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## Polka party!

About two dozen people kicked up their heels and enjoyed a quick lesson in polish folk dances taught by the Dolina Polish Folk Dancers at the Cambridge Library on Saturday, Jan. 10.

## People's Cafe up for sale

STAFF REPORT  
NEWS@COUNTYSTAR.COM

One of the longest-running businesses in downtown Cambridge is currently for sale, with the hopes of it remaining open under new ownership.

According to a listing from Century 21 Moline posted on Facebook, People's Cafe, which has been in business in downtown Cambridge for 42 years, is for sale. The price is listed at \$849,000.

The listing states the building is 2,900 square feet, with a seating occupancy of 88. Recent updates in-

clude a new roof in 2025, new carpet in 2024, and a new condenser in 2023, plus a few other recent updates and upgrades.

The sale includes the building, all furniture, fixtures, and equipment, plus the restaurant's name and logo. In response to questions on Facebook, it was noted that all of the cafe's popular recipes are also included in the sale.

The Facebook post also states the current owners are selling in anticipation of retiring. They intend to keep the restaurant open with "business as usual" until a new owner is found.

## Isanti County starts fine tuning highway department project

BY BILL STICKELS III  
EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

In order to break ground on a new Highway Department facility as soon as funding becomes available, Isanti County is getting as much of the preliminary work done now.

The first of these tasks is to approve a rough site plan that includes approximate sizes of each section of the facility, plus a general target price point for the project. Those numbers would then be provided to a design team, who will then create a detailed site plan.

As part of the rough site plan, it was

noted the county purchased a much larger property than it actually needs for the facility. According to Dustin Phillips of Kraus-Anderson, the property the county purchased from the city of Cambridge is roughly 25 acres, based on the recommendations from a survey conducted by CBS Squared that called for an 11-acre building. However, on Kraus-Anderson's preliminary plans, only a maximum of seven acres will be required for the primary building.

Based on touring four other comparable highway department facilities and

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Cars parked along County Road 5, presumably overflow from this apartment complex, have been the subject of numerous complaints to the city of Isanti.

## Isanti addressing County Road 5 parking concerns

BY BILL STICKELS III  
EDITOR@COUNTYSTAR.COM

The city of Isanti is investigating complaints about cars parked along County Road 5, just east of Union Cemetery, which many claim poses a safety hazard, especially for drivers and pedestrians entering and exiting Isanti Intermediate School.

It is believed most, if not all, the cars parking along a short stretch of the road is overflow from the parking lot of the apartment complex adjacent to the cemetery. Council member Steve Lundeen theorized some residents are using their garages for storage and

parking their cars outside, in essence taking up two "parking spots."

According to City Administrator Josi Wood, at the time that complex was constructed approximately 20 years ago, the number of parking spots met city code. According to Community Development Director Stephanie Hillesheim, the current code calls for two parking spots per unit, with one of the two being enclosed. There also must be an additional parking spot for every for units for guest parking. She added the additional guest spots requirement was amended into the

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# Minnesota DNR proposes reducing statewide walleye limit from six to four

Minnesota anglers would be able to keep four walleyes instead of six in a proposal by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to update a statewide inland water walleye fishing regulation that's been in place since 1956.

The rule change if approved, would go into effect March 1, 2027. The current regulation of only one walleye over 20 inches in possession would remain in place.

"The DNR is taking proactive steps to help ensure future generations can continue to enjoy the excellent walleye fishing we have in Minnesota," said Brad Parsons, fisheries section manager. "Over the last 70 years that the current limit has been in place, many factors have changed, including climactic conditions, invasive species introductions and fish-finding

technologies."

The proposed rule would also clarify that, when fishing regulations for inland waters are different from rules listed in other parts of the fishing regulations, the rules in other parts of the regulations take precedence. Examples include border waters regulations, when waters are closed to taking fish, or waters with other restrictions on taking fish. This change would be applicable to all species.

The Minnesota DNR is inviting comments on the proposed rule changes until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5. People may submit comments by:

Email to [fisheries.rulemaking.comments.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:fisheries.rulemaking.comments.dnr@state.mn.us). Please mention "walleye limit" in the subject line or body of the email.

Phone to the Minnesota DNR at 651-

259-5235.

Mail to Fisheries Rules and Regulations Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

"We have discussed this walleye limit proposal informally for a long time, including working with anglers and interested groups to see if this is something anglers would support. Now we're going through the formal process to propose the change and gather input," Parsons said. "This proposal is informed by what fisheries research and sampling data point to about walleye in the future."

More information about the proposal, including previous public input and factors the DNR considered, is available on the Minnesota DNR website ([mndnr.gov/fisheries/management/walleye-limit.html](http://mndnr.gov/fisheries/management/walleye-limit.html)). -MNDNR



JIM CARNEY | CONTRIBUTED

## When should you use your hazard lights?

**Q**uestion: During one of the recent winter storms, I encountered numerous vehicles driving on a 4-lane highway with their four-way hazard lights on. The vehicles were not driving significantly slower than the



Ask A Trooper

Jesse Grabow

other traffic, as nearly everyone had slowed considerably due to the low visibility. Is it legal in Minnesota and is it ever suggested to drive with your four-way flashers on? Thank you for your work in keeping Minnesota roadways safe. I always look forward to your Ask a Trooper column.

**Answer:** This is a great question. A driver can use their hazard lights to warn other motorists of a vehicular traffic hazard that requires caution in approaching, overtaking or passing.

Situations with limited

visibility such as a blizzard, thick fog and heavy rain could constitute a traffic hazard. Other hazardous scenarios could include:

- A vehicle having issues maintaining a minimum safe speed.
- A flat tire or mechanical breakdown on the shoulder of the road.
- following an impaired driver or driver conducting dangerous behaviors.

If a line of traffic is moving along at the same speed, I am not sure it would be in the best interest for anyone in that lane to be using hazard lights. It is important to know which vehicle is moving at a slower speed than the rest of the flow of traffic or for those needing to make lane changes and needing to signal. As mentioned earlier, it's generally for the lone vehicle causing the hazard.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on X @MSPP10\_NW or reach him at, [jesse.grabow@state.mn.us](mailto:jesse.grabow@state.mn.us)).

## How floodwaters impact fossil formation

A new study by the University of Minnesota challenges previous classifications paleontologists use to determine how the fossil record is formed. They investigated how dinosaur and mammal bones are transported and buried by floodwaters to understand how the remains of animals might disperse prior to being buried and becoming fossils.

The study, published in *Paleobiology*, tested bone movement under unsteady flow dynamics, such as those found in floods. Previous research relied on steady-state flow conditions, which differ significantly from how water moves in a natural flood.

Using the unique facilities at the University of Minnesota's St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, the team reproduced surging waves of water that simulated real-world floods and river features like ripples, dunes and bars. From these tests they were able to determine how bones in water flow by their sizes, shapes and densities. They found:

Heavy elements like skulls barely moved while others, such as hip bones, tended to move further.

In typical seasonal floods, many bones don't move far from where the animal died, unless the flood was extremely powerful or the bones were very small.

By simulating actual flood conditions, the researchers found that factors like flow dynamics and interactions with the environment lead to bone movement that does not always align with previous research methodologies.

"Paleontologists try to piece together the stories of how fossil sites actually came to be,

sort of CSI style," said Michael Chiappone, a Ph.D. candidate in the College of Science and Engineering and lead author of the study. "So we asked ourselves: 'Are fossil organisms preserved in the places where they died? Or are we finding them after they've been moved some distance after death by scavengers or water flow?'"

This new information encourages paleontologists to look for additional variables when reconstructing extinct animals and the environments they lived in.

"The results from our experiments will help us better interpret how bones were sorted, accumulated and buried at paleontological sites we excavate," said Peter Makovicky, a professor and paleontologist in the College of Science and Engineering and senior author on the paper. "This provides the basic information we work back from to reconstruct extinct animals and the environments they lived in."

The team has already conducted further experiments on a wide variety of bones. Future research will include extremely large bones found in elephants, whales and bison.

In addition to Chiappone and Makovicky, the research team included Michele Guala, professor in the College of Science and Engineering and St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, and Raymond Rogers from Macalester College.

Research was funded by the Nels Nelson Memorial Fellowship and the Frederick M. Swain Memorial Fellowship. - The University of Minnesota College of Science and Engineering

### ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

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

**Taylor Nicole Dahl** (DOB 06/23/1995) of Brook Park, was charged Jan. 6 with one count of Burglary-1st Deg-Dwelling-Occupied-Non-Accomplice Present; one count of Burglary-2nd Degree-Dwelling; and one count of Burglary - 3rd Degree - Enters w/out consent with intent to Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misdemeanor.

**Dylan Daniel Mevissen** (DOB 01/25/1999) of Isanti, was charged Jan. 8 with two counts of Disseminate Pornographic Work - Minor under age 14; two counts of Disseminate Pornographic Work - Prior conviction or adjudication; two counts of Disseminate Pornographic Work - Registered predatory offender; two counts of Possess Pornographic Work; Minor under 14; two counts of Possess Pornographic Work; Prior conviction or adjudication; and two counts of Possess Pornographic Work; Registered predatory offender.

**Thomas James Carlson** (DOB 04/27/1963) of Milaca, was charged Jan. 8 with Burglary - 3rd Degree - Enters w/out consent with intent to Steal/Commit Felony or Gross Misdemeanor.

### CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

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

**Nels Rainer Hoiland** (DOB 07/16/1961) of Lindstrom, was charged Jan. 6 with Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol.

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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  
info. call Rebecca at 612-702-  
2844 or CoraJayne 612-210-1605

### Fresh Beginnings Alanon

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

## TUES & THURS

### Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's

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

## TUESDAYS

### 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 Cam-



CONTRIBUTED

Wire and Wood perform on January 15 at the Chisago County Senior Center.

bridge(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 in-  
dividuals 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, Cam-  
bridge, MN. For info. call 763-  
689-1711.

### Cambridge-Edgewood AFG

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

### Parkinson's Support Group

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

### ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting

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

### Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group

From 7-8 p.m. at Access  
Church, 4359 392nd Street,  
North Branch. Visit minneso-  
ta-al-anon.org for info.

## SATURDAY

### GriefShare

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

### 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 info.

## JAN 15

### We R Able Wire and Wood Concert

At the Chisago County Senior  
Community Center at 5 p.m.

meal starts the evening, fol-  
lowed by music. Donations are  
encouraged for the meal. Please  
call 320-358-3616 for more info.

## JAN 17

### Learn about dogsledding

Join the Cambridge Library  
and meet local musher Anna  
Carpenter and some of her dogs.  
1 to 2 p.m. Event is outside, so  
dress accordingly.

## JAN 18

### PFLAG meeting

East Central MN PFLAG  
meets at 2 p.m. at Common  
Ground United Methodist  
Church, 404 Cypress St. N.,  
Cambridge. All are welcome.  
Info: ecmnpflag.org.

## JAN 20

### Cambridge Surplus Food Distribution

CSFD will distribute food at  
the Isanti County Fair Grounds  
2 - 4 p.m. or until food is gone.  
Because it is a new year, you  
will need to re-register. Bring  
your picture ID and one current  
utility bill with your current  
address. Limit two orders per  
vehicle. Non-service dogs are  
not allowed on the fairgrounds.  
Make sure trunks are clear for  
loading groceries. Questions  
call 612-402-6100. Leave a mes-  
sage and someone will get back  
to you.

## SENIOR CENTER WEEKLY EVENTS

### CAMBRIDGE

140 Buchanan Street  
**Mondays**

Bridge - 1 to 3 p.m.  
Scrabble 10 a.m. to  
noon (second Monday of  
month)

Mahjong - noon to 3  
p.m.

### Tuesdays

Dominoes - 10 a.m. to  
noon

### Wednesdays

Cribbage - 9 to 11 a.m.  
Wizard 11 a.m. to noon  
Pinochle 12:30 to 3 p.m.  
Mahjong 12:30 to 2:30  
p.m.

### Thursdays

500 - 12:30 to 3 p.m.  
Bunco - 10 a.m. to noon  
(Third Thursday of  
month)

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### Mon, Wed, Fri.

Exercise with Connie -  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### Monday & Wednesday

500 - starting at 12:45  
p.m.

### Tuesdays

Music - provided before  
the meal - 11:15 a.m.

Dominoes - starting at  
10 a.m.

### Thursdays

Bingo - starting at 10  
a.m.

Hand and Foot - start-  
ing at 12:30 p.m.

### Fridays

Cribbage - starting at  
12:45 p.m.



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## Cambridge-Isanti announces Triple A recipients

Special congratulations to seniors Jo-  
vie Ebertowski and Wesley Kennedy, the  
2025-2026 Academics, Arts and Athletics  
selections from Cambridge-Isanti High  
School. Jovie and Wesley have both been  
selected to represent Cambridge-Isanti  
High School in the Region 7AA process.

Jovie is the daughter of Shane and  
Jennifer Ebertowski. Jovie has taken  
AP, College in the Schools courses and  
PSEO Courses. Jovie has excelled in  
band, diving, gymnastics and track and  
field. In her application she wrote, "My  
high school experience has taught me  
that you can find family within a team,  
hard work is rewarded, and setbacks are  
to be overcome."

In her staff member recommendation  
letter it was stated that, "She possesses  
a character and personality that peo-  
ple around her admire. Her personal  
strength shines through in the way  
small groups of her peers look to her for  
guidance. Second, Jovie has the will-  
ingness to take risks in order to succeed  
at the highest levels demonstrating  
incredible courage. She is not averse  
to thrusting herself into a situation

where she can make a difference in her  
teammates lives. Finally, she has a deep  
sense of caring and compassion. Jovie is  
always willing to sacrifice and be there  
for others good even when the going gets  
tough."

Wesley is the son of Justin and Crystal  
Kennedy. Wesley has taken AP and Col-  
lege in the Schools courses. Wesley has  
excelled in band, choir, and track and  
field. He also participated in football.

In his application he wrote, "you  
should always strive to make an impact  
on any sort of association that you are a  
part of. Essentially leave whatever you  
are a part of better than it was when you  
first came."

In his staff member recommenda-  
tion letter it was stated that, "Wes-  
ley has modeled and helped create a  
growth-mindset culture in which all  
are safe to share, learn, and strive for  
excellence without fear of failure or judg-  
ment. He leads by example, building up  
others to create supportive communities  
of classrooms, practice rooms, playing  
fields, and beyond." - Cambridge-Isanti High School

## Vasaloppet calls for artists

The Kanabec County Art Associa-  
tion invites area artists over 18 years  
of age to enter up to three recent  
original works of art to the annual  
Vasaloppet Art Show & Gift Gallery,  
held in conjunction with the ski  
race, Feb. 6-8 p.m.. Show entry forms  
may be found at Mora's Oak Gallery  
and Vasaloppet USA headquarters,  
both located in downtown Mora. All  
entries are due by Saturday, Jan. 31,

2026.

The show is held at the Mora  
Public Library lower level, lakeside  
entrance. The event is free and open  
to the public. Hours for the show are:  
Friday, Feb. 6, 2-9 p.m.; Saturday,  
Feb. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 8,  
10 a.m.-4 p.m. If you have questions,  
or need an entry form sent to you,  
please email: art.kcaa@yahoo.com.

## First Bank & Trust invests in local students

First Bank & Trust Cambridge has  
donated \$10,000 to Anoka-Ramsey  
Cambridge Campus Foundation in  
support of their annual Scholar-  
dazzle fundraiser. This event aims  
to raise funds for scholarships that  
benefit local college students.

First Bank & Trust has contribut-  
ed to this initiative for nine years.

The fundraiser has become a cor-  
nerstone of the Cambridge commu-  
nity, helping students achieve their  
educational goals.

This year's ScholarDazzle fund-  
raiser will take place on Friday,  
February 27. For more information,  
visit [www.scholarDazzle.com](http://www.scholarDazzle.com). - First  
Bank and Trust

## The ups and downs of Cub Scout races

As a kid, I spent a few years in the Cub Scouts. I don't recall a lot of the activities we participated in back then, but there's two things I remember more prominently.



**Worth a Thousand Words**  
Bill Stickels III

The first, of course, is the Pinewood Derby. Each scout is given a block of wood and materials for wheels. From that, they carve out a car design, with the primary goal of making it go down the ramp track as fast as possible.

Back then there were certain rules for the construction of your car

that would make NASCAR officials proud. Your car had to fall within a certain weight range. Anything too heavy or too light would require a quick modification to make it eligible for racing. Since the block of wood itself, especially after carving out the design, didn't fall within that weight range, additional weight needed to be added. Even that had certain restrictions. The added weight couldn't be all in the front, which would obviously create an advantage gravity-wise.

One year, I specifically recall, my dad and I worked hard on my car, meticulously weighing it at home to make sure it followed all the rules. However, once we got to race day, the scales used weren't calibrated the same, so my dad had to repeatedly carve out some of the extra weight until it qualified. And when all was said and done, in my young mind, all of that didn't really matter because

it came down to whoever was lucky enough to draw the "fast lane" wound up winning.

My other memory is far more positive. One year, we also held turtle races. Like the Pinewood Derby, this involved a block of wood. But our turtles were precut, meaning the only fabrication that was required was stapling the rubber "feet" and painting the turtle. I painted mine all green and then wrote its name — "Lightning," adding in three rudimentary lightning bolts.

The turtle races actually required a level of skill to succeed. To get your turtle to move, you placed a string through a hole in its head, affixing one end of the string to an immovable object. You held the other end and via a series of jerking the string and giving it slack, it moved your turtle along the string.

Luckily for me, our house had a hallway that almost perfectly replicated the raceway. So, I practiced and practiced and practiced until I came up with the most efficient method possible. I can't remember the exact method, but I think it was along the lines of short, rapid jerks of the line.

Whatever it was, it enabled me to easily take first place, an achievement I still treasure to this day. Don't believe me? I still have Lightning. He is currently sitting on the windowsill of my office.

Side note: if any Cub Scout leaders are reading this, please let me know when the next Pinewood Derby is taking place. I'd love to photograph it for the newspaper.

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**Dr. Nate Rudolph CI Schools Superintendent, and Sara Paul North Branch Schools Superintendent on Isanti-ChisagoCountyStar.com**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Local restaurants, lack of headlights

To the editor,

I would like to make two comments about the City Hall and the traffic.

First, the last thing Cambridge needs is another fast food restaurant. I don't know if you noticed Highway 95 but they're all except one fast food restaurants and it's a terrible thing to say but what this town needs is a doggone good family restaurant. One that offers good food and good hours say 6 a.m. to midnight. Most of the places in town close at 2 p.m.

Second: Why don't people turn their headlights on?

We have so many cloudy days, snowy days, rainy days, misty days in the winter and I see more cars with no headlights on. I sure hope that they get blamed if there is an accident. When driving into Cambridge last night I saw eight cars in one line of 12 cars that didn't have lights on and I would not have been able to see them except that I was going the opposite direction that they were going. I think that something should be done about all the people that drive without lights.

**Kathy Leick Stanchfield**

### Fraudsters must be dealt with

To the editor,

Fraud in our state has been going on for years. This is simply unacceptable! Federal and state taxes from hard working individuals being robbed and allegedly use for expensive cars and vacations and much more which will soon be revealed. Taxpayer Funds taken away from special needs children is simply evil.

Any politician on either side should be prosecuted if they were involved and were aware of this criminal activity and ignored it! The individuals directly responsible should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. This fraud activity is being addressed currently by our federal officials.

The state owes it to our citizens to practice responsible fiscal management and stop taxing our families, seniors, and businesses out of Minnesota. Here is Minnesota's national rankings directly from Minnesota Chamber of Commerce: 33rd in GDP Growth, 39th in job growth, 40th in labor force growth, 33rd per-capita income growth, 46th in household income growth, 44th in tech job growth, 44th in tax competitiveness.

Welfare and SNAP Minnesota have increased exponentially in the last decade. Our welfare system needs a complete overhaul as Bill Clinton enforced during his presidency.

Another Minnesota issue that is disturbing is voter vouching, i.e. registered voter who can confirm your address; which means a registered voter from

your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address. This is known as "vouching." A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You cannot vouch for others if someone vouched for you. This can easily be exploited.

Our country however, apparently heading in the right direction but, still has much more work to do. 3rd quarter GDP rose to 4.3%, 10-year treasury rose to 4.19%, inflation stabilized at 2.7%. Stock markets very strong — end of year 2025 at 16% gain.

Ford, GM and many other companies will produce/expand vehicles and components in the USA. Many other countries will also expand business in our country to the tune of 18 trillion dollars. 2026 set to be a very prosperous year. 100% of job growth reported are private sector jobs, not government jobs.

Lastly, for 2026 I would like to see our elected officials get along and support one another on both sides of the political spectrum. Work together and respect your differences however, common sense needs to be applied. Perfect example of both common sense and being supportive of opposition: John Fetterman {D} of Pennsylvania.

**Jerry Grell Cambridge**

### Message to ECE members

To the editor,

East Central Energy is marking its 90th anniversary this year, and that milestone means more than a nice round number. A cooperative doesn't survive nine decades by coasting. It survives by facing hard realities, adapting to change, and staying accountable to the people who own it: our members.

Over the past several years, we've confronted rising material and construction costs, strived to meet expectations for reliability, and began addressing the demand for broadband access. At the same time, many households are watching every dollar. In response, we've invested in grid hardening, vegetation management, outage response technology, and the expansion of fiber service in our communities. These investments are essential to keeping the lights on and supporting our region's future.

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## René Vern Stadin Jr. October 15, 1933 – January 10, 2026

René Vern Stadin Jr., age 92, of Sandstone, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on January 10, 2026. René lived a life of extraordinary service, dedication, curiosity, and love for his family, community, and country.



René was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nona (Skogman) Stadin, whom he married in July 1956 and who passed away in July 1992; his parents, René Stadin Sr. and Mildred Stadin; and his sister, Joan Krinke.

He is survived by his children, Daniel (Paula) Stadin and Julie (Joseph) Quayle; his grandchildren, Andrew (Annie) Stadin, Amanda (Johnathon) Fradette, and Michael (Jenni) Jola; and his great-grandchildren,

Lucas, Matthew, Charlie, and Scarlett Fradette, and Finnley Jola. He is also survived by his devoted caregiver, Janna Senholtz, whose compassion and care meant so much to him.

René dedicated his professional life to education and public service. He was a business and typing teacher at Sandstone High School from 1956 until his retirement in 1992. During his teaching career, he advised numerous student clubs, including photography, where he taught students how to develop photos and maintain a darkroom. From approximately 1971 to 1992, René could be heard announcing home football games for the Sandstone Panthers, and later for the East Central Eagles, becoming a familiar and beloved voice in the community.

He served as President of the Teachers' Union for many years and continued as Treasurer even after retirement. René also served two terms on the Sandstone City Council, after which he remained active on the City of Sandstone Planning and Development Committee. He was a Justice of the Peace for Pine County for more than 20 years, until the position was abolished. For many years, he televised Sandstone City Council meetings and maintained the city's local television channel.

René's volunteer service was extensive and lifelong. He served as a volunteer firefighter for approximately 60 years, an EMT for eight years, and volunteered with the Sandstone Hockey Association, where he built and operated the Zamboni from about 1972 to 1977. At Sandstone UCC Church, he served over the years as Trustee, Secretary, and Treasurer.

A 1952 graduate of Cambridge High School, René went on to graduate from the University of Minnesota in 1956 with a degree in Business Education. In the 1950s, he served as a First Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol at the Sandstone Airport and held a solo pilot's license. He was an Eagle Scout, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and was active as a Ham Radio and Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) radio operator. He also wrote computer software programs for Apple computers, including Model Office.

René had a deep love for music and the arts. He was very musical and could play the piano, saxophone, and accordion, sang duets with Nona in the church choir; was a member of a barbershop quartet, and participated in several community theater productions, including The Music Man.

An avid traveler, René visited every state in the U.S. and traveled internationally to Western Eu-

rope, Canada, and Mexico. He especially enjoyed traveling with his family and with his special friend of 27 years, Lorraine Peter. He loved the outdoors—hunting deer, geese, grouse, elk, antelope, moose, and turkey across the western United States and Canada, and fishing on Namakan Lake in Voyageurs National Park and ice fishing on Lake of the Woods. He was a loyal member of three snowmobile clubs and enjoyed snowmobiling for many years.

René was known for his sharp mind and curiosity. He loved working crossword puzzles, faithfully meeting daily with his friend Bill to complete the Minneapolis newspaper crossword. He was an avid reader, enjoying books of all genres. Above all, he treasured time spent with family and friends at the Ash River cabin on the Ash River Chain and the family cabin on Namakan Lake, as well as tagging along on many adventures aboard Amanda and Johnathon's pontoon.

René's life was defined by service, learning, generosity, and a deep commitment to community and family. He leaves behind a legacy of leadership, kindness, and involvement that touched countless lives and will be remembered with gratitude and love.

A funeral service will be held for René at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 19, 2026 at Grace Lutheran Church in Sandstone, MN. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at the Methven Funeral Home chapel. Burial will take place at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2026 at the Cambridge Union Cemetery, located at 1451 Old Main Street S., Cambridge, MN 55008.

Arrangements by Methven Funeral and Cremation Services of Sandstone, MN. [www.methvenfuneralhome.com](http://www.methvenfuneralhome.com)

## Randy Stanko

Randy Stanko was born on November 3, 1957, in East Orange, New Jersey, and passed away on January 8, 2026, in Cambridge, Minnesota. He lived a life marked by deep faith, devotion to family, and an unwavering commitment to healing broken hearts.



He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary (Anderson) Stanko; his brother, Gene Stanko; his sons, Jonathan (Janeth) Stanko and Stephen (Victoria) Stanko; and his cherished grandchildren, Ezekiel, Levi, Gabriella, Serenity, Samuel, and Noah, whom he adored deeply.

Randy grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where his early years were filled with a love for the outdoors and physical challenges. His childhood passions included motorcycle riding, karate, weightlifting, and arm wrestling. These interests led to notable athletic accomplishments during his high school years,

1973 – 3rd Place, Olympic Lifting Contest  
1974 – 2nd Place (123 lbs), Greater Scranton YMCA

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1974 – North Pocono High School Arm Wrestling Champion (123 lb class)

1975 – North Pocono High School Arm Wrestling Champion (132 lb class)

9th Place, National Junior Olympian Arm Wrestling

Randy graduated from North Pocono High School in 1975. He went on to pursue higher education with a clear calling toward helping others, earning a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Evangel University in 1981, followed by a Master of Arts in Psychology from Pepperdine University in 1983.

His life's work became his ministry. Randy was a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, holding licensure in California, Colorado, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and was also an Ordained Minister with the Assemblies of God. His passion for caring for hurting families began in his youth through a church bus ministry in the Scranton area, where he first recognized his calling to walk alongside those with broken hearts.

Randy lived by the principle of "Family First." Outside of his professional and ministry life, he found joy in water sports, snow sports, music, travel, and riding his beloved Triumph Rocket motorcycle. Yet, his greatest passion remained his work as a therapist and minister—helping individuals, couples, and families heal emotionally and grow

spiritually.

The impact and legacy of Randy's life are profound. His global influence is seen in the hundreds of children, couples, and families who found healing, restoration, and a closer walk with Jesus through his counseling and ministry. His family legacy lives on through the strong men of God he raised, the strong woman of God he empowered, and his boundless, adoring love for his grandchildren.

Randy's words often reflected his heart, humor and beliefs. Those who knew him will forever remember phrases such as:

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A Celebration of Life Service will be held on January 17, 2026 - 1 p.m. at Maranatha Assembly of God, Forest Lake, Minnesota.

Randy Stanko's life was a testimony of faith, compassion, and unwavering love. Though he is no longer with us, the lives he touched and the hearts that were healed will carry his legacy forward for generations.

## Beatrice Mae "Bea" Bistodeau

Beatrice Mae "Bea" Bistodeau, 93, of Cambridge, Minnesota, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2026, at her home at Levande by Vivie in Cambridge.

She was born March 1, 1932, in Rugby, North Dakota, to Joseph and Margaret (Jundt) Schiff. Bea grew up in Rugby, graduating from Rugby High School.

After graduating from Rugby High School, she embarked on a new chapter of her life, marrying the love of her life, Leon Bistodeau, on June 2, 1952, in Velva, North Dakota. The couple's journey together began in their home state before they

ventured to a new life in Minnesota. Bea and Leon settled in Braham, where they raised six boys.

She contributed many years working in food service at the Cambridge Regional Center. Bea's commitment to her community was further exemplified through her active membership at Christ The King Catholic Church

in Cambridge. Bea's faith was a cornerstone of her life.

Bea has joined her beloved husband, Leon; grandson, Nicholas Bistodeau; great-granddaughter, Berkley Bistodeau; daughters-in-law, Linda Bistodeau and Annette Bistodeau; her sisters, Phyllis Selzler, Viola Lemieux, Judy Johnson; and brothers, Robert, Daniel, Joseph, and Jerome Schiff, in eternal rest.

Bea is survived by sons, Donald, Mark (Berta), Bruce (Dede), Joe, Jim, and Bradley (Marc) Bistodeau; 12 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild; sisters, Delores Nichols and Sally Davis; brothers, LeRoy, Jim, and George Schiff, many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Levande by Vivie and Ecumen Hospice in North Branch for their compassionate care and support during Bea's final days.

Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at Christ The King Catholic Church in Cambridge. Visitation one hour prior to the service. 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.

## Barbara "Barb" Ann Osterman

Barbara "Barb" Ann Osterman, age 79, of Cambridge, MN, passed away on January 8, 2026 at United Hospital in St. Paul.

Barb was born in Aitkin, MN to Howard and Ann Pickles on April 13, 1946. She graduated from McGregor High School in 1964. After graduation, Barb landed her first job as a secretary in Minneapolis. Later she met Keith Osterman and they were married in 1966 and together they had one child.



After retiring in 2023, Barb enjoyed spending time golfing, crocheting, tending her flowers and spending time with her dogs. She was just a great mom.

She was preceded in death by her parents Howard and Ann Pickles; husband Keith; and brother Mike.

She is survived by son David; brother Howie; sister Bonnie (Duane) Carlson; sisters-in-law Marilyn Stahl and Nancy Osterman; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Service 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2025 at Round Lake Presbyterian Church in McGregor, MN. Visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment in the Round Lake Presbyterian Cemetery.

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**C-I, NB SCOREBOARD: JANUARY 8 - 13**

**January 8**  
 C-I boys swimming & diving 83, Monticello 95  
 First place finishers: Griffin Vaughn (500 freestyle)  
 C-I gymnastics 136.375, Chisago Lakes 128.575  
 First place finishers: Lilly Gravem - bars (8.575) & all-around (34.3), Rilynn Herbst - floor (8.95), Paislie Guenther - beam (9.2)  
 C-I girls wrestling 48, Zimmerman 22  
 C-I girls wrestling 30, Princeton 39  
 C-I girls wrestling 24, Mora 48  
 C-I girls basketball 44, Duluth East 78  
 Northern Tier girls hockey 0, Princeton 6  
 NB wrestling x, Somerset x  
 NB wrestling x, Spring Valley x  
 NB gymnastics 128.375, Becker 142.675  
 Northern Edge boys hockey 3, Pine City 4

NB wrestling 60, Washington Technology Magnet 15  
 NB girls basketball 19, Becker 107

**January 10**  
 C-I gymnastics @ Lakeville North Invite - 8th/16 teams (139.2)  
 \*Top finisher: Paisie Guenther - 6th place (beam, 9.25)  
 C-I girls wrestling @ Eden Prairie  
 \*Top finisher: Alysa Mertens - 4th place (106 pounds)  
 Northern Tier girls hockey 1, Cloquet 6  
 Northern Edge boys hockey 4, Anoka 5

**January 12**  
 Northern Edge boys hockey 7, Mora 5  
 \*Riley Dufour - 4 goals

**January 13**  
 C-I girls basketball 27, Becker 91  
 C-I boys basketball 59, Becker 76  
 Northern Tier girls hockey 3, Two Rivers 5  
 C-I boys hockey 1, Chisago Lakes 5  
 NB boys basketball 61, Princeton 108  
 Northern Edge boys hockey 3, Princeton 2  
 NB girls basketball 29, Princeton 82

**January 9**  
 C-I boys wrestling 25, Chatfield 46  
 C-I boys wrestling 69, Roseville 4  
 C-I boys wrestling 12, Stillwater 56  
 C-I girls basketball 44, Monticello 86  
 C-I boys basketball 59, Monticello 69  
 NB boys basketball 40, Becker 97



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Cambridge-Isanti's Kimber Senlycki muscles Zimmerman's Macy Roberts to the mat during their 136 pound match. The quad featuring the Bluejackets, Thunder, Princeton, and Mora was the first girls-only team dual matches Cambridge-Isanti has hosted. For more action photos from other games from this past week, go to [www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com](http://www.isanti-chisagocountystar.com).

**CAMBRIDGE-ISANTI, NORTH BRANCH HOME SCHEDULES: JANUARY 15 - 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. Note: Northern Tier girls hockey is a co-op between Cambridge-Isanti, St. Francis, and North Branch. Northern Edge boys hockey is a co-op between North Branch and St. Francis. Their home games are at East Bethel.

**Thursday, January 15**  
 •C-I wrestling vs. Princeton & Andover (5 p.m.)

**Friday, January 16**  
 •C-I wrestling - Bluejacket Duals (4 p.m.)  
 •Northern Tier girls hockey vs. Visitation @ Isanti (5:30 p.m.)  
 •NB boys basketball vs. Monticello (5:30 p.m.)

**Saturday, January 17**  
 •NB boys basketball vs. Hibbing (1 p.m.)

**Monday, January 19**  
 •Northern Tiers girls hockey vs. Osseo @ Isanti (7 p.m.)

**Tuesday, January 20**  
 •C-I gymnastics vs. Big Lake (6 p.m.)  
 •Northern Tier girls hockey vs. Moose Lake @ Isanti (7 p.m.)  
 •NB girls basketball vs. Zimmerman (5:15 p.m.)  
 •NB boys basketball vs. Zimmerman (7 p.m.)  
 •Northern Edge boys hockey vs. Mora (7 p.m.)

**Thursday, January 22**  
 •C-I girls basketball vs. Big Lake (7 p.m.)  
 •C-I boys hockey vs. Northern Edge (7 p.m.)

**Saturday, January 24**  
 •C-I boys swimming & diving - Bluejacket Invite (9 a.m. diving, 1 p.m. swimming)  
 •C-I gymnastics - Bluejacket All-Around Invite (noon)  
 •NB boys basketball vs. Rock Ridge (11:30 a.m.)

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# FACILITY: County narrows down preliminary site plans

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applying the specific needs of Isanti County, Kraus-Anderson came up with three preliminary plans, labeled as “good,” “better,” and “best.” The primary difference between the three was the size of different areas such as for office space, for vehicle storage, and maintenance.

According to Nate Enger, also from Kraus-Anderson, the “good” option fits the county’s current size requirements. It would be a 62,500 square foot facility. It would include 42 standard-sized stalls and 14 oversized stalls.

“This fits everything you have today under cover, without any growth,” Enger said. “So, you would still be packed, but with more circulation area.”

The approximate cost would be just short of \$25 million. That cost includes the entire scope of the project, including land acquisition, architectural and engineering fees, and “soft costs” — all the equipment and amenities for the facility.

The “better” option allows for measured growth within the department. It would be just under 68,000 square feet. It would include space for 46 standard-sized vehicles and 15 oversized stalls. The estimated cost is around \$27.2 million. The “best” option meets

current needs, while also exceeded projected growth of the department. It includes 50 standard stalls and 16 oversized stalls. The estimated cost is just under \$31 million.

With all three cost estimates, it was noted there will most likely be some fluctuation in the amount within the three options depending on things such as type of flooring, facade materials, etc. It was also noted all three options did allow for future expansion of the building if need be, however it would be more costly to expand areas such as office space, and less costly to expand vehicle storage or maintenance space.

During discussion, the commissioners agreed they are leaning towards a mix of some aspects of the “good” option such as the space for vehicle storage, with other aspects of the “better” option such as office space. However, based on the minimal difference between a mix of the two options and the “better” option, they might be willing to simply go with the “better” option.

Based on that, Kraus-Anderson will come back with another three options: “good,” “best,” and a mix of the two. The commissioners’ choice between those three will then be presented to a chosen design team, who will come up with a more specific project plan.

# PARKING: Council favors cemetery only signs

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ordinance in 2007.

Whatever the reason for the cars parking on the road, Mayor Luke Merrill said he has heard many complaints about it being a hazard, so he contacted Isanti County Engineer Justin Bergerson to see what could be done. Merrill said Bergerson said the county had been in communication with the apartment complex’s owners about the situation.

“He said written notices were provided and expectations have been relayed to residents and visitors,” Merrill said, reading an email from Bergerson. “Compliance has been inconsistent, which is prompting further discussion. The county has attempted to address the issue through voluntary compliance and support of routine maintenance and winter operations.”

Merrill added that Bergerson said since that section of County Road 5 is within city limits, any sort of parking regulations would be made by the city.

“I always thought since it was a county road, it would be their jurisdiction,” Merrill said. “Either way, the sheriff and the county engi-

neer think it’s a good idea (to impose formal parking regulations).

“From a winter maintenance and safety standpoint, parked vehicles along this stretch interfere with snow plowing operations, reduce effective roadway width, and create sight distance concerns,” Merrill continued reading from the email.

During the discussion, the council agreed they would prefer to go with something along the lines of “cemetery parking only,” considering there are graveside funerals and other memorial ceremonies that take place at Union Cemetery. They also agreed they would like the city to directly contact the complex owner to see if there was anything that could be done to reduce the need for residents and/or visitors from parking on the road.

Lundeen noted the owners actually own the vacant land to the north of the complex.

“They were originally going to construct another complex there, but that fell through,” Lundeen said.

The council will take the issue up again at its next committee of the whole meeting.

## Public Health conducting Community Health Survey

Isanti County Public Health will release its 2026 community health survey to 4,000 random households throughout the county beginning Feb.2. Responses will help us learn more about the health behaviors of our community, identify emerging issues, hear the health concerns of residents, and prioritize resources to address those concerns.

If you receive a survey, please take the time to fill it out. All responses will be con-

fidential, and participation is voluntary. Your input will help develop the 2026-2030 community health improvement plan and ultimately impact the programs and services available in your community.

Previous surveys indicated a strong interest from the community for support to address social connectedness and isolation, youth substance use (tobacco and alcohol), and mental health (youth suicide and adult mental well-being).

With support from dedicated community partners, this work has been a persistent focus of Isanti County Public Health’s efforts to improve the health of all residents.

This periodic survey is a statutory requirement and is supported by the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.

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# Zebra mussel larva confirmed in Goose Lake in Chisago County

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Water samples taken in Goose Lake by the Wild River Conservancy and analyzed by the St. Croix Watershed Research Station, part of the Science Museum of Minnesota, included a zebra mussel larva, called a veliger.

The DNR has not found adult zebra mussels in Goose Lake. The presence of a veliger, however, suggests reproducing zebra mussel populations. Goose Lake will be listed as infested with zebra mussels, and the Wild River Conservancy will monitor zebra mussel populations in the lake.

Whether or not a lake has any invasive species, Minnesota law requires people to:

- Clean watercraft, trailers and equipment to remove aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species.
- Drain all water and leave drain plugs out during

transport.

Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash.

Never release bait, plants or aquarium pets into Minnesota waters.

Dry docks, lifts and rafts for 21 days before moving them from one water body to another.

These additional steps reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species:

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Spray watercraft and equipment with high-pressure water or rinse with water if high-pressure water is not available.

Dry watercraft and equipment for at least five days before using in another water body.

People should contact a Minnesota DNR aquatic invasive species specialist ([mndnr.gov/invasives/ais/contacts.html](http://mndnr.gov/invasives/ais/contacts.html)) if they think they found zebra mus-



sels or any other invasive species that was not already known to be in the water body.

More information is on the aquatic invasive species page of the DNR website ([mndnr.gov/ais](http://mndnr.gov/ais)). - MNDNR



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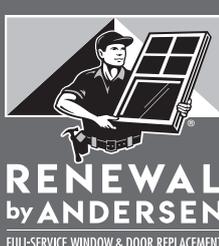
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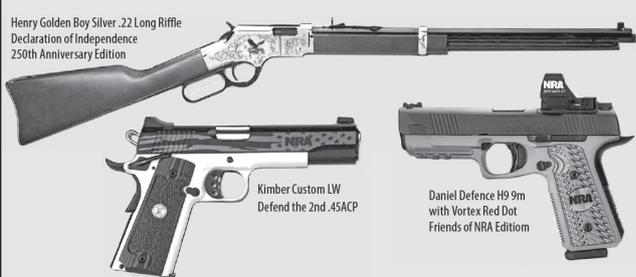
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Gun choices, pick one: Kimber Pro CDP .45 ACP 4" Barrel or Colt Government 45ACP 5" Barrel

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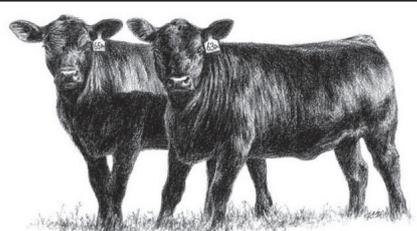
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# East Central Pride hosts senior social

East Central Minnesota Pride, the first rural Pride event in the nation, will host its third annual LGBTQ+ Silver Social from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Braham Event Center. The event, held in Braham, the Homemade Pie Capital of Minnesota, brings together LGBTQ+ seniors and allies from Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec and Mille Lacs counties for connection, community and conversation.

The event includes a free lunch served at 11:45 a.m., featuring pizza pies from Pizza Pub and homemade dessert pies in celebration of Braham's pie tradition. Attendees can enjoy an afternoon of activities, including a pie walk, drag bingo, live music, a pie social and opportunities to meet with local vendors and organizations

that support older adults.

Natalie Matthewson of the Central Minnesota Council on Aging will speak on issues affecting aging LGBTQ+ adults and their allies. Event organizer and East Central Minnesota Pride board member Val Mondor said the Silver Social has become a highlight for many in the region. "It's community building at its finest," Mondor said. "It's inspirational, silly, fun, informative. We're a demographic so susceptible to isolation; the Silver Social reconnects us with our kin."

The event is funded in part by the Initiative Foundation, a regional organization dedicated to improving quality of life in Central Minnesota. More information is available at EastCentralMinnesotaPride.org. ~ East Central Minnesota Pride

# Apply for turkey permits in 'A' season for Carlos Avery or Whitewater WMAs by Feb. 13

Turkey hunters have through Friday, Feb. 13, to apply for turkey hunting permits for the A spring hunting season in Carlos Avery or Whitewater wildlife management areas. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will have 30 permits available for Carlos Avery WMA and 150 permits for Whitewater WMA.

In addition to a turkey license, hunters must have

a permit to hunt for a tom turkey with a firearm in one of these WMAs during the A season. Turkey firearm permits for these WMAs are distributed via a lottery system for the A season. Although hunters need their license for all seasons, they don't need a permit to hunt Carlos Avery or Whitewater WMAs during the B, C, D, E or F seasons.

Turkey licenses will go on sale in early March for

several hunting seasons from mid-April to the end of May, with the A season kicking off on Wednesday, April 15. Crossbows are allowed by all hunters with an archery turkey license. Turkey hunting season dates and details for 2026 are available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/hunting/turkey). ~ MN DNR

# WORSHIP *guide*

## Baptist

### First Baptist Church

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

### North Isanti Baptist Church

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

### Sunrise Bible Church

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

## Catholic

### Christ the King

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

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

## Evangelical Covenant

### Karmel Covenant Church

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

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

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

Wednesday Programming (school year only):

Family meal at 5:30 p.m. with AWANA and Youth Group from 6:30-8 p.m.

## Evangelical Free

### Dale Evangelical Free Church

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

### Kost Evangelical Free Church

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

### Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

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

### Wyanett Evangelical Free Church

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

### Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Dr. Suzanne Begin, Minister  
905 Central Drive West  
320-396-2755  
[www.brahamlutheran.org](http://www.brahamlutheran.org)  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
In-person & Live on Facebook  
9:00 - 9:45 Sunday School  
Children may join worship service or be picked up by an adult  
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](http://my.calvaryofrushpoint.org).  
Office: [calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com](mailto:calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com)

### Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

### Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

### First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

### Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

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

### Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

### Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040  
763-444-5315  
Pastor Sue Olson & Pastor Rebecca Holland  
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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](http://www.salemlutherandalbo.com)

### Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

## Methodist

### Common Ground - A United Methodist Community

404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071.  
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena.  
Sunday 9:30am Worship.  
Livestream of services and more info at [commongroundumc.org](http://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](http://www.gracegospelmn.org)  
[info@gracegospelchurchmn.com](mailto:info@gracegospelchurchmn.com)  
Located just north of Grandy on 65, across from East Central Diesel, with three large crosses near the road.  
We look forward to having you!

### Journey of Faith

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

### 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](mailto:justpassinihs@gmail.com)  
[JustpassinThru.net](http://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  
[Thejourneynlc.org](http://Thejourneynlc.org)

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## PROBATE

**STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION**  
**Court File No. 30-PR-25-109**  
**In Re: Estate of Jacqueline Gale Erickson, a/k/a Jacqueline G. Erickson, a/k/a Jacqueline Erickson, Decedent.**  
**NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN AN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on the 3 day of March 2026 at 3:20 o'clock p.m., a hearing using remote technology will be held by this Court on the petition of **Stephanie A. Stegall** for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of the heirs of the above named decedent, and for the appointment of **Stephanie A. Stegall**, whose address is 2629 Folkner Road, Hixson, TN 37343, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent, in an unsupervised administration. Information on how to participate in the remote hearing can be obtained by calling the Court at 763-290-7020.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to 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. If objections are filed, another hearing may be scheduled. Any charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceeding be given

to the Attorney General Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 501B.41, Subdivision 5.

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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law, and by mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date to all interested persons and persons who have filed a demand for notice.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BY THE COURT Wynn, Heather  
 Judge of District Court  
 Court Administrator Erin Boettcher  
 Attorney for Petitioner:  
 Gary C. Dahle, #218947  
 2704 Mounds View Blvd.  
 Mounds View, MN 55112  
 Phone: 763-780-8390  
 Fax: 763-780-1735

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## NOTICES

**SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 5, 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; Councilmembers Aaron Berg, Bob Shogren, Molly Christian, and Mark Ziebarth.

- Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- Held Organizational Meeting
- Approved Consent Agenda Items A through D
- Awarded Contract for the Digester 2 Cover Replacement

Project  
 • Heard a Summary of the City Administrators Review

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## SUMMARY PUBLICATION

Ordinance 811 amended the Zoning Map for certain real property described as The North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N ½ of NW ¼) of Section 31, Township 36, Range 23, excepting therefrom the West 390 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter thereof, Isanti County, Minnesota (PIN: 15.031.0700). This property changed from RA Rural Residence/Agricultural to R-1 One Family Residence district. 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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## SUMMARY PUBLICATION

Ordinance 812 amended the Future Land Use Map for certain real property described as The North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N ½ of NW ¼) of Section 31, Township 36, Range 23, excepting therefrom the West 390 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter thereof, Isanti County, Minnesota (PIN: 15.031.0700). This property changed from Rural Residence to Low Density Residential. 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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## CITY OF ISANTI 2026 SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2026 budget information concerning the City of Isanti to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statute §471.6965. This budget publication is not complete. The complete budget may be examined at Isanti City Hall, 110 1st Avenue Northwest, Isanti, MN. The City Council approved this budget on December 16, 2025.

Budgeted Governmental Funds	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget
Revenues		
Property Taxes	2,494,986	2,460,179
Licenses and Permits	146,300	89,300
Intergovernmental Revenues		
Federal	-	-
State	1,021,789	1,025,744
State Categorical	194,000	194,000
County & School District	84,300	90,000
Charges for Services	10,650	10,550
Fines and Forfeits	28,400	28,400
Interest on Investments	60,800	70,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	82,250	80,450
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>4,123,475</b>	<b>4,048,623</b>

Expenditures	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget
Current:		
General Government	1,187,235	1,152,501
Public Safety	2,498,460	2,617,463
Streets and Highways	602,480	599,357
Sanitation	38,690	38,407
Culture and Recreation	478,005	493,420
Economic Development	-	-
Miscellaneous	15,500	15,700
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>4,820,370</b>	<b>4,916,849</b>

Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(696,895)	(868,226)
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Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget
Transfers in From Other Funds	465,761	515,000
Transfers to Other Funds	(33,265)	(33,265)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>432,496</b>	<b>481,735</b>

Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(264,399)	(386,491)
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Property Tax Levy Requirement to Fund This Budget	3,615,462	3,615,462
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## ENTERPRISE FUNDS 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET

	Water	Sanitary Sewer	Storm Water	Liquor	2026 Adopted Budget	2025 Adopted Budget
Sale and Cost of Sales						
Sales				6,284,000	6,284,000	6,110,000
Cost of Sales				(4,639,300)	(4,639,300)	(4,508,200)
Gross Profit				1,644,700	1,644,700	1,601,800
Operating Revenues						
Charges for Services	1,567,500	1,585,700	249,200		3,402,400	3,402,850
Total Profit and Operating Revenues	1,567,500	1,585,700	249,200	1,644,700	5,047,100	5,004,650
Operating Expenses						
Personal Services	451,154	523,557	99,139	697,158	1,771,008	1,743,140
Supplies	140,130	96,630	9,850	16,450	263,060	247,785
Contractual Services	79,925	210,235	20,925	53,775	364,860	231,070
Heat, Light and Power	58,000	257,700	3,000	24,400	343,100	357,200
Other Operating Expenses	28,855	55,960	24,080	138,380	247,275	240,710
Depreciation	541,423	642,000	95,000	75,000	1,353,423	1,247,000
Total Operating Expenses	1,299,487	1,786,082	251,994	1,005,163	4,342,726	4,066,905
Operating Income (Loss)	268,013	(200,382)	(2,794)	639,537	704,374	937,745
Non-operating Revenues						
Interest Earnings	42,400	164,200	39,000	35,000	280,600	397,800
Connection Fees	221,200	264,600	-	-	485,800	481,250
Misc. Revenue	31,250	7,750	-	400	39,400	9,400
Capital Outlay	(2,125,593)	(56,619)	(13,260)	(812)	(2,196,284)	(2,577,211)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(495,960)	(265,900)	-	(250,500)	(1,012,360)	(1,116,427)
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	(2,326,703)	114,031	25,740	(215,912)	(2,402,844)	(2,805,188)
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	(2,058,690)	(86,351)	22,946	423,625	(1,698,470)	(1,867,443)
Operating Transfers in (Out)	-	-	-	(474,235)	(474,235)	(440,735)
Net Income (Loss)	(2,058,690)	(86,351)	22,946	(50,610)	(2,172,705)	(2,308,178)

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