

**First Quarter 2026**

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# News



BILL STICKELS III | ISANTI-CHISAGO COUNTY STAR, CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA

Members of the Braham Fire Department use the jaws of life to extricate one of the victims. (April 17, 2025, edition of the Isanti-Chisago County Star)

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**MARK DAVIS | POWELL (WYOMING) TRIBUNE**

**Powell volunteer fireman Cory Baker races to get a hose on the northeast corner of Barbie Steinheimer's horse facility Thursday afternoon, March 12. The facility, built in 2020, was a total loss after hay caught fire near the facility's riding arena. (March 17, 2026)**



AUDREY STANARD | WASHINGTON MISSOURIAN

(Photo was published without a caption) A fire was reported Friday, Feb. 13 around 11:30 a.m. at a residence on Lost Acres Lane outside Washington. Washington volunteer firefighters responded to the scene, where the fire spread to a nearby yard. Smoke was seen for miles. (Feb. 13, 2026, edition of the Missourian)



**CHRISTOPHER KELLEY | THE MOUNTAIN-EAR, NEDERLAND, COLORADO**

**At some time between 3:30 and 4 a.m. on Thursday October 9, 2025, a fire broke out at the Caribou Village Shopping Center. The cause of the fire as-of-yet unknown, though it quickly spread throughout the entire center, affecting all businesses within. Nederland Fire Protection District and other nearby response agencies assisted in containing the fire and protecting nearby buildings, including The Market and the Carousel of Happiness. An emergency evacuation order was placed by Boulder County Sheriff's Office for parts of Nederland east of the fire. The fire was mostly contained but still smoldering as of 6:30 a.m. (Oct. 9, 2025, edition of The Mountain-Ear)**



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

Spectators watch logs, tree branches, other debris and more than 3 feet of flood water rush over Garner Field Road the evening of July 14 at the Frio River crossing east of Uvalde. Later, the water completely covered the yellow flood gauge, which bent from the force of floodwater and debris. (July 20, 2025, edition of the Leader-News)

# Features



ED ZAGORSKI | WATERTOWN (WISCONSIN) DAILY TIMES

Layla Peters shows a glimpse of a smile before the Little Leprechaun Run on Saturday morning. (March 17, 2025)



ASHLEY PAYNE | THE LAWTON (OKLAHOMA) CONSTITUTION

Emmy Carey, 1, gives Santa a hug at Amethyst and Ink Books in Lawton for their Cookie, Cocoa and Reading Time with Santa event Saturday morning. (Dec. 14, 2025, edition of the Lawton Constitution).



AUDREY STANARD | WASHINGTON MISSOURIAN

Boys and girls ages 6 to 14 participate in the Franklin County Fair Pig Scramble in Union, Mo. on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Groups were separated based on age and how many kids signed up.



BILL STICKELS III | ISANTI-CHISAGO COUNTY STAR, CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA

**THERE'S JUST ONE DRAWBACK** — A coach from the Cambridge-Isanti Archery team helps a youngster take aim at the target during the city of Isanti's first-ever Kids Archery Day held at the city's outdoor range next to the Rum River BMX track. Kids of all ages and levels of experience were able to give archery a try, with instructions being provided by team members.(May 8, 2025, edition of the Isanti-Chisago County Star)



CHAD COOPER | THE EXAMINER, BEAUMONT, TEXAS

TobyMac excites the Beaumont crowd. (Oct. 1, 2025)



TRAVIS HAIRGROVE | HERALD-BANNER, GREENVILLE, TEXAS

Caricature artist Suzanne Morell Berry (left) paints a likeness of Deana Lowe on the front window of the Uptown Forum during last year's Hunt County Festival of the Arts. (March 22, 2026)

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MARK DAVIS | POWELL (WYOMING) TRIBUNE

Powell resident Allen Hatch guides his hitch wagon led by his two new draft horses Onyx (right) and Coal through the McDonald's drive-thru on a warm winter day. He brought the team to town for some exercise, to run errands, and to get a bag of fast food a week after purchasing the pair of beautiful horses. Despite the horses perfecting the drive-thru on the first try, a restaurant official asked him not to repeat the ride due to "liability issues," he was told. His next big issue was trying to keep his drink from falling over—there were no modern cup holders on the turn-of-the-20th-century wagon. (Feb. 23, 2026)



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

With white paint still on his hands from a weekend spent refurbishing the 21 crosses he and his family first built in the aftermath of the May 24, 2022, mass shooting at Robb Elementary, Uvalde resident Cujo Rodriguez on May 18 passes a cross for fourth-grade victim Xavier Lopez to his son, Armoni Castro. (May 25, 2025, edition of the Leader-News)



STAN SCHWARTZ | PIKE COUNTY NEWS, BOWLING GREEN, MISSOURI

After a long, hot day at the Champ Clark Heritage Day Festival, some attendees just needed a nap. (Sept. 19, 2025)

# Sports



**BILL STICKELS III | ISANTI-CHISAGO COUNTY STAR, CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA**

North Branch's Ella Dick finished second in the Class AA State Meet, breaking her personal record and tying the school record by clearing 12 feet, 3 inches. (June 19, 2025, edition of the Isanti-Chisago County Star)

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BILL BATTLE | WASHINGTON MISSOURIAN

**FOUL TERRITORY MEETING** — St. Peters Post 313 catcher Mason Kruse and first baseman Elijah Smith collide while going after a foul pop-up Friday during the Junior Legion Zone 1 Tournament semifinals against Washington Post 218 Friday at Rotary Recreational Complex - Ronsick Field. The ball, in the catcher's glove here, dropped. Both players were able to continue after the play. Post 218 defeated St. Peters in the game, 4-1. (July 14, 2025, edition of the Missourian)



ARRON HUSTEAD | WASHINGTON MISSOURIAN

Borgia Head Coach Kat Westfall cheers on swimmer Hewitt Johnson during the 500 freestyle race Friday at the Four Rivers Area Family YMCA. The Knights won a tri-meet with 123 points, finishing ahead of Lutheran St. Charles-Veritas Christian Academy (81) and Washington (55). (Oct. 29-23, 2025, edition of the Missourian)



PETE LUNA | UVALDE (TEXAS) LEADER-NEWS

Sabinal Yellowjackets wide receiver Andy Reyes rises above a Brackettville defender for a touchdown catch — one of three he recorded Oct. 10 when the Yellowjackets lost at home to Brackettville, 42-35. (Oct. 19, 2025, edition of the Leader-News)



CHAD COOPER | THE EXAMINER, BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Houston's Amare Thomas stretches for a touchdown in their Texas Bowl victory over LSU. (Dec. 27, 2025)

**Deadline for the Second Quarter 2026  
Pub Aux Photo Contest is  
Wednesday, May 13, at 11:59 p.m. CT.**

Reminder: one photo per photographer  
per category

Email entries to Kate Decker at  
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