



Send-off for students



Photo by Andy Rogers

Eagan High School graduates and their families drove through the high school parking lot Saturday afternoon as teachers and faculty cheered them on while adhering to social distancing guidelines. It served as a processional for the class of 2020. The graduation ceremony was held virtually at 2:20 p.m. on Eagan TV. The ceremony included faculty speaker Jim Becker as well as senior class speaker Chayla Velandar. The concert choir and wind ensemble performed virtually. Each senior was featured with a photo slide and name in the ceremony. More photos on Page 9A.

Hello and goodbye



Photo by John Gessner

Jonatan Munoz-Halvorson, a member of the Burnsville High School Class of 2020, and his father, Gustavo Munoz, waved from their home on 134th Street in Burnsville Friday, June 5, as a caravan of BHS staff members paraded past in cars. The staff held three parades — in the east, central and west parts of the district — to give students a send-off during the pandemic. A virtual commencement ceremony featuring messages from staff, student speakers, and individual recognition for all graduates debuted at 6 p.m. June 5 on the School District 191 YouTube channel. More photos on Page 13A.

Eagan's budget affected by pandemic

Staff considering hiring freeze, limiting travel

by Andy Rogers

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The COVID-19 pandemic has affected budgets of all kinds in the past few months, and cities are not immune.

During an Eagan City Council workshop Tuesday, staff reviewed a snapshot of where the city is at and where it may go with the its \$42.8 million budget.

City Administrator Dave Osberg said one thing they can count on is that it will change.

Most of Eagan's budget issue is lost revenue,

not an increase in expenditures.

Based on the worst-case scenario, the city will have a net deficit of \$990,700 in 2020 and \$591,400 in 2021.

That assumes the city puts in place a hiring freeze, and limits out-of-state travel and training.

City staff says there are many unknowns.

They expect almost all COVID-19 related expenses and personal protection equipment will be reimbursed by the federal government.

Next month's property tax collection will also provide some clarity.

The city expects to receive about \$1 million less in property taxes in See Budget, 22A

Chief: Burnsville cops share dismay at death

Department doesn't allow chokeholds

by John Gessner

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Like most people, members of the Burnsville Police Department are dismayed at the police homicide of George Floyd in

Minneapolis, Chief Tanya Schwartz said Tuesday.

During a City Council work session she explained some of Burnsville's use-of-force policies and sought to reassure council members and the public that similar police behaviors won't happen here.

Floyd, a 46-year-old See Police, 22A

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