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LINO LAKES FIRE DEPARTMENT | CONTRIBUTED

The Stars and Stripes of freedom

The Lino Lakes Fire Department hangs their new American flag at the Capitol during the 2026 Minnesota Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service. During the service, LLFD honored Navy veteran Tim Bertz, who passed away last December. The Lino Lakes American Legion donated the flag. Veterans Day is Nov. 11.

Staff sergeant explains why every member's service matters

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER



CONTRIBUTED
U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Tony Rickerl

During a recent government shutdown, the U.S. Army mobilized Staff Sgt. Tony Rickerl to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. There, he helped perform over 200 funerals over the course of a year.

The funerals gave Rickerl yet another reminder about what it means to enlist and serve one's country.

"Less than one percent are ever willing to sign on that line," said Rickerl in an interview between members' meetings at the Lino Lakes Legion. "When you sign … you sign a blank check for the U.S. military up to — and including — your life. That is a sobering statement. You have to really think about that before you actually sign it."

Rickerl enlisted at age 25, later than many. The extra years, he feels, helped him understand the gravity of that promise.

Rickerl grew up in southern Minnesota; his dad was a farmer, and his mother worked with computers.

"Working with equipment as a kid down there, you find ways to get into a skid steer (loader)," Rickerl chuckled. As a teen, Rickerl worked for Pepsi-Cola as well as a

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Circle Pines woman navigates painful depths of Trigeminal Neuralgia

BOB MEYERS
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Circle Pines resident Tammy Fiedler has been suffering from Trigeminal Neuralgia (TN) since 2010.

TN affects the trigeminal nerve, which provides sensory information about touch, pain and temperature across the head from scalp to teeth to upper and lower jaws.

According to the Mayo Clinic, "Trigeminal neuralgia is a condition that causes intense pain similar to an electric shock on one side of the face … Even light touch from brushing your teeth or putting on makeup may trigger a jolt of pain."

This debilitating disease can occur due to injury to the face or dental work, but doctors sometimes can't identify the root cause.

Fiedler described the pain jolts as a feeling reminiscent of a hot poker stabbing within the ear.

"Many who have the disease commit suicide," Fiedler said.

Fiedler's experience with TN began with the feeling of a toothache that got worse by the day.

"I began thinking that I must need a filling or a root canal or something," said Fiedler. "The dentist assured me that I would feel a lot better once the anesthesia had worn off. It turns out, I didn't feel great at all."

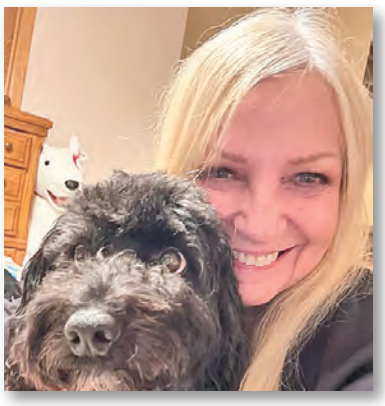
Six months later, during a follow-up dental cleaning, Fiedler began crying because the pain was so severe.

"The dentist thought I had trigeminal neuralgia and recommended I go to a facial-pain specialist," Fiedler recalled. "I went, but I don't think they knew what to do."

While some in the medical community believe TN to be rare, Fiedler said, "I think it's not as rare as people really think because it is so often misdiagnosed. Since they don't know what to look for, it gets diagnosed by a process of elimination."

Specialists gave her large amounts of sedatives. She

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CONTRIBUTED
Tammy Fiedler with her dog, Kato.



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2026 LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

MINNESOTA SENATE DISTRICT 32 (ELECT 1)



Chris Ford (DFL)
53.07% (23,761 votes)

Michael Kreun (R)
46.85% (20,978 votes)



Write-In
0.08% (37 votes)

MINNESOTA SENATE DISTRICT 36 (ELECT 1)



Heather Gustafson (DFL)
57.01% (27,492 votes)

Heidi Heino (R)
42.92% (20,698 votes)



MINNESOTA HOUSE DISTRICT 32B (ELECT 1)



Matt Norris (DFL)
57.24% (12,026 votes)

Leslie Larson (R)
42.67% (8,966 votes)



Write-In
0.09% (19 votes)

MINNESOTA HOUSE DISTRICT 36A (ELECT 1)



Jim DeMay (DFL)
52.31% (13,189 votes)

Sebastian Stoss (R)
47.60% (12,002 votes)



Write-In
0.08% (21 votes)

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF (ELECT 1)

Brad Wise
98.31% (120,635 votes)

Write-In
1.69% (2,070 votes)

ANOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (ELECT 1)



Jeff Reinert
50.58% (12,060 votes)

Melissa "Mel" Lawlis
48.88% (11,653 votes)



Write-In
0.54% (129 votes)

CENTERVILLE MAYOR (ELECT 1)



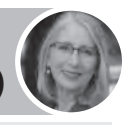
Nancy N. Golden
96.61% (1,255 votes)

Write-In
3.39% (44 votes)

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL (ELECT 2)

Linda M. Broussard
50.08% (997 votes)

Anita Rios
48.72% (970 votes)



Write-In
1.21% (24 votes)

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION (ELECT 1)



Kale Haluptzok
98.55% (1,021 votes)

Write-In
1.45% (15 votes)

LEXINGTON MAYOR (ELECT 1)



Mike Murphy
92.20% (615 votes)

Write-In
7.80% (52 votes)

LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL (ELECT 2)



Heidi Fust
38.02% (500 votes)

Kim Jay Devries
32.17% (423 votes)

Brandon Winge
27.91% (367 votes)

Write-In
1.90% (25 votes)

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD (ELECT 3)



Gloria Murphy
21.85% (7,297 votes)

Tom Knisley
21.72% (7,253 votes)





Jessica Schwinn
20.30% (6,780 votes)

Laura Gannon
19.56% (6,532 votes)





Joe Ackerman
16.09% (5,375 votes)

Write-In
0.48% (160 votes)

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #12)

APPROVAL OF NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

Yes
54.00% (9,546 votes)

No
46.00% (8,133 votes)

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 2 (ISD #12)

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

Yes
49.97% (8,840 votes)

No
50.03% (8,850 votes)

MINNESOTA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SHALL THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE FUNDING GOING TO ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND, WHICH IS A FUND THAT SUPPORTS SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHOUT RAISING INDIVIDUAL INCOME OR PROPERTY TAXES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027?

FAILURE TO VOTE ON A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WILL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS VOTING NO ON THE AMENDMENT.

Yes
72.38% (2,068,124 votes)

No
23.4% (666,637 votes)

Estimated Blanks
4.03% (114,694 votes)

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Election results are preliminary and subject to change. The Anoka County Canvassing Board will meet on Nov. 10, past press deadline, to make county and local race results official. State and federal election results will become official on Thursday, Nov. 19, after the State Canvassing Board convenes.*

KEY:

Election Victor | Not Elected

Note: Bar length is a visual representation only, and not meant to depict the percentages listed with 100% accuracy. The percentages and total votes next to the name of the candidate are correct based on vote count.

2026 LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ONGOING EVENTS

SILVER SKATERS OPEN SKATING
When: 12:30-2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
Where: Centennial Sports Arena, 4810 103rd Lane NE, Circle Pines
Details: Grab some friends or neighbors and enjoy some dedicated time in the community rink. Skating is a great way to exercise, socialize and have fun. A small fee will be charged at the door.
Contact: 763-792-6100

GET A CLUE TRIVIA NIGHT
When: 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays
Where: Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566, 7731 Lake Drive
Details: Live, hosted trivia—no limit on team size. Top three teams will win a prize.
Contact: 651-783-0055 or officepost566@gmail.com

FRIDAY DROP-IN DOMINOES
When: 9:30 a.m.-noon every Friday
Where: The Rookery Activity Center, 7690 Village Drive, Lino Lakes
Details: Dominoes is played with two or more players, and the goal is to be the first one to use all of their tiles by matching them to other tiles that have already been played. Admission will be charged for non-members. Pre-register at linolakes.gov/608/The-Rookery-Activity-Center.
Contact: 651-982-2468

ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL
When: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Centennial Middle School Gym, 399 Elm St., Lino Lakes
Details: Drop in for a night of volleyball. All experience levels welcome. A small fee will be charged at the door. A maximum number of players will be allowed.
Contact: 763-792-6100

MONDAY MAHJONG
When: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Monday
Where: The Rookery Activity Center, 7690 Village Drive, Lino Lakes
Details: Mahjong is a tile-based game that is played with four players. In this game each player receives 13 tiles with the goal of matching their tiles to form sets or pairs to win. Admission will be charged for non-members to play.
Contact: 651-982-2468

FAMILY COOKING
When: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17
Where: Centennial Library, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines



CONTRIBUTED

SOUP'R SUNDAY
When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15
Where: Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566
Details: The Lino Lakes American Legion Auxiliary is hosting a soup cook-off during the Vikings/Packers border battle.
Contact: 651-783-0055 or officepost566@gmail.com

Details: Join us in the IQ kitchen as we demonstrate simple, easy to follow recipes that you will surely want to try out at home. The theme for this class is "Getting ready for winter." This program is for youth with their grownups.
Contact: 763-324-1540 or aclref@anokacountymn.gov

CURRENT EVENTS

PUZZLE SWAP
When: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Nov. 12-13, 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 14
Where: Blaine City Hall Atrium, 10801 Town Square Drive NE
Details: Refresh your puzzle stash and share with others during the Puzzle Swap. Drop off up to 10 gently used, complete puzzles and receive a voucher to use to pick out new puzzles.
Contact: 763-785-6164

SECOND ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR
When: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, to Saturday, Nov. 14
Where: New Life Church, 6000 148th St. N., Hugo
Details: Get a head start on Christmas shopping while raising funds for local charities.
Contact: 651-303-5011

FAMILY PUZZLE CHALLENGE
When: 5:45-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13
Where: Centennial Middle School, 399 Elm St., Lino Lakes
Details: For children 12 and under with adults. Compete with other teams to put together a 500-piece puzzle. Pizza, drinks and prizes will be available, and all teams will get to keep their puzzle. Register as a beginner if you have a younger, less experienced team, or advanced if you are up for the challenge. Teams must not exceed 4 players and consist of 1-2 adults and 2-3 youths age 12 years or younger. Only one registration needed per family/team. Feel free to bring a gently used, complete puzzle to trade.
Contact: 763-792-6100

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY
When: 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 14
Where: 1525 99th Lane NE, Blaine
Details: Recycle Technologies is offering an additional recycling opportunity to its regular monthly event. Get rid of old computers, cell phones, scrap metal and holiday cords. Other recycling is also accepted for a small fee. A photo ID will be required.
Contact: 763-559-5130 or dispatch@recycletechnologies.com

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE
When: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14; 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15
Where: St. Joseph of the Lakes, 171 Elm St., Lino Lakes
Details: Mark your calendars for this year's boutique. Vendors will be in both the Great Hall and St. Joseph Hall. Highlights include over 50 crafters, a bake sale, homemade beef jerky, and a quilt raffle.
Contact: 651-784-3015 or office@saintjosephsparish.org

CLAY: HAND BUILD TREE LANTERNS
When: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14
Where: Blue Turtles Art and Wellness, 7525 Village Drive, Suite 150
Details: Join instructor Rachel Resler to build one-to-two tree lanterns that will shine light through when filled with a string of lights. Your pieces will be fired at the studio and ready for pick up in a couple weeks. Enroll at isd12.arux.app/search/all-programs by searching "Tree Lanterns."
Contact: 763-792-6100

ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB
When: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15
Where: Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park, 6970 LaMotte Drive Hugo
Details: Hike around Centerville Lake and through the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve, approximately five miles.
Contact: stpaulhike.com

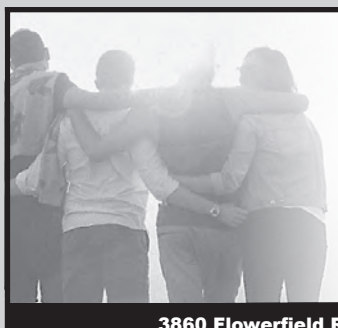




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OPINION

Goodbye Sweet Bean



Angle of View

Paul Dols

We recently had to make the difficult decision to euthanize our beloved feline companion "Bean." I knew it was going to be hard, but did not anticipate the intense emotional wallop that followed after her final trip to the veterinarian. Thankfully, there is helpful information available offering assurance that, for a variety of reasons, feelings of grief are a normal, valid response following the loss of a longtime animal companion.

While experiencing periodic waves of sadness, I also began to think about all of the shared bonds and daily rituals that had evolved over the years. Bean was playful, affectionate and occasionally mischievous. Because a number of her quirky personality traits and activities were not stereotypically associated with cats, we sometimes called her "a puppy in a cat suit." She always greeted us at the door when we came home and then within about a year she also started to eagerly climb up onto my shoulder. She really seemed to enjoy these rides and would seek them out in a variety of circumstances. After climbing up and getting comfortable, she would give me a wet little smooch on the cheek to let me know she was ready to proceed on one of our sightseeing trips around the house. In retrospect, I was probably the one who was actually being trained. On days I was working on the home computer, I could count on one or two visits from her where she would climb up on my shoulder to check out what I was doing. These visits sometimes led to our shared enjoyment of colorful bird videos that included a rich mix of sounds from nature. She also made some surprise guest appearances during Zoom conference calls. A few years ago, our publisher even allowed a column written from Bean's point of view to appear in our newspapers.

Because she was a rescue animal, we weren't exactly sure about her age, but did know that Bean was a sweet and engaging member of our household for more than 16 years. Last year she broke one of her rear legs in a mysterious, middle of the night accident. At the time we were faced with the decision to either amputate or euthanize. After consulting with three different veterinarians we chose amputation. Based on her age and overall health, the consensus was that she had a very good chance of returning to an active and happy life. They were right. Bean made a remarkable and inspiring recovery, resuming most of the activities that she had enjoyed prior to the accident, including play sessions, traveling up and down the stairs and speedy hot laps around the house. Watching her scramble around on three legs, I couldn't help but be amazed at her resilience and adaptability.

Unfortunately, during what we hoped would be a routine checkup this summer, it was discovered that Bean had bladder cancer and it was only a matter of time before it would begin to take its toll on the quality of her life. All of her care then became palliative. Recently, we started to see signs of decline and it became heartbreakingly apparent that she was in distress. In an extreme battle between intellect and emotion we made the agonizing decision to say goodbye. On one of the last nights of her life, Bean crawled up on the bed and stretched out in front of me while I stood and played the acoustic guitar before bedtime. I'm happy that she sought me out and hope that the instrument's vibrations comforted her in the same way that her healing purrs comforted me when I held her close. We are now left with fond memories of this sweet little animal. I truly think it is a blessing that our animal companions can provide us with a direct connection to the beauty and joy of God's creation.

Paul Dols is photojournalist/website editor for Press Publications. He can be reached at 651-407-1238



Benefits guide launches on Veterans Day

Veterans can access a free, online guide for navigating federal, state and local benefits starting on Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Veteran Benefits GPS was created by Casey Rose, a service-disabled veteran who deployed to Iraq. The guide directs veterans, spouses and caregivers to official U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs webpages, applicable forms and accredited Veterans Service Organization representatives who can provide free assistance.

Users answer a few brief questions to find information relevant to their situation. The guide covers 10 benefit areas and includes state and local benefits alongside federal programs. It works on smartphones without requiring an app download or login.

According to Rose, the tool does not collect users' names, VA file numbers or disability ratings, nor use artificial intelligence. It is intended as a navigation resource, not a replacement for VA.gov. The guide does not file claims or provide legal advice and is not affiliated with the VA.

"VA.gov is the official source, and I am not trying to replace it," Rose said. "The official pages are the destination. This is the map."

Rose served in the Kentucky National Guard from 2007 to 2013 and deployed to Iraq in 2011 as a military police team leader and convoy vehicle commander. He said the idea for the guide began in 2012 while helping other veterans navigate education benefits at Southeastern Illinois College.

Veteran Benefits GPS is operated as a for-profit Illinois company, but the guide is free for veterans. Rose says it is funded through business sponsorships and voluntary public support.



Veterans and those helping them can access the guide at vbgps.org beginning at 11:11 a.m. Eastern time on Nov. 11.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Donations horrific yet legal

Our beloved country elections system is giving way to ultra rich billionaires and a trillionaire, Elon Musk. They have donated incredible amounts to try to buy a Trump victory. Musk has given approximately HALF A BILLION since Jan. 1, 2025, and more, via "dark money," i.e. undisclosed funding, as recently reported by The New York Times. To boot, Michael Bloomberg, former mayor of New York City, has donated even more, The Times added.

I view all this as horrific and, sadly, actually legal. We, as fellow citizens, must create laws that starkly limit political donations! These billionaires and trillionaire are aiming to control the U.S. political system. And President Trump surely loves it. Please join me in taking actions to return our political system to all of us. We need fair elections once and for all!

Jim Cox
Circle Pines

Why Minnesota democrats won

Minnesota Democrats won this election because Minnesotans want something bigger for themselves, their children and our future. They want a state where families can afford to live, work and raise their children without being crushed by childcare costs.

Childcare affordability must be part of Minnesota's promise to make life more affordable.

Childcare For All MN helped bring that message to the forefront. Parents, grandparents, childcare providers and community members rallied at doorknocks, showed up alongside candidates and shared the realities families face every day. We made it clear that childcare is not a side issue. It is an economic necessity and an investment in Minnesota's future.

We organized because families cannot afford to wait. We worked to elect leaders who can turn our vision of universal childcare into reality.

Now it is time for Democrats to deliver.

Winning an election is not the finish line. Legislators have a responsibility to the people who knocked on doors, shared their stories and trusted them to fight for them. Minnesota has an opportunity to make high-quality childcare affordable while ensuring early childhood educators earn the wages they deserve.

On day one of the legislative session, parents, grandparents, community members and childcare providers will be ready to hold legislators accountable.

We helped build the momentum. We showed up. Now we expect action.

Minnesota families did their part. It is time for our elected officials to do theirs.

Julie Ackerman
Lexington

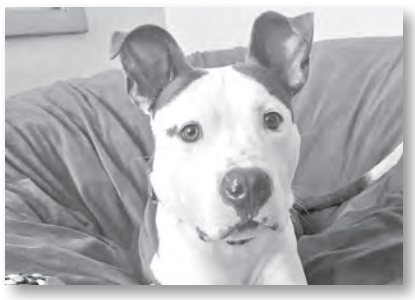
WEEKLY WAG

Blue is a handsome young boy with a big personality. He is 8 months old, and he has nothing but love and companionship to offer. Blue is an American Pit Bull Terrier mix. and he is not at full weight yet.

Blue is playful and energetic; he likes staying close to his people and he loves to snuggle. His foster says he is a constant shadow and will follow you everywhere. Blue is affectionate, and he has done very well meeting new people, including children. He is social with other dogs but has not yet been introduced to cats.

Blue is crate trained, and he is learning his basic commands very quickly. Being young, playful and active, Blue would do best in a forever home where he will get plenty of exercise, attention and mental stimulation. One thing is for sure: Blue will keep you smiling. With patience, love and affection, Blue will continue to grow and learn, and he will become a wonderful, lifelong companion.

If you are interested in learning more about Blue



or adopting him, please fill out an application at www.ruffstartrescue.org. Once your application is received, Ruff Start Rescue will contact you as soon as possible.

LINO LAKES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• The city's Finance Director Tracy Thoma presented the council with the findings of the utility rate study completed by Erickson Northstar L.L.C. The purpose of the study, according to Thoma, was to provide the city with a report that analyzed its water, sewer and stormwater utility funds to determine the appropriate rates, fees and charges needed to adequately fund operations over the next five years. Results of the study showed that water rates should be increased to provide 8% more revenue in 2027, 3% more revenue in 2028 and 2029, and 2% more revenue in 2030 and 2031. Sewer rates should be increased to provide 10.6% more revenue each year from 2027 through 2031. Lastly, the study showed that stormwater rates should be increased to provide 2.75% more revenue each year from 2027 through 2031. Erickson Northstar L.L.C. also recommended that the city establish a minimum cash reserve for each utility fund of 90 days of operating expenses and next year's debt service at the end of each fiscal year. The city should also consider establishing an asset replacement and renewal reserve policy for each utility fund. The policy, according to Thoma, should provide that depreciation expenses not spent for capital asset replacement and renewal be placed into an asset replacement and renewal reserve after operating case reserves are met. Lastly, Erickson Northstar recommended the city should establish the user rates for the water, sewer and stormwater utilities for a three to five-year period and rates should be reviewed on an annual basis concurrent with the development of the following year's budget. Establishing utility rates for the next three to five years enables users to budget and plan accordingly, particularly large water and sewer utility customers.

• Kendra Lindahl, from AICP Landform, provided the council and city staff with an update regarding the 2050 Comprehensive Plan. The council provided their thoughts on the plan so far, specifically on unsewered areas, minimum density requirements, affordable housing planning and growth management (See full story in a future issue).

• The council provided direction to city staff on the process for the appointment of members to the city's advisory boards and committees. These boards and committees include the Planning & Zoning Board, Park Board, Environmental Board and the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC). It is important to note the council appoints the Chair and Vice Chair of the Park Board and Environmental Board. The Planning & Zoning Board and EDAC select a Chair and Vice Chair from their membership. According to City Clerk Roberta Colotti, there are both new and returning applications for 2027 and there is at least one returning board member who has expressed interest in serving on a different board. Following discussion, the council agreed to set up and interview and/or meet and greet time for new and/or returning applications to take place on December 7 in coordination with the work session scheduled for that evening. The council will finalize membership appointments at the December 14, 2026, regular city council meeting.

Madeline Dolby

TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA: Awareness validates struggle

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also saw a neurologist who, during each 15-minute appointment, would prescribe another medication.

"They would work for a little while, and he would add another one in and then another one until I was getting pretty toxic," Fiedler said. She decided to get a second opinion.

Meanwhile, life habits many take for granted became excruciating for Fiedler.

"I lost 25 pounds by the time I was diagnosed because I couldn't eat on the side of the trigeminal nerve," Fiedler said. "You don't want to eat because, in the thrust of pain, you can't open up your mouth and close it to chew or bite. I couldn't wash and let the water hit my face … You have to relearn specific ways to talk, smile, brush your teeth, yawn, sneeze and sleep."

Fiedler described daily life as nerve-wracking because of the constant fear of pain triggers.

"Work was getting to be impossible if you can't talk," Fielder added.

Loved ones, meanwhile, find it difficult to see those with TN in pain because there is nothing that they can personally do to help during an episode.

"Worrying about it can cause people with trigeminal neuralgia to ignite a flare of pain in their face," Fiedler said. "There is a continuous circle of things that could happen to create your own unwanted pain."

Fiedler's next neurologist informed her that, of the few patients he saw for TN, Fiedler was on the most medications.

"He sent me to a neurosurgeon, the last step," Fiedler said. "I was deflated. I thought he had given up on me and wanted to pawn me off on someone else … To me, surgery was not an option at that time. I didn't want surgery in my brain."

Doctors presented Fiedler with an array of surgical options for TN, including Botox injections, balloon compression surgery, microvascular decompression (MVD) and gamma knife radiosurgery.

There is no guarantee that any of these surgeries will help.

"All of these procedures leave you with nerve damage," Fiedler said. "The affected side of the face could droop, which is caused by numbness. If you're desperate to relieve the pain, a number of people say that those possibilities are acceptable as long as the pain goes away … I eventually got to this point."

Before her surgery, Fielder traveled to the University of Minnesota Pain Center and saw a doctor that members of her support group recommended.

"He took me off all that medication and put me on one other, sole medication," Fiedler said. This plan led to good results until about three years ago, when the daily episodes returned, eventually becoming a constant ordeal.

In February 2026, Fiedler decided to undergo MVD surgery.

"I think the surgery went well. I immediately became pain-free," Fiedler said. "My face is still numb where the trigeminal nerves are. I am no longer on pain pills and dealing with the side-effects of those pills, which I view as a big win. I don't see myself as a zombie anymore, and my balance is restored."

Fiedler called her surgeon brilliant and credited him with saving her life.

"I am ecstatically happy now that I no longer have to go through hell on earth," she said, though she has no desire to repeat such a surgery.

Now, Fiedler hopes to spread awareness of TN, especially among medical and dental professionals.

If more professionals became better educated on identifying TN without negating the painful experiences of those who have the condition, Fiedler noted, it would lead to earlier diagnosis and decrease the persistent misinformation surrounding the disease.

Fiedler also hopes that by sharing her story, some might find clarity for their own pain.

The pain of TN is often deemed an invisible disability because it is a pain not seen by the naked eye. Legitimizing a person's very real pain, then, can give that disability visibility. It can make a person who is struggling feel seen.

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VETERANS DAY: Even one day of service in armed forces makes you a veteran

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local metal recycling plant. By 19, he had plenty of experience operating machinery from palette jacks to excavators.

When Rickerl joined the National Guard, he scored well on his Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or ASVAB, test.

"They said, 'What do you want to do?' The big kid in me came out and said, 'I want to go play with equipment,'" Rickerl recalled. After Rickerl served three years as a heavy-equipment operator, the military asked him to become a combat engineer. "They said … 'Would you like to start learning how to play with explosives?' What red-blooded American, when you get a chance to play with explosives, does not take that chance?"

Rickerl then received cross-training in both demolition and combat engineering. Now, 20 years into his service, Rickerl works for the U.S. Army Engineering Corps Army Reserve in Hammond, Wisconsin.

Reflecting on his decades of service, Rickerl acknowledged that many talented people do not hit that milestone in the military.

"I've served with a lot of great people, and it's little things that set them off from a path in the military … a bad leader here or there," Rickerl said. "It's too bad because there's a lot of talent wasted — (people) that don't hit that mark that should, that deserve to push through."

As a staff sergeant, Rickerl takes pains to be an encouraging leader to the next generation of enlistees.

"One nice thing about life and especially in the military: the only thing constant is change," Rickerl said. "It's how you choose to respond to that change, make the best out of a bad situation or make a good situation better. That's what a good leader will help you realize."



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The Wall that Heals motorcycle escort. Rickerl was one of the roughly 170 riders who helped give local Vietnam veterans the welcome home they never received.

Something Rickerl hopes more civilians understand are the definitions of what it means to be a veteran.

For example, during his service, Rickerl served in multiple combat zones: Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan, Djibouti in East Africa, Mogadishu in Somalia. This gives Rickerl the distinction of being a combat veteran while still serving in the military.

"The legal definition of a veteran, as I understand it, is a person who has served even one day in the armed services. A combat veteran is somebody who has served in a combat zone," Rickerl said. "Everybody, regardless of combat/noncombatants, is considered a veteran by the letter of the law."

What Rickerl hopes more veterans understand is that their service is appreciated. Earlier this year, Rickerl rode in the motorcycle escort that welcomed The Wall that Heals, a Vietnam veterans memorial replica and mobile education center, to the northeast metro this past August.

"The first thing the presenter did when everyone got there was say, 'We want to be the first group to say welcome home.' A couple of the guys there had tears in their eyes because they hadn't had that proper welcome," Rickerl said. "That's one of the bigger things that we can do now as a new generation of soldiers … most veterans and most service members, especially those that see the horrors of war, never want to talk about it. But as long as we recognize that service that they gave, that's all they want — to know that they did their best."

It is this mentality Rickerl brought to the Fort Bliss funerals.

"I got to personally present 12 flags to families who had lost a soldier," said Rickerl. "For me, that's better than any decoration because the last memory that (families) have of their loved one is that presentation of that flag."

An empty seat at the table

If you enter an American Legion, including the one in Lino Lakes, you may see a table in the corner with a lit candle and an empty chair. This table set for one symbolizes the members of the armed forces missing from the ranks, either because they are missing in action or because they are prisoners of war.

According to Rickerl:

- The place setting signifies the seat at the table for every soldier.
- The chair that has the POW and MIA flag on it is to signify those that cannot be at the table anymore because they are either still in captivity or were killed in action.
- The lemon on the plate signifies the bitter taste left in your mouth by the person who cannot be there with you anymore.
- The salt on the plate symbolizes the tears of a soldier's loved ones because they can't be there.
- The empty glass represents the soldier who cannot be home.



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Additionally, the American Legion notes that the candle on the table "is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to the open arms of a grateful nation."

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POLICE REPORTS

The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Oct. 27 in the 2000 block of Main St. in Centerville, police responded to a two-vehicle property damage accident.
- On Oct. 27 in the 2000 block of Main St. in Centerville, police responded for a trespass notice.
- On Oct. 28 in the 2000 block of Main St. in Centerville, police were dispatched for found property.
- On Oct. 28, in the 9000 block of S. Highway Drive in Lexington, officers responded to a two-vehicle accident.
- On Oct. 29, officers responded to a phone call regarding a theft in the 200 block of Stardust Blvd. in Circle Pines.
- On Oct. 30 in the 9300 block of Lexington Ave. in Lexington, officers responded for found property.

The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Oct. 27 on Main Street, an officer investigated a report of school bus stop-arm violation. The case was sent to the city attorney for charges.
- On Oct. 27 on 20th Avenue, an officer responded to report of a person attempting to tamper with a camera at a business. The identity of the person is unknown.
- On Oct. 27 on Forest Lane, an officer responded to a fraud report. The investigation is ongoing.
- On Oct. 27 on Village Drive, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle crash.
- On Oct. 28 on Main Street, an officer responded to a report that political signs were moved. Officers investigated and determined the signs were moved for utility maintenance.
- On Oct. 28 on I-35W, an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. The adult male driver was arrested and booked at jail on an outstanding warrant.
- On Oct. 28 on Elm Street, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle crash.
- On Oct. 28 on Town Center Parkway, an officer responded to an animal complaint involving a dog at large. The officer investigated but the identity of the dog owner is unknown.
- On Oct. 28 on Apollo Drive, officers responded to a business for a theft report. Officers investigated and arrested a female for theft.
- On Oct. 28 on Black Duck Drive, officers responded to a report of possible gun shots heard. Officers investigated but did not locate any problems.
- On Oct. 29 on Marvy Street, an officer responded to a report regarding possible financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult. The investigation is ongoing.
- On Oct. 29 on 21st Avenue S., an officer responded to a report of a suspicious person camping near a business. Patrol officers later located the male and informed him that he could not return to the property.
- Also on Oct. 29 on 21st Avenue S., officers spoke with an adult male who had a sign and release warrant. The officers gave the male paperwork for a new court time and date.
- On Oct. 30 on Lake Drive, an officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop. An adult female was arrested for an outstanding warrant and booked at jail.
- Also on Oct. 30 on Lake Drive, an officer on patrol conducted a traffic stop. The driver was arrested and booked at jail for driving with a license after it had been canceled inimical to public safety.
- On Oct. 31, an officer responded to a phone call fraud report from Ivy Ridge Court. The identity of the suspect is unknown.
- On Oct. 31 on Town Center Parkway, an officer responded to a noise complaint. A manager was made aware of the ongoing problem.
- Also on Oct. 31 on Town Center Parkway, an officer responded to a complaint about a light shining onto a property. The officer spoke with the owner of the property with the light, and they turned it off.
- On Nov. 1 on Hodgson Road, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle crash.
- Also on Nov. 1 on Hodgson Road, an officer responded to a report of found property. The officer was able to return the property to its owner.
- On Nov. 1 on Willow Circle, an officer assisted another agency with a combative suspect. The suspect was apprehended and the arresting agency did not need any further assistance.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Blaine High School alumni **James Pietrek** is raising funds for a K-9 and soldier statue to be placed in the Veteran's Memorial section of Tom Ryan Park by rereleasing a song he wrote in the aftermath of 9/11.

The song, "Eagleyez," is available at the website 25911250.com. The URL is symbolic, marking both the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and America's 250th birthday.

"The song evokes memories of where people were and what they were doing on September 11, 2001, and the feelings of camaraderie we all seemed to have in the days following," Pietrek said.

Pietrek, a chiropractor, views the donation as a way to thank his first patient, a Marine named Frederick, and everyone else who has served in our military over the years.

Steve Guider, one of Pietrek's former football coaches at Blaine High School, facilitates the nonprofit responsible for placing the statues.

"I didn't want it to be a Blaine Veterans Park. That scope is too narrow. We are a Veterans Memorial Park that is in the City of Blaine, but we honor everybody who has ever served this country," said Guider.

To learn more about James Pietrek's effort to help get the K-9 statue added to Veterans Memorial Park in Blaine, visit 25911250.com

More information about the park itself can be found on its Facebook page: Facebook.com/p/Veterans-Memorial-Park-of-Blaine-100064805256595/.

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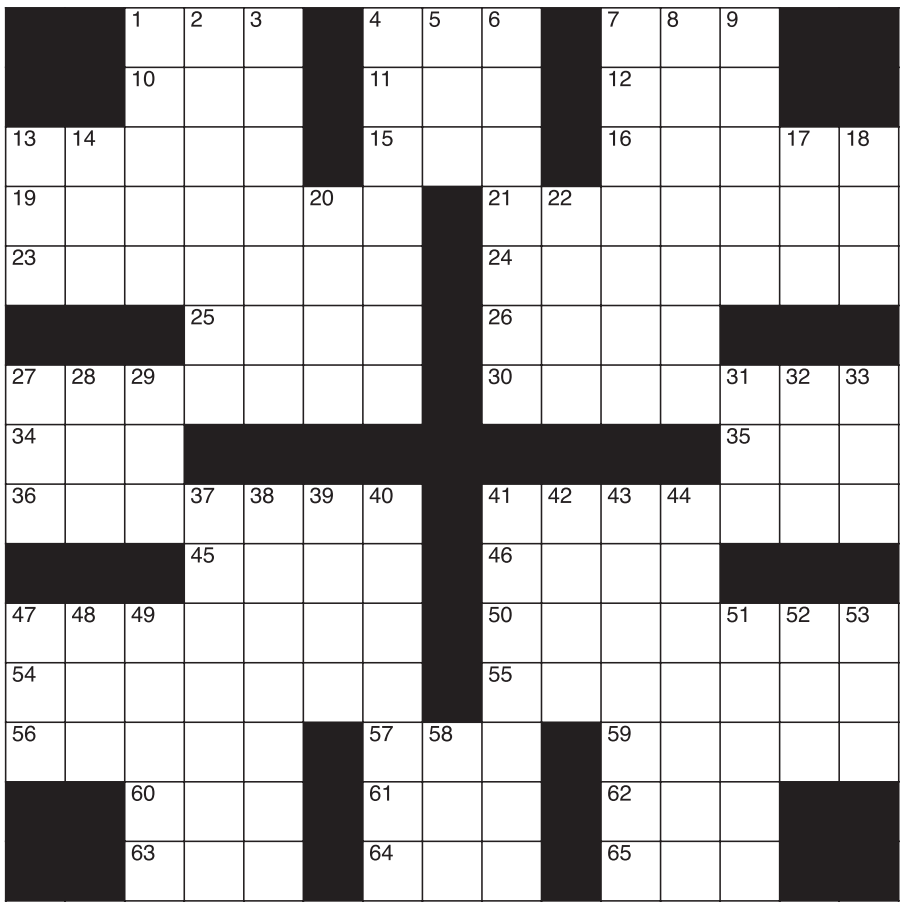
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4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN
1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
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52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

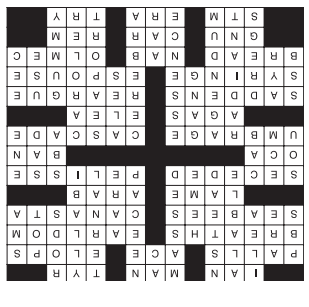
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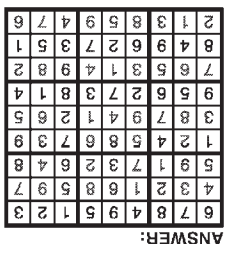
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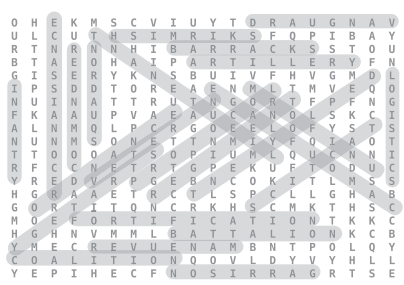
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Lyngblomsten breaks ground on mixed-use senior living apartment

Construction on a new mixed-use senior living apartment building is now underway in Lino Lakes.

Lyngblomsten, a Minnesota nonprofit senior services organization, held a ceremonial groundbreaking on Oct. 19, attended by Lyngblomsten Board of Directors, construction partners, and key project staff.

"We're thrilled to be adding this new building to our campus and further investing in Lino Lakes," said Jeff Heinecke, President and CEO of Lyngblomsten. "This expansion will add space for new residents and an excellent array of amenities for them to enjoy, along with retail options which will benefit the wider Lino Lakes community."

The new building will feature 59 independent living lofts as well as additional amenities for campus residents including a sauna, library, fitness center and indoor pickleball court. The site is expected to open in 2028 and feature retail space on the main floor for multiple businesses.

The new building will be part of Lyngblomsten at Lino Lakes, a senior living community which opened in 2023 at the corner of Hodgson Road and County Road J. The facility offers a continuum of care to older adults, including independent living (rental townhomes and apartments), assisted living and memory care on the 20-acre campus.



CONTRIBUTED

A rendering of Lyngblomsten's planned mixed-use senior living building.

The project team includes Grand Real Estate Advisors, Wold Architects and Engineers, Weis Builders, and Keegan Mulry House. With assistance from Northland Securities and the City of Lino Lakes, financing is being provided by the National Bank of Commerce.

To learn more, contact Angie Quick, assistant executive director of Lyngblomsten at Lino Lakes, at (651) 515-1727 or aquick@lyngblomsten.org. For retail inquiries, contact Judd Fenlon of Grand Real Estate Advisors at (651) 492-1741 or jfenlon@grandrea.com.

SPORTS AND OUTDOORS

SPORTS BRIEFS

VOLLEYBALL

Centennial had to settle for a runner-up finish in Section 7AAAA after getting swept by the Blaine Bengals in the finals at home Wednesday evening. Centennial was top-seeded and had beaten Blaine 3-1 in conference play, but the Bengals dominated the rematch 25-21, 25-18, 25-20, with superiority in hitting, blocking and floor coverage. Blaine will take a 19-8 record into their first-ever state trip. Centennial, the defending champion, finished 22-9.

TENNIS

Centennial was 8-7 overall and 7-3 in the Northwest Suburban Conference. Making all-conference were seniors Medha Andiappan and Radha Andiappan, juniors Hannah Lofgren, Ella Nelson and Ellen Huseth, and sophomore Ashlin Kilmer, with junior Kendall Innes getting honorable mention. MVP's were Lofgren and Nelson, who went 18-2 at No. 1 doubles and placed third in the section. Innes was named most improved.

CROSS COUNTRY

Two Centennial runners, Alexandra Sindt and Emma Delf, competed in the state cross-country meet on Saturday, having qualified at Section 7AAA a week earlier.

FOOTBALL

The No. 7 ranked Centennial Cougars (7-2) dueled No. 3 Eden Prairie (8-1) in the second round of Class 6A playoffs on Friday evening.

Bruce Strand

Editor's Note: *Due to an early deadline for Veterans Day, action from Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7 will appear in next week's paper. See write-ups online at presspubs.com/quad/sports.*

CITY BRIEFS

Blaine requests public feedback on 2050 comprehensive plan

Residents can have a say in the future of Blaine.

The city is updating its 2050 comprehensive plan and is requesting feedback from residents. "The city's long-range guide for growth and development and covers topics that affect the community, including housing, transportation, parks, economic development and land use," according to a city press release.

The city will host an open house from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10 in the community room at Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive NE.

During that time, attendees can learn more about the plan, ask questions and share their thoughts about Blaine's future.

Those who are unable to attend may take the city's five-minute 2050 comprehensive plan survey at BlaineMN.gov/2050CompPlanSurvey.

The survey will be available through Monday, Nov. 16.

Winter parking regulations in effect for Circle Pines

Now through April 1 in the city of Circle Pines, There is no parking on city streets on any day from 2–6 a.m. or any time it snows more than two inches. The city explained that, when a storm hits in the middle of the night, Public Works crews are called to clear the roads for the morning commute. The goal is to clear the roads within four-to-eight hours. The biggest challenge is seeing other drivers and anticipating how they will react to the snowplow.

Circle Pines also offers these tips to homeowners during the winter months:

- Keep trash and recycling containers in the driveway and off the street.
- Make sure kids are not building snow forts near the street.
- Keep sleds and toys away from the street.
- If possible, snow at the bottom of the driveway should be shoveled to the right as you face the street. This will reduce the amount of snow being placed back into the driveway by the snowplows.
- Residents using contractors to plow their driveway should remind the contractor about state and local laws that prohibit pushing or placing snow back into or across the street, as this makes it difficult for city crews to keep the streets clean.
- Ensure your mailbox can withstand a Minnesota winter. Inspect for repairs. For uninterrupted mail service, keep mailboxes clear of snow.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Press Publications

ALEXANDRA SINDT

CROSS COUNTRY

NOV. 10, 2026

Alexandra Sindt, Centennial cross-country sophomore, has been the Cougars top finisher in every meet, including the eight-team Section 7AAA, where she placed 10th in 18:55 to qualify for state; the 10-team NWSC meet, 10th, in 19:15, to make all-conference; and a 15-team invitational where she was 12th in 18:52. "Ally is a strong runner. She puts in the time in the weight room, still competes in gymnastics, logs her summer miles and doesn't take any shortcuts," said coach Nathan Anderson. "Her form is efficient. She really has unlimited potential and is just learning more about what she is capable of."



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COUNTY BRIEF

Final plans for Lake Drive, Kettle River Blvd expected this month

Anoka County expects the final plans and specifications for the intersection of Lake Drive and Kettle River Boulevard NE to be ready by mid-November. Previously, the county approved a joint powers agreement partnering with the city of Columbus on the project.

According to Anoka County, this project involves the reconstruction of the intersection of Lake Drive NE (County Highway 23) and Kettle River Boulevard NE (County Highway 62).

Planned improvements include:

- The construction of a roundabout
- Closure of the access from 155th Ave. and Camp Three Road to Lake Dr.
- Widening of Kettle River Boulevard to accommodate a northbound left-turn lane and a southbound right-turn lane
- Associated drainage enhancements.

If parties approve the final plans, construction will likely begin in spring 2027.

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CIRCLE PINES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• The Circle Pines Conservation Corps, a volunteer group that removed invasive buckthorn in city parks and trails, is wrapping up for the year. Council Member Meagan Bachmayer said that the organization cleared large areas of the plant in Golden Lake Park and along Golden Lake Road this year. "We look forward to replanting it with natives in the spring." Buckthorn keeps its leaves longer than most plants, so Bachmayer encouraged residents to walk their yard in the coming weeks to see if they have any buckthorn.

• The water tower painting project received a $6,000 change order to provide more bracing for the telecommunication equipment on top. The company that leases the space on top of the tower will foot the bill; Centennial Utilities will pay nothing according to City Manager Patrick Antonen.

• Of the water tower project overall, Antonen said, "All in all, the project went great. T-Mobile is back on the tower now. ATT is still not on the tower, and we don't know why … Hopefully, they get back on the tower before snow flies." As to why ATT has been delayed, Antonen said, "They are taking their time. They use subcontractors to do all this work." Antoned added that rent charged to telecom companies for leasing the top of the water tower paid for the entire painting project.

• The utility commission donated $600 to the Centennial senior all-night party, which will go to tickets for people who could not otherwise afford to attend.

Logan Gion

LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• The council is congratulating council-elect Heidi Fust on her win in the 2026 General Election. Fust will be sworn in in January 2027.

• The council is tabling the matter of Lexington Lofts' $15,000 line of credit due to Lexington Lofts needing an extension to ready legal papers.

• The council is approving the recommendation to hire Stephanie Vail as the Administrative Assistant/Permit Technician at a starting salary of $25.41 per hour.

Hannah Testa

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (CENTENNIAL), MINNESOTA

NOTICE RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS, SERIES 2027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Independent School District No. 12 (Centennial), Minnesota (the District) intends to issue in the 2027 calendar-year its General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2027A (the Bonds), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $7,000,000, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.595, subdivision 5. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance roof improvements at Blue Heron Elementary School (the Project), as described in the District's ten-year facility plan for Fiscal Year 2028 (the Facility Plan), and to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds. A copy of the Facility Plan will be on file with the District and available for public inspection at the District offices during regular business hours. The total amount of outstanding indebtedness of the District as of June 10, 2026, is $57,650,000. Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the Bonds or the Project to the District.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (CENTENNIAL), MINNESOTA

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (CENTENNIAL)

DISTRICT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026 AND FY 2027

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of School Finance
400 NE Stinson Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN 55413

District Revenues and Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY 2027

ED-00110-49

General Information: Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.

District Name: Centennial — District Number: 0012-01

Fund	FY 2026 Beginning Fund Balances	FY 2026 Actual Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2026 Actual Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2026 Actual Fund Balances	FY 2027 Budget Revenues and Transfers In	FY 2027 Budget Expenditures and Transfers Out	June 30, 2027 Projected Fund Balances
General Fund/Restricted	$ 13,435,079	$ 15,966,823	$ 13,474,984	$ 15,926,918	$ 16,832,643	$ 17,937,138	$ 14,822,423
General Fund/Other	$ 52,654,388	$ 98,647,049	$ 93,568,248	$ 57,733,190	$ 97,233,877	$ 102,877,762	$ 52,089,305
Food Service Fund	$ 2,657,553	$ 6,008,886	$ 5,606,921	$ 3,059,517	$ 5,266,186	$ 5,777,957	$ 2,547,746
Community Service Fund	$ 2,810,035	$ 7,855,195	$ 7,636,396	$ 3,028,834	$ 7,602,066	$ 7,824,680	$ 2,806,220
Building Construction Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt Service Fund	$ 2,857,052	$ 7,858,458	$ 7,330,382	$ 3,385,128	$ 6,870,756	$ 7,003,534	$ 3,252,350
Trust Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Internal Service Fund	$ 6,672,744			$ 8,043,736			$ 7,943,736
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	$ 9,129,459	$ 922,807	$ 826,842	$ 9,225,424	$ 500,000	$ 800,000	$ 8,925,424
OPEB Debt Service Fund	$ 397,636	$ 1,646,324	$ 1,572,610	$ 471,350	$ 1,586,356	$ 1,575,803	$ 481,903
Total - All Funds	$ 90,613,945	$ 138,905,542	$ 130,016,382	$ 100,874,096	$ 135,891,884	$ 143,796,874	$ 92,869,106

Long-Term Debt	
Outstanding July 1, 2025	$ 74,842,618
Plus: New Issues	$ -
Less: Redemeed Issues	$ 8,302,076
Outstanding June 30, 2026	$ 66,540,542
Short-Term Debt	
Certificates of Indebtedness	None
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	None

Current Statutory Operating Debt per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.81	
Amount of General Fund Deficit, if any, in excess of 2.5% of expenditures 06/30/2026	$ -
Cost per student - Average Daily Membership (ADM) 06/30/2026	
Total Operating Expenditures	$ 118,223,696
FY 2026 Total ADM Served + Tuitioned Out ADM + Adjusted Extended ADM	6,737
FY 2026 Operating Cost per ADM	$ 17,548

The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.

Comments:

The above numbers are unaudited

* Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

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