 feet to the point of commencement, subject to highway easements of record and mineral reservations of record, Isanti County, Minnesota.

AMOUNT DUE UNDER JUDGMENT: As December 19, 2025, the amount due under the Judgment entered in the above-cited action on December 19, 2025, is no less than \$673,009.81, consisting of the judgment amount of \$673,009.81 plus interest accrued and accruing at a rate of \$69.11 per day since October 21, 2025, together with accrued and accruing fees and costs and the costs and expenses of sale.

PURSUANT to the said judgment, the above-described property will be sold by sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 5, 2026, at 10 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street S., Cambridge, MN 55008 to pay the debt by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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.

DATED: January 20, 2026 MORTGAGOR(S): First National Bank DeWitt LLP

By: /s/ Zachary P. Armstrong Name: Zachary P. Armstrong Attorneys for Plaintiff/Mortgagee 901 Marquette Avenue, Suite 2100 Minneapolis, MN 55402 (612) 305-1400

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 1, 2022

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$279,837.00

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

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

The mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Planet Home Lending, LLC

Assignment dated: September 29, 2025

Assignment recorded: September 30, 2025

Assignment recording information: DOCUMENT: A540107

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

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 16.089.0130

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

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

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Planet Home Lending, LLC

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

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes. Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Isanti County, Minnesota at public auction as follows:

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

PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 S Main St, Cambridge, MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months.

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

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

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Planet Home Lending, LLC, Mortgagee/Mortgagee Assignee

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

925 E. 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: November 24, 2021 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$325,000.00 MORTGAGOR(S): David Cullen, a single person MORTGAGOR(S): Wells Fargo Bank N.A. SERVICER: Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m to Nationstar Mortgage LLC. LENDER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Isanti County Minnesota, Recorder on November 29, 2021, as Document No. A511087. ASSIGNED TO: Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated 10/17/2025 and recorded on 10/20/2025 as Document No. A540511. LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 1, Block 1, River Heights Third Addition, except all that part lying North of a line drawn parallel with and 40 feet South of the North line of said Lot 1, Block 1, River Heights Third Addition (said 40 feet shall be measured at right angles to the North line of Lot 1, Block 1), Isanti County, Minnesota. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 940 6th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN 55008 PROPERTY I.D.: 15.078.0010 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Isanti THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: Three Hundred Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and 84/100 (\$308,800.84) THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes; PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 10:00AM on April 13, 2026 PLACE OF SALE: Isanti County Sheriff's Office, 2440 Main Street South, Cambridge MN 55008 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is 6.00 months from the date of sale. If Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. Section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. Section 580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on October 13, 2026, or the next business day if October 13, 2026 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. "THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

MORTGAGORS RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None Dated: February 26, 2026 Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m to Nationstar Mortgage LLC Randall S. Miller And Associates, PLLC Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgage/Mortgagee Edinbrook Executive Office Center, 8525 Edinbrook Crossing North Suite #210 Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 Phone: 612-223-6873 Our File No. 25MN00257-1 A-4866202 02/26/2026, 03/05/2026, 03/12/2026, 03/19/2026, 03/26/2026, 04/02/2026

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CITY OF HARRIS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harris Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 2nd, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Harris City Hall, 43970 Ginger Avenue, Harris, MN, to consider a Preliminary Plat application to subdivide parcel 14.00274.00.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Written comments may be submitted prior to or at the hearing.

The Planning Commission will forward a recommendation to the City Council, which is scheduled to

consider the matter at its March 9, 2026 meeting.

For information, contact the City of Harris at 651-674-7546 or clerk@harrismn.com.

Dated: February 17th, 2026 Chante Carlson, City Clerk Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on February 26, 2026

SCHOOL BOARD SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Complete minutes are available for public inspection at the District Office (625 Main St N., Cambridge, MN) or at www.c-schools.org.

Regular School Board Meeting – January 22, 2026

With Chair Heidi Sprandel, Vice Chair DeEtta Moos, Clerk Mark Solberg, Treasurer Nikki Johnson and Directors Kevin Gross, Brette Halverson, and Becky Roby; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph. Absent: None

Chair Sprandel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the revised meeting agenda made by Moos, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Solberg, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit made by Roby, seconded by Moos. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the resolution to accept gifts, grants, or devise of real or personal property made by Johnson, seconded by Gross. Roll Call Vote: Roby, yes; Johnson, yes; Moos, yes; Sprandel, yes; Solberg, yes; Gross, yes; Halverson, yes. Resolution duly passed and adopted.

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Motion to approve the addition of the Certified Nursing Assistant course to the high school course guide made by Moos, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.

Motion to move to closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3 made by Gross, seconded by Halverson. Motion carried.

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. made by Johnson, seconded by Gross. Motion carried.

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NOTICES STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY WASHINGTON Judicial District: Court File Number: 82-CV-26-130 34 Case Type: Name Change In the Matter of the Application of: Marla Jean Baird-Adams Affidavit in Support of Order for Publication and Order for Publication (Minor Name Change) (Minn. Stat. § 259.10, subd. 1) On Behalf of: Grayson Jade Charles Kessel For Change of Name to: Grayson Jade Charles Baird STATE OF MINNESOTA County of Washington The undersigned applicant states that: 1. I have filed an Application for Name Change in Washington County District Court for change of name for the minor child (ren) from Grayson Jade Charles Kessel to Grayson Jade Charles Baird 2. I do not know the address of the non-applicant parent. 3. The last known location of the non-applicant parent was: California (No known address) 4. The last known location of the non-applicant parent's employment was: Father Randy, Thrift Store in Braham MN (store is now closed) 5. The names and addresses of the non-applicant parent's parents, brothers or sisters, children, and, other close relatives are: Randy Kessel (father) Candy (sister last name unknown) Piper Kessel (daughter) 6. I have made the following efforts to get the non-applicant parent's address from these persons: The court, father & sister. There are two current orders in place to restrict contact. HRO & OFP. Therefore, I request that the Court allow publication of the Notice of Hearing. I further request that the Court set a new hearing date, if necessary. I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn.

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SCHOOL BOARD SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Complete minutes are available for public inspection at the District Office (625 Main St N., Cambridge, MN) or at www.c-schools.org.

Regular School Board Meeting – January 22, 2026

With Chair Heidi Sprandel, Vice Chair DeEtta Moos, Clerk Mark Solberg, Treasurer Nikki Johnson and Directors Kevin Gross, Brette Halverson, and Becky Roby; and Ex Officio, Superintendent Dr. Nate Rudolph. Absent: None

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**PUBLIC NOTICES CONTINUED**

North Branch Township Clerk  
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application if needed, in August/September 2026. If an alternate gravel road dust stabilizer is quoted, it must be in a separate sealed envelope clearly labeled "Alternate." Product must be applied by June 15, 2026, unless specified otherwise by the Supervisor of one of the joint bid entities in this bid. The minimum quantity applied per day is 15 lineal miles. The supplier will make arrangements for delivery and billing with each individual agency per their terms. Product samples may be taken onsite and tested at the requesting agency's expense. A bid bond or check or Electronic check for 5% of the bid is required.

A certificate of liability and workers' compensation insurance must be included with the bid. Bids must be sealed and labeled "Chloride Bid." Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on March 5, 2026. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 872, North Branch, MN 55056, or emailed to shawnw@twp.northbranch.mn.us.

North Branch Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Township.

3. Equipment Rental Quotes Solicitation

North Branch Township is requesting quotes for road maintenance and equipment rental rates for general road work and excavating. Quotes will be accepted until March 5, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Work may consist of spreading trap rock/salt for gravel road ice control, roadside ditching, mowing ditch rights-of-way, culvert installation, culvert cleaning/obstruction removal and general excavating/road construction. The quotes will be valid from March 6, 2026, through March 6, 2027. All quotes must list year make and model of equipment, including the quantity of each unit and the hourly rate for each unit with an operator. Quotes must be in a sealed envelope labeled "North Branch Township Equipment Rental Quotes." All quotes must include a certificate of liability and workers' compensation insurance if not currently on file with the township. North Branch Township reserves the right to reject any and all quotes if in the best interest of North Branch Township. Quotes can be mailed to p.o. box 872, North Branch, 55056 or emailed to shawnw@twp.northbranch.mn.us.

Shawn Williams, North Branch Township Clerk  
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
 2026 SNOW REMOVAL  
 EQUIPMENT (SRE) BUILDING  
 CAMBRIDGE MUNICIPAL  
 AIRPORT  
 CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA  
 SEH NO. CAMBR 189391**

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City of Cambridge until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 19, 2026, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2026 Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud: <https://bit.ly/4ts8D8z>

2026 SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT (SRE) BUILDING Bid Opening  
 MARCH 19, 2026 AT 1:00 P.M. (GDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:  
 Or call in (audio only)  
 +1 872-242-7640, 801166990#  
 United States, Chicago  
 Phone conference ID: 801 166 990#

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply.

Major components of the Work include: Construction of a 40'x40' Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building, site preparation, and associated utilities, mechanical and electrical components.

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option

from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 10062935 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com).

For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, 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. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Documents prepared by SEH dated February 19, 2026.

A pre-Bid conference will not be held for this project.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with prevailing wages.

The City of Cambridge reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City of Cambridge.

Evan Vogel  
 City Administrator  
 Cambridge, Minnesota  
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
 2026 SOUTH APRON  
 RECONSTRUCTION  
 CAMBRIDGE MUNICIPAL  
 AIRPORT  
 CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA  
 SEH NO. CAMBR 189392**

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City of Cambridge until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 19, 2026, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2026 South Apron Reconstruction.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

2026 SOUTH APRON RECONSTRUCTION Bid Opening  
 MARCH 19, 2026, AT 1:30 P.M. (GDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:  
<https://bit.ly/4rDPgrd>

Or call in (audio only)  
 +1 872-242-7640, 671985063#  
 United States, Chicago  
 Phone conference ID: 671 985 063#

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Major components of the Work include: Site grading and reconstruction of the south portion of the Apron (material excavation, placing aggregate base as needed, placing bituminous pavement, turf restoration).

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**FISH LAKE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC**

**NOTICE  
 NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING  
 AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
 AND BOARD OF CANVASS**

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Fish Lake Township, Chisago County, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday of March 2026. (Check WCMP 100.9FM/1350 AM on radio for information). The election poll hours will be from 10:00AM to 8:00PM at which time voters will elect: ONE SUPERVISOR FOR A 3 YEAR TERM. The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:05PM to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held at the Fish Lake Town Hall at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN 55032. Absentee ballots are available at the Chisago County Auditor's Office. The Board of Canvass will meet after the annual meeting adjourns to certify the official election results.

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**CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP NOTICE  
 OF ANNUAL MEETING AND  
 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Cambridge Township, County of Isanti, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Cambridge Township Hall (located in the Isanti County Historical Society Building at 33525 Flanders St. NE, Cambridge). In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (17th). If inclement weather also postpones the election and

meeting on the third Tuesday, the Board must set a date within 30 days following the third Tuesday in March.

The Election Poll hours will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect: one Supervisor for a three-year term, and Clerk for a two-year term. Absentee ballots are available at the Isanti County Auditor's Office.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:05p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Board of Canvass will meet following the close of the Annual Meeting to certify the official election results.

DARRELL VOSIKA  
 2/19/2026  
 CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP CLERK  
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**DALBO TOWNSHIP  
 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to all residents of Dalbo Township, County of Isanti, State of Minnesota, that the Dalbo Township Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Dalbo Town Hall, located at 39798 Nacre Street NW, Dalbo, Minnesota. In the event of inclement weather, the Annual Meeting will be held one week later on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to conduct all business prescribed by law. To be placed on the agenda, please contact the Town Clerk, Deborah Marlon, at 763-742-0289. **Due to the Annual Meeting falling on the second Tuesday in March, the regular March township board meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th, 2026 at 7:00 PM.**

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**TOWN OF NORTH BRANCH ELECTION BALLOT**

Official Ballot		Town Election Ballot Town of North Branch March 10, 2026	
Judge _____			
Judge _____			
Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●			
Town Offices		Town Supervisor Vote for One	
<input type="radio"/> G. Dean Beenken			
<input type="radio"/> Cory Jopp			
<input type="radio"/> _____		write-in, if any	
North Branch Twp		Typ:01 Seq:0004 Spl:01	

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If interested, contact 651*426*3344 or online at <a href="http://www.mahtomedi.gov">www.mahtomedi.gov</a></p> <p>MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN - Advanced Food Products, Clear Lake, WI. 2nd shift, 2p-10p. Technical education preferred. Mechanical/electrical systems knowledge required. Apply: <a href="http://www.afpllc.com/careers/">www.afpllc.com/careers/</a>. EOE. <a href="http://www.applylocal.jobs">www.applylocal.jobs</a></p>	<p><b>150 Help Wanted</b></p> <p>ORBITAL WELDER Entry level, will train! No experience necessary. Mechanical aptitude helpful. Great career opportunity. Steel &amp; O'Brien Manufacturing. <a href="http://steelobrien.com">steelobrien.com</a> Find this ad and others at <a href="http://www.applylocal.jobs">www.applylocal.jobs</a></p> <p>PARAPROFESSIONAL Part-time, up to 29 hrs/week. \$17.63/hr. HS diploma required. Student support role. Send resume to District Administrator, Clayton School District, Clayton, WI. (715) 948-2163. EOE. 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