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Shoreview kicks off summer with return of concert series

Many associate the beginning of summer with the end of the school year or weekends spent up at the cabin. However, it also means the Shoreview Summer Concert Series is scheduled to return for another year and is just around the corner.

Concert in the Commons, a popular event among

Shoreview residents, is scheduled to make a return to Haffeman Pavilion this June. The Kidz Concert in the Commons series will begin in July.

This year, there are nine Concert in the Commons

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The Chickadee Boutique closes after 47 years

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

Jacci Krebsbach, longtime Shoreview resident, opened The Chickadee Boutique with a group of six friends in 1979. Now, after helping run the boutique for 47 years, Krebsbach is looking toward her next adventure.

The Chickadee Boutique officially closed its doors last month. The seasonal boutique was open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays during the spring and fall.

“My friends wanted to start a boutique. My friends were all clever and crafty,” Krebsbach said. “They said, ‘Well, where should we have the boutique?’ and somebody said ‘How about the little house? It’s empty.’ That’s what started it.”

A stone cottage on Krebsbach property showcased work by approximately 130 to 150 crafters, depending on the season. In the spring, Krebsbach said 130 crafters displayed their work, while 150 crafters showcased their work in the fall. At the boutique, shoppers could find a variety of items including garden art, stained glass, pottery and knitted items.

The cottage that housed these items was built in



Jacci Krebsbach

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City of North Oaks finalizes 3 water agreements

ANDREA SWENSSON
NORTH OAKS NEWS EDITOR

After months of negotiations, the City of North Oaks has entered into three separate agreements with its neighboring municipalities and the North Oaks Company regarding the distribution of water to residents.

Two of the agreements mark a turning point in the city’s efforts to manage its own public utility infrastructure and secure water for its residents into the future. One also helps to provide sanitary sewer and water services to a new devel-

opment in Lino Lakes spearheaded by the North Oaks Company.

White Bear Township agreement

For over 30 years, the City of North Oaks has had an agreement with White Bear Township to supply water and sanitary sewer services to its residents on the eastern edge of the city. As more new developments were added, the number of residents relying on township water grew; recent estimates indicate that there are now 860 residential hookups to township water on the

east side. Another 118 residents receive water from the City of Shoreview, while roughly 1,345 users have private wells.

In 2023, White Bear Township notified the city that it wanted to terminate its longstanding joint powers agreement (JPA) due to ongoing litigation regarding water usage in a 5-mile radius of White Bear Lake. At that time, the township gave the City of North Oaks a two-year notice to assume management and measurement of its own public utilities. This led the city to form its own public works department and hire its first-ever director, Corey

Triemert, at the beginning of 2025.

Since that time, a memorandum of understanding between the two municipalities expired and the negotiation of a new JPA dragged on for months as the two parties disagreed over how many metering pits (devices that measure water usage) should be installed in North Oaks. Over the past three decades, 12 different North Oaks developments have been connected to the township’s water supply. While each household had a meter, there was no way for the township to measure the total amount of water

flowing from the township into North Oaks, so they requested the city install a metering pit at each of the 12 hookup locations.

Installing 12 metering pits was estimated to cost the city over \$1 million. The city ended up hiring a new engineer, Jupe Hale of WSB, who fast-tracked a water infrastructure study and determined that several of the development sites could be connected together with a loop line and that the number of metering pits could be reduced to five. Hale joined the negotiations with the township, and

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Latest Mounds View enrollment update projects increases for upcoming school year

According to Executive Director of School Management Darin Johnson, the Mounds View Public School District can expect to see an increase in enrollment and class sizes for next school year.

Based on data collected in May, enrollment at the two kindergarten centers, Pike Lake Education Center and Snail Lake Education Center, is projected to be 794 students, which represents six students below the projected count of 800.

Johnson noted that kindergarten enrollment projections are not included due to the time that original enrollments projections are created in January. Rather,

he said the 800 number matches previous trend data and calculation practices.

Projected enrollment at the district's six elementary schools is 4,173 students. This represents 37 students above the projected count of 4,136.

The number of students enrolled at the three district middle schools for the upcoming school year is 2,681, which represents five students above the projected count.

The combined number of projected enrolled students at Mounds View High School and Irondale High School is 3,649 students. Johnson said this

represents 48 students above the projected count.

At this point in time, Johnson said all sections remain within the board approved class size ranges. These class sizes ranges will continue to be monitored in the upcoming months. He also assured the board that enrollment is in a good spot right now.

Data will continue to be collected by district staff throughout the upcoming months. Updates will be presented to the board when applicable. The 2026-27 school year is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Madeline Dolby

STUDENT NEWS

The Vadnais Heights Lions Club recently awarded scholarships to area high school seniors. Scholarships were given to: **Anna Fink**, **Ella Paradise** and **Jacob Baltzer** from White Bear Lake Area High School; **Kiyo Ziegler** from Gentry Academy; **William Danielson** from Mounds View High School; and **Katie Fisher** from the Academy for Sciences and Agriculture (AFSA).

BUSINESS BRIEF

Arden Hills nonprofit expands globally

Jack's Basket, a nonprofit headquartered in Arden Hills, has unveiled its new 2,500 square foot office expansion. This expansion is in light of the nonprofit's growing work across the United States, and in more than 60 countries.

Jack's Basket, created

in 2014, celebrates babies with Down syndrome.

The nonprofit strives to ensure that every new and expectant parent is provided with resources and support within the Down syndrome community. It also equips medical providers with tools to discuss the diagnosis.

The nonprofit's headquarters are located at 1170 Red Fox Road, Arden Hills. For more information, call 651-456-8321.

COUNTY BRIEF

Ramsey County seeks volunteers for multiple boards, committees

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners is looking for individuals to serve on various advisory boards and committees.

- **Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee (CIPAC):** The CIPAC provides citizens with the opportunity to participate in the development and adoption of the Capital Improvement Program. The committee consist of 14 citizens appointed by the county board. There are currently eight vacancies. For questions regarding the CIPAC, contact Bianca Fucini at bianca.fucini@ramseycountymn.gov.

- **Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD):** The district is led by a five-person Board of Managers that guides CRWD implementation of the goals and objectives set forth in its Watershed Management Plan. Board managers generally manage water and related resources in the Watershed District, which includes portions of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Roseville and Saint Paul. Board managers are residents of the watershed district and serve a three-year term. There are three vacancies. For questions, contact Anna Eleria at aeleria@capitolregionwd.org.

- **Personnel Review Board:** Board members' duties include handling specific veteran appeals related to discharge or suspension; reviewing other disciplinary appeals after they have been heard by an Administrative Law Judge; handling non-disciplinary personnel appeals; and reviewing the Human Resources Department performance, as directed by the county board. One vacancy is available. For questions, contact Molly Hoffman at molly.hoffman@ramseycountymn.gov.

- **Ramsey County Charter Commission:** The Charter Commission is a 17-member body responsible for maintaining Ramsey County's Home Rule Charter. There is one vacancy for District 4. For questions about the commission, contact the Chief Clerk at chiefclerk@ramseycountymn.gov.

- **Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County (WIB):** Provides community leadership in all areas of workforce development, develops a comprehensive countywide strategy to the community's workforce development needs under the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and provides oversight and policy direction to the Workforce Solutions department. There are currently two vacancies.

- **Equitable Climate Action Resident Advisory Team:** This team works closely with the climate and health team housed within St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health to provide feedback on efforts that respond to climate change. There are two vacancies. To apply, contact climateaction@ramseycountymn.gov.

Interested applicants may apply online at tinyurl.com/4suuft3y. The deadline for all applications is on Sunday, June 14.

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When: 1 p.m. Thursdays

Where: Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.

Details: Bring your tiles and your friends for drop-in play. All levels welcome. No registration required.

Contact: shoreviewmn.gov or 651-490-4700

500 CARD CLUB

When: Noon, Mondays

Where: Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.

Details: Cards and conversation. No partner required.

Contact: shoreviewmn.gov or 651-490-4700

DROP IN CRIBBAGE

When: 11 a.m. Tuesdays

Where: Shoreview Community Center, Fireside Lounge, 4580 Victoria St. N.

Details: Beginners and experienced players alike are welcome for friendly games in a relaxed, social setting. Just drop in and play.

Contact: shoreviewmn.gov or 651-490-4700



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SHOREVIEW FARMERS MARKET

When: 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2

Where: Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.

Details: Feature fresh local produce and hand-crafted artisan goods.

Contact: shoreviewmn.gov

Details: This educational seminar, in partnership with the National Aphasia Association, will discuss aphasia and how to live successfully with this challenging neurological disorder.

Contact: 651-483-2671

BOB ROSS PAINTING CLASS

When: 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13

Where: Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.

Details: Learn how to paint a ladybug in the Bob Ross. Class is taught by certified instructor, Valerie Namen. Register one week before class through Shoreview Parks and Recreation.

Contact: shoreviewmn.gov

BEGINNING WATERCOLOR FUN

When: 1-4 p.m. Monday, June 15

Where: Shoreview Community Center, 4580 Victoria St. N.

Details: Learn the basics of using watercolor while having a great time in a relaxed setting. Each class features a different subject, it is recommended to register for one or all classes. Register one week before class through Shoreview Parks and Recreation.

Contact: shoreviewmn.gov

AARP CAR SAFETY FITTINGS

When: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 16

Where: YMCA, 3760 Lexington Ave. N, Shoreview

Details: AARP CarFit technicians will be onsite to help seniors find the best settings for safety and comfort in their vehicles. Details are at car-fit.org. Pre-registration is required

Contact: 612-986-8469

CURRENT EVENTS

MIDWEST SKI OTTERS SHOWS

When: 6 p.m. Sundays, beginning June 8

Where: Little Goose Lake, 4150 Hoffman Road, White Bear Lake

Details: The Ski Otters are celebrating 30 years on Goose Lake. Enjoy a fully scripted, narrated, costumed production of "Otter Time Fitness." Watch the crazy antics of our water ski fitness gym trying to keep up

with technology. Fun for the entire family. Bleacher seating available or feel free to bring a chair.

Contact: skiotter.com/contact

LIVING WITH APHASIA SEMINAR

When: 1:30-2:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 10

Where: YMCA, 3760 Lexington Ave. N, Shoreview

COMMUNITY BRIEFS



These VHS tapes are waiting to be converted to be uploaded onto the Shoreview Historical Society's social media.

Shoreview Historical Society launches YouTube channel

The Shoreview Historical Society (SHS) has launched a YouTube channel to share audio interviews that have been converted from cassette tapes.

So far, through a grant and donations, SHS Secretary Pam Vincent said they've been able

to convert 37 audio cassette tapes. Also converted were 50 mini video tapes from Jim Rafford, who filmed Shoreview's 50th Anniversary in 2007.

Vincent has posted 95 videos to the YouTube page. The goal of the SHS social media presence is to share the names of people in the videos for future generations to listen to them.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

A new summer camp will take place at Bobby Theisen Park.

New full day summer camp available for kids

Still looking for summer camp options? Shoreview Parks and Recreation is offering a brand new, full day summer camp called Adventure Quest Explorers at the newly renovated Bobby Theisen Park for kids to try.

Adventure Quest Explorers is ideal for kids who love

adventure and creativity. The summer camp will include crafts, games, songs, sports and more. The program offers a full day of activities that encourage imagination, physical activity and socializing.

Parents can choose what weeks they'd like their children to attend. Payment plan option are available. Nut-free snacks will be provided, but children will be required to

bring their own lunch.

For more information, or to sign up, visit tinyurl.com/98hctvw4. Bobby Theisen Park is located at 3575 Vivian St., Shoreview.

Applications open for 2026 Green Community Awards

Residents and businesses can now apply for the 2026 Green Community Awards. Shoreview annually recognizes those who take on environmentally friendly projects on their properties. These projects can include a rain garden, planting a native plant garden or having compost, recycle and landfill bins at a business.

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Concert in the Commons

On June 11, the Shoreview Community Foundation will kick off the 2026 Concert in the Commons summer concert series with free treats for the community. Come enjoy complimentary ice cream while listening to the lively sounds of the Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band. Ice cream will be served beginning at 7 p.m. — available while supplies last!

SHOREVIEW COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



For more information about the Shoreview Community Foundation and its community initiatives, please visit our website <https://www.shoreviewcommunityfoundation.org>. The Shoreview Community Foundation is an affiliate of Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation. Tax ID #41-6031510

Service industry challenges

In general, I try to resist the impulse to delve into the dark and seemingly endless rabbit hole of conspiracy theories. However, with the continuing and rapid rise of prices on many of the various services we have come to rely on, combined with the complicated and unpredictable maze of modern customer service, it can sometimes seem like there is a plan or business model that is purposefully stacking the odds against us. The steady rise in the prices of internet connectivity, mobile phones, electricity, insurance, waste collection and other services can at times feel quite demoralizing. Fortunately, the occasional success and positive problem resolution have helped keep a glimmer of hope alive.



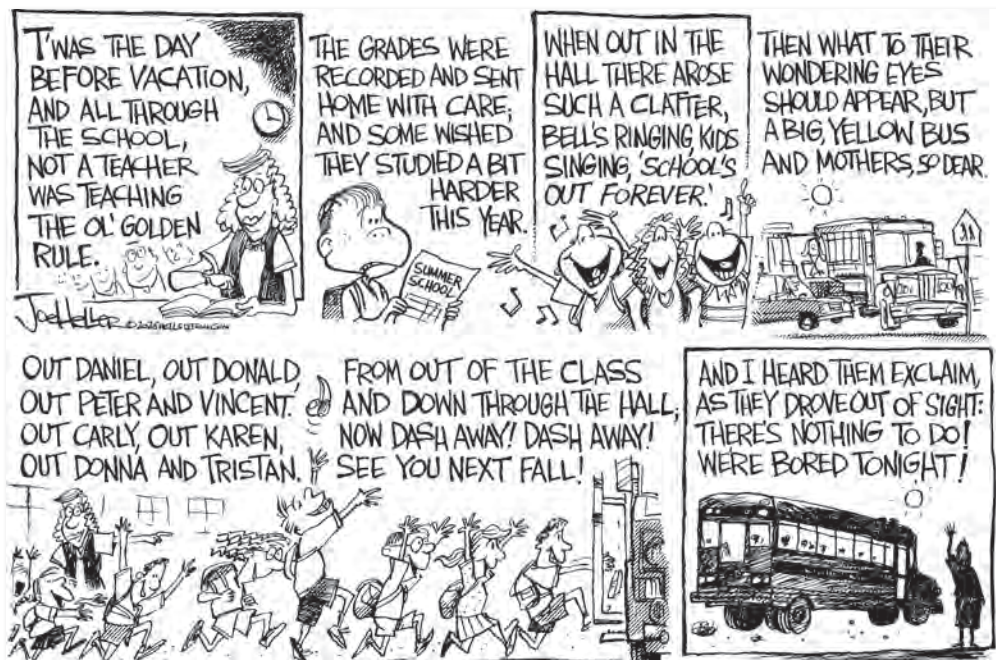
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An example of a thought provoking and entertaining counterpoint to conspiracy theories is a video I recently watched featuring astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson debating the moon landing with internet influencer Logan Paul, who starts the conversation with “You think we went to the moon?”

The astrophysicist responds with “I know we went to the moon” and playfully maintains his sense of humor while backing up his point of view with logical explanations to the skeptical young influencer’s questions. Citing the evidence of the moon rocks that were shared with laboratories around the world, he said “to be in denial of those means you are intellectually and emotionally disconnected.” Tyson explains how gravity works on the moon after Paul shows him a video of an astronaut and comments, “Like doesn’t he not look ridiculous hopping around on the moon?” Tyson explained the physics and fuel ratio needed to send a rocket to the moon and back. “Where do you think those rockets were going? To the Piggly Wiggly down the street?” Tyson also pondered why the trip to the moon would be faked nine times, “That’s weird. Why would you do that?” He attempts to sum things up in simple terms with the hypothetical example of if NASA had asked Hollywood for help faking the moon landings they would have come to the conclusion that it would be easier to do it “on location.”

A recent encounter with customer service was not the result of a conspiracy, but instead ineptitude and challenging communication. Early one morning, after hearing voices and mechanical noise, I looked outside to discover three large garbage trucks converged in front of our house. I hurried out to investigate and saw that a lift holding a recycling container was tangled in an overhead wire that provides internet service. I didn’t have a chance to say a word before one of the crew members abruptly informed me that, “This is your fault! The wire is too low!” I was taken aback and explained to him nothing like this had ever happened before and that maybe his crew members weren’t watching what they were doing. The lift was finally untangled from the wire and the trucks left. The wire was now noticeably stretched and drooping lower because a fastener had been pulled loose from the house. Worried that the wire could get completely ripped down by another passing truck, I found some orange twine to create a temporary fix and called our cable provider’s customer service number. After waiting on hold, I explained the situation. The service representative told me, in her opinion, I should bury the wire. I told her that wasn’t going to be happening today and to please schedule a service visit. The scheduled time came and went, so I called again and was told the problem had been resolved and the case closed. Apparently a technician did a drive-by and didn’t notice the bright orange twine holding the wire up. Realizing that most of us are probably trying to do the best we can, I made the decision not to vent my frustration on the technician who returned the next day. I sincerely thanked him after he promptly and efficiently fixed the problem and we both went about our days.

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



Talking summer skin health with University of Minnesota

The seasonal weather changes that come with summer are out in full force and brings new needs for our skin. Dr. David Pearson with the University of Minnesota Medical School and M Health Fairview talks about how to keep your skin healthy during the summer months.



University of Minnesota
Dr. David Pearson

Q: How do our skincare needs change in the summer?

A: Our skin is in direct contact with our environment, which means external factors can have an influence on our skin’s health. Summertime usually leads to increased sun exposure

in duration, frequency and the amount of our body’s surface area that is exposed to the sun. Short term, sun protection is important to prevent sunburns and melanin changes in the skin during the increased exposure in the summer months. Long term, sun protection is critical in skin cancer prevention and preventing premature aging of the skin.

Q: What are some of the biggest skin health concerns that arise in the summer?

A: Most summer skin concerns are related to sun and outdoor exposure. Sunburns, poison ivy and bug bites are all common. Lyme disease is endemic in Minnesota and we see it frequently in its early, skin-localized form — a

ring-shaped, red rash centered around a tick bite. Most of the time, Lyme disease can be treated with a relatively short course of oral antibiotics. I encourage people to thoroughly look over their skin, including their scalp, after they’ve been in areas known to harbor ticks, particularly in the woods or around tall grasses.

People with autoimmune diseases may also be very sensitive to sun exposure, so they have to be extra cautious. Sun exposure can even trigger systemic flares of disease in conditions like lupus erythematosus and dermatomyositis. Pigmentary disorders, like melasma, are also highly sensitive to sun exposure.

Q: What tips do you have for avoiding and treating sunburns?

A: Wear sunblock, sun protective clothing and a broad-brimmed hat. Reapply sunblock every few hours and try to avoid prolonged exposure, especially during peak sunlight hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In practice, this isn’t always easy, as anyone who has experienced a sunburn knows! Working sunblock into your daily skincare routine can reduce the risk of forgetting to apply it. I tell patients that I don’t want reapplication to be a barrier to initial application — putting sunblock on once is better than not putting it on at all. Sunburns can be treated with cool water. A cold shower is great, but a cold washcloth may be easier to tolerate if your skin is too sensitive. Over-the-counter treatments, like aloe and cooling creams, hydrocortisone and ibuprofen or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, can be symptomatically helpful. Don’t

forget to stay hydrated. When the skin barrier is compromised by a sunburn, there is more water loss through the skin and people can become dehydrated easily.

Q: What are the signs and symptoms of skin cancer?

A: There are a number of different types of skin cancer, but let’s focus on the three most common: Basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma. All three generally have a predilection for sun-exposed areas, although there are some differences in distribution based on the type of cancer and factors such as age, sex and coexistent medical issues.

Basal cell carcinoma is the most common and accounts for about 80% of skin cancers. It’s often a pink or red bump with a shiny or pearly appearance. Squamous cell carcinomas are the next most common: these are usually pink or red, raised and may have a scaly or crusty surface. Both may be tender or painful and can ulcerate. Melanomas are usually pigmented (brown, gray or black) and often present before perceptible symptoms have developed. They may be asymmetric, have irregular borders or colors and change gradually over time. New spots or those that have changed over time may be a clue for any of these types of skin cancers. If you’re in doubt, bring it to the attention of your doctors.

Dr. David Pearson is an associate professor of dermatology at the University of Minnesota Medical School and a dermatologist with M Health Fairview.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Grateful for Representative Kelly Moller

Cryptocurrency kiosks, which are frequently used in scams, are now banned in Minnesota, thanks to the Minnesota State Legislature. Too often, victims have been manipulated into converting cash into bitcoin, which is difficult to trace and almost impossible to retrieve. Victims shared their stories of financial devastation from scams using these kiosks. Some have lost their life savings this way.

After hearing from victims, law enforcement, and volunteers, lawmakers from both parties worked together to pass a ban on crypto kiosks. I am grateful for Representative Kelly Moller's leadership and for stepping up to co-author bill SF 3868, which will protect more Minnesotans from being scammed.

As an AARP volunteer, I am excited to see this legislation pass. It is a much-needed step to strengthen consumer protections, especially for older adults.

Kathleen Schaefer,
Shoreview

SHOREVIEW CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

- Greyhound Pets of America has been granted a special event liquor license following council approval. The organization will host a special event at Snail Lakes Regional Park on Sunday, June 7. According to the staff report, its application meets city code requirements regarding special event liquor licenses.
- An off-sale intoxicating liquor license will be transferred to Golden Enterprises, LLC dba Jim's Liquor, contingent on a copy of the lease and state approval after council approval. The owners of Jim's Liquor, located at 1077 Highway 96 West, recently sold it to Golden Enterprises, LLC. Per section 4-60 of the city code, the city council may approve a transfer of a liquor license in the same location. Golden Enterprises, LLC, wishes to continue operating as an off-sale liquor store with the name Jim's Liquor and therefore applied for a transfer. The city is still waiting on their lease, but all other required paperwork and fees have been submitted. Ramsey County Sheriff's Office also completed the background check, which came back satisfactory. The council also approved a tobacco license for Golden Enterprises, LLC dba Jim's Liquor through Dec. 31, 2026.
- Lee Sports Surfacing will be responsible for resurfacing the Wilson and Sitzer Parks' tennis and basketball courts after the council accepted its bid of \$46,250 for the project. The project will be funded through the city's capital asset replacement fund.
- The council has awarded the Bobby Theisen soccer field and trail renovation professional services to LHB after the council accepted its quote of \$34,416. The project is part of the city's capital improvement program and proposed to replace the existing sod and fencing, add drain tile, replace the irrigation system, grade and crown the soccer field. It also includes fixing several trail issues, such as deteriorating surfaces and not meeting ADA slope standards. This project will be funded through the city's capital asset replacement fund. Design work will occur over the summer months with the project being bid out in the fall of 2026. Construction and installation are planned to occur in 2027 in coordination with the

- user groups for those facilities.
- HGKI will be responsible for the replacement of backstops and the addition of dugouts at Bucher Park, Rice Creek Fields and Sitzer Park after council accepted its quote in the amount of \$29,400 to \$32,400 for the project. The project will be funded through a combination of the city's capital asset replacement fund and the park improvement fund. Construction and installation is planned to start in 2027.
- The council has approved an exclusive representation agreement (property listing agreement – sale) with IAG Commercial for the city-owned Fire Station 140, located on Victoria Street next to Island Lake County Park, in a 4-0 vote (Council Member John Doan was absent from the meeting). See full story in this week's issue.
- Council Member Shelly Myrland reminded residents to drop their yard waste off at one of the various yard waste collection sites throughout Ramsey County to help keep the gutters throughout the city clean. She said it is free to drop the waste off and those at the collection site will tell you where to drop your items off.
- According to Mayor Sue Denkinger the Krew Apartments project has been closed. The project, proposed and developed by Enclave, has been in progress for 1,344 days, meaning the plans were first presented to the council in 2022. The apartments are located at 377 Rice Street and the complex will include 294 apartments in a four-story building. There will also be eight live-in work units and a restaurant retail space. According to Denkinger, 20% of these apartments (59 units) will be for residents at or below the area median income. Next, environmental clean-up and site work will take place until 2028.

The next Shoreview City Council meeting will take place at 7 p.m., Monday, June 15 in council chambers.

Madeline Dolby

Meet Press Publications' new staff writer

Logan Gion is joining Press Publications as its newest staff writer. For the past three years, Gion has worked as a contributing writer for Press Publications, covering the Arts and Culture page, the White Bear Lake Area School Board and the White Bear Township Council. Over the past two years,



Logan Gion

he has also served as the editor of SaVour: The joy of living magazine, Press Publications' quarterly food and lifestyle imprint covering the northeast metro.

Writing has been a part of Gion's life since he was 6 years old, when his first-grade teacher praised a story he wrote about a man who wanted to be green and met a mad scientist in need of a Frankenstein.

Since then, Gion has produced all types of writing. He graduated from

the University of Miami, Florida, in 2011 with degrees in communications and English. From 2012-2015, he wrote and co-produced a movie. After that, he read submissions for the Austin Film Fest, the largest screenplay competition in the world. During that time, Gion gravitated to editing, becoming a communications coordinator and curriculum editor for a tutoring agency, liaising with the Stillwater School District.

Throughout COVID, Gion

helped many students and their families navigate the rapidly changing education landscape. Because of these students, Gion gained an interest in how local school boards and city councils functioned. The assignments available at Press Publications were the perfect fit.

Press Publications has skyrocketed Gion's writing and editing capabilities over the past three years, but he has learned one lesson above all else—no one can keep their eye on

everything; that is what the local newspaper is for. In his position as staff writer, Gion aims not to tell readers what to think, but rather what to think about.

In his free time, Gion obsesses over the latest movies and television shows, takes drawing classes at White Bear Center for the Arts and samples the latest specials at local cafes.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BRIEF

New electronic licensing system launches June 9

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will launch the first phase of its modernized electronic licensing system on Tuesday, June 9, with the first hunting and fishing license module.

"The Minnesota DNR is excited to introduce a modern licensing system designed to improve the experience for Minnesotans and visitors alike," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "Whether purchasing a license, permit, or registration, users will be able to enjoy hunting, fishing, and other outdoor opportunities more quickly through convenient, flexible and user-friendly tools."

The new system will offer more flexibility, such as providing three ways to buy a license (mobile app, online or in-person from a license agent) and three ways

to carry it (paper, PDF or stored in the app). Customers can purchase, store and register harvest from anywhere, including areas without cell service.

As the DNR transitions data to the new electronic licensing system, fishing license sales will be paused and anglers may fish without a license from Tuesday, June 2 through Monday, June 8. All other fishing season regulations and bag limits will remain in effect.

Phase two of the launch will happen at a later date, with the recreational vehicle and watercraft titling and registration module. For now, the titling and registration process will remain the same, and the legacy system will remain operational.

Updates from the DNR about the new electronic licensing system can be found online at mndnr.gov/elsupdates.

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RAMSEY COUNTY SHERIFF REPORTS

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office reported the following selected incidents in Shoreview:

- Deputies arrested a 20-year-old man from Blaine May 3 for domestic violence by strangulation after his 19-year-old girlfriend reported being assaulted by him during an argument that occurred in the 3500 block of Owasso Street.
- Deputies issued a citation May 4 to the owner of a Honda Civic illegally parked in a no-parking zone in the area of Fernwood Street.
- A 26-year-old woman in the 4100 block of Lexington Avenue North reported May 4 finding suspicious marks on her front door that indicate someone attempted to break in. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies issued a theft citation May 6 to a 25-year-old man from St. Paul, who was caught attempting to leave a business in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North without paying for more than \$1,200 worth of trading cards.
- An employee at a gas station in the 3900 block of Rice Street reported May 7 that a female customer became angry after being told the store was no longer selling tobacco products for the evening and became disorderly before leaving the store. The inci-

dent is under investigation.

- Two witnesses reported May 8 a hit-and-run crash in the 400 block of Highway 96 West involving an unoccupied Honda Accord and a Honda CRV which fled the scene. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies responded May 8 to a group home in the 5900 block of Alameda Street on a report of a 64-year-old man who lives there and had not returned after leaving with people he knew. He was entered into NCIC as a missing person. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies issued a trespass notice and theft citation May 8 to a 26-year-old St. Paul woman and a 24-year-old Minneapolis woman after they were found attempting to leave a store in the 3800 block of Lexington Avenue North without paying for merchandise.
- Deputies issued a citation May 8 to a 23-year-old man from Roseville for operating a motor vehicle with expired registration in the area of Highway 96 West and Snail Lake Boulevard.
- Deputies responded May 10 to a hit-and-run crash in the 1000 block of Red Fox Road in a parking lot and spoke to a 40-year-old Roseville woman, who told them someone struck, damaged the bumper on her Mazda CX-50 and left the scene without leaving or

exchanging information while she was inside a grocery store. The incident is under investigation.

- Deputies took an informational report May 10 from a 92-year-old man in the 1000 block of Royal Court, who told deputies someone damaged his patio fence. The incident is under investigation.
- A 47-year-old man in the 4800 block of Churchill Street North reported May 11 that someone broke into his garage and stole two electronic bikes. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies arrested a 34-year-old woman May 11 for assault and making threats of violence after responding to a report of a fight in the 500 block of Arner Avenue. All parties declined medical help.
- A deputy responding to a complaint May 11 about an abandoned vehicle in the 1000 block of Nelson Drive contacted its owner and learned the vehicle had been stolen. The incident is under investigation.
- Deputies arrested a 21-year-old Blaine man May 11 in the 3500 block of Owasso Street for violating an order for protection after he attempted calling the protected party multiple times.
- Deputies arrested a 49-year-old Mahtomedi woman after responding to an altercation outside of a business in the 3800 block of Lex-

ington Avenue North in which she was involved and discovered she had an active arrest warrant.

- Deputies responded May 12 to a report of a theft of Pokémon cards in the 400 block of Cardigan Road. The cards are valued at more than \$1,000. The incident is under investigation.
- A deputy on routine patrol May 12 saw a Ford Explorer being driven in a dangerous manner in the area of Hamline Avenue North and Lexington Avenue North by a 54-year-old woman from Pine City, who was having a medical emergency. She was transported to a hospital for treatment for diabetes after crashing her vehicle.
- Deputies responded May 15 to a report of a Husky-type dog roaming the area of Hodgson Road and Oakwood Drive with no collar. The dog was picked up and transported to a shelter.
- Deputies responded May 15 to a report of a person inside a business in the 4000 block of Rice Street who was not supposed to be there. By the time they arrived, employees had scared the intruder away. The incident is under investigation.
- A 52-year-old man in the 3300 block of Victoria Street North reported May 16 fraudulent transactions on his bank account. The incident is under investigation.

MOUNDS VIEW SCHOOL BOARD SNIPPETS

- The Irondale KnightKrawler Robotics Team competed in the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship in Houston, Texas, alongside 600 teams from around the world. KnightKrawler finished eighth overall in their 75-team division and were the seventh alliance captain in the Newtown Division playoffs. Team member Max Swanson was also honored for being a FIRST Leadership Award finalist, which recognizes outstanding student leadership in robotics.
- There were 10 gifts received this period for schools and programs for a total of approximately \$6,969. The Ralph Reeder Food Shelf received 20 gifts this period for a total of around \$39,986.
- Prior to the regular meeting at the public comments period, Vice Chair Shauna Bock said that district parents continued to express concerns about the proposed middle school changes. Highview Middle School staff members were also present and spoke about the proposed changes. Bock said this is an ongoing discussion and the district will continue to engage the community on the topic.
- Superintendent Chris Lennox provided an update on the school district's annual Quality Compensation (Q-comp) report. The Q-comp report is required by the state of Minnesota every year. Mounds View is one of three school districts in the state to implement the report. According to Lennox, there are five components

that make up the Q-comp report. These components are career advancement options, job embedded professional development, teacher evaluation, alternative pay system and a general view of the program. Lennox said Q-comp continues to be a very successful program for the district.

- Lennox also announced the district has received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Association of School Business Officials International. He said this award is the "gold standard" for recognizing excellence in financial accountability and transparency. Lennox thanked Finance Director Paula Steele and the finance team for their work.
- Executive Director of School Management Darin Johnson provided the board with an enrollment and class size update for the 2026-27 school year (see full story in this week's issue).
- As part of Lennox's end of year responsibilities as superintendent, he provided an oral report on the status of the district's 2025-26 District Operational Plan (DOP) goals. These goals and related activities are approved by the school board on which the superintendent and cabinet focus their work on (see full story in this week's issue).

The next Mounds View Public Schools School Board meeting will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 16 at the District Center, 4570 Victoria St. N., Shoreview. Public comments to the board will be before the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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The Irondale KnightKrawler Robotics Team found success at the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship in Houston, Texas.

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The Chickadee Boutique showcased 130 to 150 artists depending on the season.

THE CHICKADEE BOUTIQUE: Final farewell

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the early 1940s by a Swedish immigrant stone mason. Krebsbach and her late husband, Mike, moved into the cottage in 1971 and lived there until they built their home on the same lot in 1977.

The first year the boutique was in business, Krebsbach said the group sent out fliers to their Christmas card lists to spread the word. Her father-in-law was a woodworker, so he built display tables to help cover some of the costs. During that first year, Krebsbach said 15 crafters had showcased their work.

“The first year I went out to Harmor, because they used to have a really good art show. I remember visiting and asking some of the artists... ‘I’m starting a boutique, and if you’ll come to my boutique, I won’t charge registration or commission for the first year so you can try it,’” Krebsbach explained. “And some of them stayed with me for quite a few years because it gave kind of an elevated status.”

In the very beginning, the boutique was open Thursday through Saturday. Krebsbach explained she only had a cashier on Saturdays, so she ran the boutique by herself the other two days. Then she added a bagger and cashier. Before the business closed, a cashier, bagger and four to five people would be at the boutique to help customers out.

This season was unique, Krebsbach said, because she was at Mayo Clinic. Usually, she is responsible for setting up the displays at the boutique and switching out items, but this time around, her crafters set up the tents and displays.

Krebsbach said her neighbors have been “amazingly wonderful.”

“They’ve been our customers...I think every neighbor around here came and visited over the (last) weekend to say ‘goodbye,’” she said. She added her neighbors said they were proud to have the boutique in the neighborhood.

The customers who kept returning to the boutique shared stories with Krebsbach. “There’s been some wonderful stories...People saying, ‘I came here with my mom every Mother’s Day, and she’s been gone, and I still come on Mother’s Day.’”

To Krebsbach, the store always felt like a community. She explained the store as a “three-legged stool” between herself, the crafters and customers.

“I never felt like I had a store that people came to,” she said.

Krebsbach decided to close the Chickadee Boutique due to health reasons and her husband no longer being around. Mike, she explained, helped with the upkeep of the building and made sure everything looked nice.

What’s next for Krebsbach? She said she will help plan the Slice of Shoreview for one more year before the city takes over the planning process. Krebsbach has been on the Slice of Shoreview Committee since 1991. She added she hopes to become more involved in planning the Taste of Shoreview. She also hopes to help record history by doing interviews for the Shoreview Historical Society, which she is a member of.

WATER AGREEMENTS: Mark turning point

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the two parties reached a final agreement in March.

According to the final JPA, the township has agreed to sell water to North Oaks at a rate of 125% of its Tier 1 rate, as long as the city installs four large capacity water meters by Dec. 31, 2026. If the city fails to meet that deadline, the township will increase the price to 125% of its Tier 3 rate.

The JPA also stipulates that North Oaks take responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the water infrastructure within its city limits, and that the final large capacity water meter and corresponding trunk line be installed by Dec. 31, 2027.

North Oaks Company agreement

In order to finalize its JPA with White Bear Township, the City of North Oaks also had to enter into a formal agreement with the North Oaks Company that establishes which party owns the water and sanitary sewer infrastructure and who will be responsible for maintaining it into the future.

The North Oaks Company developed and installed the existing infrastructure as part of its East Oaks PDA from 1999, which outlined how the company would finish “building out” the remaining residential properties in North Oaks. The East Oaks PDA states that the company owns the infrastructure that it installed at these developments and would

be responsible for its continued maintenance and operation.

In a new agreement titled “Supplemental Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Agreement Between the City of North Oaks and the North Oaks Company,” the company agreed to install the five new metering pits and meters by Dec. 1, 2026. The company will make a good-faith payment of \$100,000 toward the city’s infrastructure costs and has agreed to cover the cost of the metering pits, up to \$400,000.

After the installation of the metering pits and the possible repair of a section of the sanitary sewer line mentioned in the agreement, the company will then complete a Bill of Sale transferring ownership of the water and sewer infrastructure to the City of North Oaks, as stipulated in the East Oaks PDA.

The agreement was signed March 30 by Mayor Krista Wolter and was contingent on the completion of the city’s JPA with White Bear Township and a separate JPA between the City of North Oaks, White Bear Township, and Lino Lakes.

Lino Lakes and Township agreement

The third agreement finalized by the City of North Oaks this spring is a JPA between the city, White Bear Township, and the City of Lino Lakes. The agreement establishes the water and sanitary sewer services that will be provided to the North Oaks Company’s

new development, Wilkinson Waters, that will sit just north of Waverly Gardens on the southern edge of Lino Lakes.

As proposed by the company in late 2024, Wilkinson Waters is to be located south of County Road J/Ash Street, west of Centerville Road, and north of Wilkinson Lake Boulevard. The concept plan included a mixture of commercial retail space, two apartment buildings, a number of townhomes, and a senior living facility, plus open space for wetland preservation and recreation.

The JPA states that White Bear Township has agreed to provide water to the development by sending it to one of North Oaks’ metered connection sites and then north into Lino Lakes. The agreement requires Lino Lakes to install a meter pit to monitor water usage at the property and will be solely responsible for billing its residents for the water.

The agreement also states that the properties in the development will be connected to the Lino Lakes Sewer System and that “wastewater from those properties will be conveyed to the Town Sewer System through the North Oaks Sewer System before ultimately entering the Metropolitan Council’s regional interceptor.” Lino Lakes has agreed to maintain the portion of the sewer line that connects North Oaks to Lino, while North Oaks agreed to maintain the portion of the sewer line running from its city to the township.

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CONCERT IN THE COMMONS: Returns

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performances in total. Each performance takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights, beginning June 10. The first performance will feature the Shoreview Northern Lights Variety Band.

Other performances include the 34th Infantry Division, BackYard Band, Closer to Indigo, The Jim Tones, Brass Menagerie, ABBAolutely Fab, EINO and Mia Door presents Dolly Parton.

On June 10, the Shoreview Community Foundation will give away free treats while supplies last to those who attend to kick off the summer series. On various dates, the Shoreview Arden Hills Lions Club will be selling

Culver's custard sundaes.

Kids are welcome to attend Kidz Concert in the Commons set to kick off later this summer. These concerts are specifically geared toward the little ones and are set to begin at 10 a.m. every Wednesday, starting July 1. The first performance will be Dazzling Dave the Yo-Yo Master.

Other performances include Todd 'n' Tina, Will Sings Songs, Wendy's Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam, Snake Discovery- Snake, Rattle, & Roll and Riffin Griffin.

For more information on these events, go to www.shoreviewmn.gov/parks-rec/special-events/summer-concerts.

Madeline Dolby

Council approves property listing agreement for Fire Station 140

The Shoreview City Council has approved an exclusive representation agreement (property listing agreement – sale) with IAG Commercial for the Fire Station 140 property in a 4-0 vote (Council Member John Doan was absent from the meeting).

According to Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director Tom Simonson, the city-hired professional real estate consulting firm, IAG Commercial, has completed the first phase analysis on the repurposing of the fire station, located on Victoria Street, next to Island Lake County Park.

During the first phase of analysis, IAG Commercial gathered feedback from stakeholders. They then prepared a stakeholder engagement report and the broker opinion of value (BOV). The BOV provides IAG Commercial's professional opinion of the market value of the property and details of the analysis. Simonson noted that while the BOV provides an estimated value of the property, the sale price (if the city elects to sell) will ultimately be determined by market interest. The city's flexibility in securing a preferred use for the site is also part of the determination.

Based on the findings in the first phase, across all stakeholder groups, the majority seemed to prefer

repurposing the site over redevelopment. Popular concepts, listed in a presentation created by IAG Commercial, included a recreation facility or a family-style restaurant. Additional concepts included a restaurant incubator or a restaurant that would complement the recreational use and activate the connection and proximity to the county park.

Possible alternative uses, listed in the same presentation, include a multi-tenant commercial/retail building, artisan space, housing, daycare, pet daycare, quick-service retail, fitness center or wellness center, a brewery/pub-style environment, a learning center or an event space.

The exclusive representation agreement will allow IAG Commercial to move ahead with phase two in the city's efforts to find a re-use of the property. The second phase will list the property for sale and approach the market to solicit potential buyers.

As stated in the proposed agreement, a commission fee will be based on the sale price but the fee minimum would be approximately \$60,000 if the city were to accept a price for the property less than the estimated value.

Madeline Dolby

School district achieves all 8 District Operational Plan goals

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

As part of his end of year responsibilities, Superintendent Chris Lennox provided the Mounds View School Board with a status report of the district's 2025-26 District Operational Plan (DOP) goals.

These goals and related activities are approved by the school board on an annual basis and help guide what the superintendent and his cabinet focus their work on.

This year, the district focused on eight goals. Those goals were:

- Expand career pathway opportunities for high school students.
- Create a master plan detailing the outdoor classroom spaces and envi-

ronmental learning opportunities for students across the district.

- Expand the district's Student Information System to include assessment and analytical components.
- Identify opportunities to strengthen and enhance onboarding activities and provide additional support for district staff.
- Address ongoing school district technology, safety and security needs through a successful capital projects levy campaign.
- Complete contract negotiations with all employee groups while aligning expenditures and revenue, limiting legacy costs and balancing the need to recruit and retain the best employees.
- Complete an updated Enrollment

and Facility study.

- Complete an energy audit of the district's schools to identify opportunities for energy saving.

Three of these goals had priority status: Create a master plan detailing outdoor classroom spaces, address ongoing school district technology, safety and security needs and complete an updated enrollment and facility study.

According to Lennox, the district was able to meet all eight DOP goals.

School Board Vice Chair Shauna Bock thanked Lennox and his team for all of their work. She also said it is exciting to see where the district is at regarding enrollment.

"It is both refreshing and exciting to see where Mounds View is in the

midst of all of this with steady and growing enrollments and winning awards for our financial abilities," Bock added.

Board Member Andre Koen thanked Lennox for accessing resources that weren't available before through the use of new technology and thinking outside the box.

"The ingenuity, the innovation and maximizing all of our resources is a testament to the staff and the team who think outside the box, but also use the boxes that we have, to maximize educational opportunities for our students," Koen said.

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SCHOOL BRIEF

Middle school model change update

Following a multi-year research and planning process, a new middle school model is being implemented in phases across the Mounds View Public School District. It features a daily advisory time, expanded exploratory options and flexible use of instructional minutes multiple times a week. According to the district, this model offers the most positive benefits possible for

the greatest number of students possible.

However, the district said, some community members have expressed concerns and confusion about moving music from daily instruction to every other day in grades seven and eight (See "Residents speak out against proposed curriculum changes," Shoreview Press, April 21, 2026).

In response, the district will dedicate the upcoming school year to meaningful re-engagement with the middle school communities. For next year, according to the district, students in

grades seven and eight will have an option for daily music instruction at all middle schools. The district stated it will continue to develop schedules that are grounded in good practices for middle schoolers. This includes providing daily advisory time, expanded exploratory options and flexible instructional minutes to support personalized learning.

More information about the middle school model change can be found at www.mvpschools.org/academics/middle-school/ms-model-change-information.

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Mustangs blank 2 section foes, then lose 1-0

BY BRUCE STRAND
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Mounds View, top-seeded in Section 5AAAA baseball, gave up just one run in three section games, but they're in the elimination bracket. After blanking Osseo 1-0 and Spring Lake Park 6-0, they fell to tournament host, Champlin Park, 1-0 in eight innings Saturday.

The Mustangs (19-7) will play at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, against Maple Grove or Spring Lake Park. The winner advances to finals at 5 p.m. on Thursday, and needed to beat Champlin Park (18-6) twice.

Against Osseo, RJ Madison's double in the last of the seventh knocked in Liam Berlien, who had walked. Calvin Anderson pitched 6 2/3 innings (two hits). Andrew Gette got the last two outs. Osseo's Alex Chavez struck out 13.

Against SLP, Jackson Tretter belted a three-run homer and a solo homer, and Gette fired six shutout innings with 12 strikeouts. Madison and Jackson Glancey also had RBI hits.

Against Champlin Park, Sawyer Shewmake threw six shutout innings, as did Rebel starter Donovan Vandel. In the eighth, Calvin Anderson gave up a triple to Rhys George and an RBI single to Alex Berg. Rebel reliever Tanner Wylie completed a three-hit shutout.



BRUCE STRAND | CONTRIBUTED
Sawyer Shewmake delivers a pitch with a Champlin Park runner on second base. He threw six scoreless innings.

Mustang girls win section, gain state track in 10 events

BY BRUCE STRAND
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Mounds View girls captured the Section 5AAA track-and-field championship and had state qualifiers in ten events on Wednesday and Friday at Forest Lake. Top three teams were Mounds View 181.5; Roseville Area, 161; and Maple Grove, 154.5. Allison Richter won the 100 hur-

dles (14.84) and the 300 hurdles (42.46). She was also second in high jump (5-0) and will be in four events at state, including a relay.

Linnea Ousdigian won the 3200 (11:16.53) and the 1600 (5:11.15). Alysse Hollister was shot put champion (39-9 1/2) and second in discus (124-6). Nora Tilstra was second in shot put (38-1 1/2), qualifying for state, and fourth in discus (115-10). Lucia Blaseck placed

third in pole vault with 10-10 and qualified for state by standard.

Two relay teams placed second but qualified for state by standard — 4x200 team (1:41.70) with Harper Lucachick, Richter, Georgia Archibald and Ava Myers; and the 4x400 team (4:00.42) with Althea Barlow, June Carrigan, Adela Peterson and Ava Myers.

Mustang boys win section track, gain state in 10 events

BY BRUCE STRAND
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Mounds View boys captured the Section 5AAA track-and-field championship and qualified for state in ten events on Wednesday and Friday at Forest Lake. The top three teams were Mounds View with 174.5, Spring Lake Park with 151 and Maple Grove with 135.

The Mustangs dominated the relays with three first and one second-place, all four advancing to state.

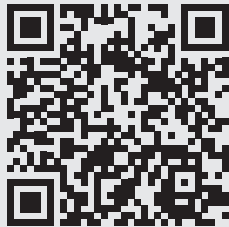
The 4x200 team won in 1:27.51 with Kaeden Saunders, Wes Kuchar, Ben Mugisa and Godson Rufus-Okomhanru. The 4x400 team won in 3:24.32 with

Preston Johnson, Rowan Hansing, Charlie Bickford and Beckett Koons. The 4x800 team won in 7:59.09 with Jackson Ashbach, Emery Klein, Joey McVean and Tate McDonald. The 4x100 team placed second (42.27) and qualified by standard with Cayden Tran, Kuchar, Mugisa and Rufus-Okomhanru.

Individual champions were Koons in the 400 dash (48.33), Ryan Wirrer in pole vault (15-0) and Robert Essie in shot put (53-9 1/2). Mugisa will also go to state with second place in long jump (22-11) and fourth in 110 hurdles (14.75), qualifying by standard. Hunter Miller qualified with second in the 800 (1:58.08).

The state Class 3A meet will be held Thursday and Saturday at St. Michael-Albertville.

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MVI softball peaked late, reached section finals

BY BRUCE STRAND
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Mounds View/Irondale softball played their best ball at the end of the season and earned a runner-up finish in Section 5AAAA. They were 4-2 in the section and 16-13 overall.

The No. 4 seeded Mustangs beat Roseville Area 15-5 with a 12-run inning highlighted by Gillian Hansen's bases-loaded homer. Adahlia Eames had three hits, three runs and three RBIs. Kate Tretter pitched.

Top-seeded Stillwater and pitcher Ella Weisser nipped the Mustangs 2-1. Lydia Sinkula knocked in the lone run. Annalise Foley pitched well (two unearned runs).

MVI blanked North/Tartan 5-0 with Tretter pitching five innings and Kara Cmiel two. Jaycie Helmer was 3-for-3 (two RBIs). They ousted defending champion White Bear Lake 6-4. Tretter walked eight but allowed just five hits, and MVI had no errors. Kadie Leopold had a single, double and two RBIs.

They beat Woodbury 4-1 as Foley pitched six strong innings while Leopold had two hits and three RBIs. That put them in the finals against Stillwater, where they will need two wins. They had 10 hits but made six errors and lost 9-2. Foley took the loss. Sinkula was 3-for-4.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ben Mugisa

Mounds View Track

June 2, 2026

Ben Mugisa is a four-event state qualifier for the Mounds View track team. In the section meet, Mugisa placed second in long jump (22-11) and fourth in the high hurdles (14.75) while helping the 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams qualify. The college football recruit (Minnesota State-Mankato) will close his prep career on Thursday and Saturday in the state meet. "Ben is the most versatile athlete on the team," coach Ross Fleming said. "He has excelled at both hurdle events, both horizontal jumps and both sprint relays as well as the 100-meter dash. He is one of a very few in school history to qualify for the state meet in four events."



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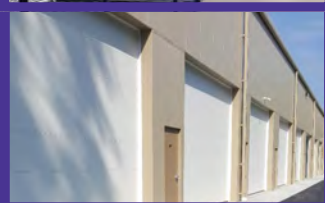
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DNR provides wildlife spring safety reminders

What to know about urban coyotes

Coyotes are wild members of the dog family, intermediate in size between red foxes and wolves. In Minnesota, coyotes average 30 lbs. and stand about 18" high at the shoulders. However, they may appear much larger due to their heavy fur coat, especially in winter. They are gray/brown in color, and somewhat resemble a small German Shepherd dog in appearance. Coyotes in Minnesota are loners, except when families are raising pups. Their primary foods are rabbits and mice, but they are very opportunistic, and will feed on other small mammals, deer, birds, carrion, and even melons.

Although coyotes can be found anywhere in Minnesota, distribution and population size is variable. Currently, populations are establishing and increasing in the Twin Cities metro area.

Most coyotes avoid people and domestic animals, but occasionally they will kill sheep, turkeys, and calves. They may also raid garbage cans, and kill domestic cats and small dogs. While healthy wild coyotes avoid people, incidents have been reported in Minnesota and other states. Experts believe these incidents are more likely after a coyote has become accustomed to humans, or after being fed by humans.

If you are concerned about the presence of coyotes where you live, consider the following dos and don'ts:

DO:

- Secure all garbage containers, wildlife feeders, and other food sources to prevent coyote access
- Confine small dogs and cats in kennels, or supervise them when outside
- Vaccinate all pets for rabies, distemper, parvo, and other diseases, as recommended by a veterinarian
- Consider installing coyote-proof fencing
- Harass (by chasing, shouting, etc.) any coyotes that do not immediately run from people

DON'T:

- Do not feed coyotes
- Do not leave pet food outside
- Do not allow cats and small dogs outside, unattended

These simple suggestions should prevent most coyote problems. However, if depredation occurs or aggressive coyote behavior is observed, removal of the coyotes may be necessary. Coyotes are unprotected in Minnesota, and may be taken at any time by shooting or trapping.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources does not trap, shoot, or relocate coyotes. Where necessary, removal of coyotes is the responsibility of the landowner or tenant. For information on pest control contractors or trapping



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A bear wanted to have a picnic in rural Hugo.

techniques for coyote removal, contact your local DNR Wildlife office or Conservation Officer. In cities with ordinances prohibiting the use of certain traps and/or firearms, you may need a city permit, or assistance from the city animal control agency.

Be BearWise this summer while recreating outdoors

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds hikers, campers and anyone else enjoying outdoor recreation to learn how to prevent conflicts with bears.

Black bears are naturally cautious animals that typically avoid human contact for their own safety; however, it's important to be proactive to prevent human-bear conflicts.

"Coexistence with bears is completely doable with a few easy actions anyone can take," said Andrew Tri, DNR bear project leader. "The actions boil down to not surprising bears and making sure to secure things that bears will seek out as food."

When recreating, people should follow these outdoor BearWise Basics:

1. Stay alert when hiking. Pay attention to your surroundings and keep kids within sight or close by.
2. Leave no trash or food scraps. Double bag food when hiking and pack out all food and trash. Don't burn food scraps or trash in a fire ring or grill.

3. Keep dogs leashed and don't let them chase or bark at bears.
4. Camp safely. Do not store food, trash or toiletries in your tent. Store these items in a bear-resistant container, locked out of sight in a hard sided vehicle or suspended from a tree at least 10 feet above the ground and 10 feet from any part of the tree (where allowed).
5. If you encounter a black bear you should:

- Stay with your group.
- If you see a bear before it notices you, do not approach it. Instead, stand still, enjoy watching the animal, if it is at a safe distance, and quietly move away.
- Back away slowly if the bear sees you. Never run; running might trigger a bear's chase response.
- If the bear approaches you, hold your ground, wave your arms and yell, "hey bear," until the animal leaves.
- Use bear spray if the bear keeps approaching.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it. It is not a bear repellent so don't spray it on your belongings.

Learn more about how to safely recreate in Minnesota on the Minnesota DNR website (DNR.state.mn.us) and at BearWise.org.

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CITY OF SHOREVIEW

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Shoreview City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2026 in the City Council Chambers at Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria Street North, Shoreview, Minnesota to consider two Conditional Use Permits.

APPLICANT: Pam Larson
LOCATION: 855 Tanglewood Dr
PROPOSAL: The property owner is seeking to receive approval for two conditional use permits that will work in tandem. Firstly, is a conditional use permit for the keeping of non-domestic animals on a property that exceeds two acres to house two horses on the property. The second is for a detached accessory structure that is over 440 sq. ft. that will serve as both a garage and a living space for the animals.

Persons who want to submit written comments on this proposal can email Will Harris, Associate Planner, at wharris@shoreviewmn.gov. All written comments received before June 10th will be included in the staff report. Those who wish to give oral testimony are invited to attend the meeting on June 15th at 7:00 pm.

Residents are encouraged to call the Shoreview Community Development Department at 651-490-4681 after Tuesday, June 9th to find out where this item will be located on the meeting agenda.
Brad Martens, City Manager
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MOUNDS VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MOUNDS VIEW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

APRIL 21, 2026

Meetings take place at the District Center in Shoreview (4570 Victoria Street N). Complete minutes available upon request at the District Center.

• Ratification of employment contracts

The Board approved proposed contracts between the District and SEIU, Local 284, School Service Employees representing paraeducators, and SEIU, Local 284, School Service Employees representing clerical employees, as presented.

• Quarterly budget report and amendments

Paula Steele, director of finance, presented the quarterly budget report for the period ending March 31, 2026, and reviewed amendments to the 2025-26 budget. Each quarterly budget update provides an opportunity to review budget variances and make amendments when information becomes available. The quarterly budget report and amendments can be viewed on the Budgets & Finance page.

• DOP Goal Update: Onboarding & Staff Support

Julie Coffey, executive director of human resources, gave an update on the District Operational Plan Goal of providing onboarding and staff support. Coffey presented several strategies Mounds View Public Schools is implementing to recruit, hire and retain staff. The District Operational Plan can be viewed on the website.

• A look ahead

May 14, 6 p.m., work session
May 19, 7 p.m., regular meeting (6:30 p.m. comments to the Board)
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James J. Hill descendent reflects on legacy

It's one thing to read about the history of our unique community in a book, but quite another to hear it directly from a descendent of the family who founded North Oaks. This May, Hill family member Sara Maud Lydiatt-Vanier visited North Oaks to talk about her heritage and connection to this land.

Lydiatt-Vanier is the great-great-granddaughter of railroad magnate James J. Hill, who established his North Oaks Farm in 1883. Her grandfather is Louis Hill, Jr., the visionary who turned his family's farmland into a model residential community in 1950, and her mother is Mari Hill Harpur, who oversees the North Oaks Company with her husband Doug Harpur.

Though she lives in Montreal, Lydiatt-Vanier has maintained a special connection to her family's land. She has served on the board of the Hill Farm Historical Society, which preserves the historic James J. Hill farm site, since 2003, and visits North Oaks a few times a year to reconnect with the community.

Her most recent visit to North Oaks coincided with the Hill Farm Historical Society's spring dinner, when roughly 140 guests gathered at the North Oaks Golf Club to hear Lydiatt-Vanier speak. Now that North Oaks has been declared "built out" by the North Oaks Company, her interview provided an opportunity to reflect on the past, present, and future of the Hill family's legacy in North Oaks.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I grew up on a farm in eastern Ontario, similar to James J. Hill who was also from Ontario. And then I ended up in university in Montreal and have ended up living in Montreal.

Q: What was it like, as a young person, to learn that you're part of such a historic family? When did you first connect with that legacy?

A: Although I had some visits here as a young child, it was really at the fishing camp. It is located in Quebec, about a 17-hour drive east of Montreal. And it's a fishing camp that was established by James J. Hill in 1883. It was fashionable for industrialists of the time to go fishing and invite their guests. And so eventually he ended up buying a portion of a river from the Labrador Company and he would invite his guests to come up, and he had a steam yacht called the Wacouta; they would go by rail to Quebec or Montreal and then get on this yacht to go up to the fishing camp.

So flash forward a hundred years later, I was at the fishing camp with my grandparents, and there were all these photographs that were pinned to the wall of James J. Hill, and my grandfather as a child, and LW [Louis Hill, Sr.], and women fishing, which was always very important — the tradition of women also going fishing. And it was really quite astonishing to be in an amazing log cabin, which was actually built by the same architect as the Great Northern train stations. So that is how I came to know a little bit about the history.

Q: What are some of your first memories of coming to North Oaks?

A: We would always come this time of year because my both my grandfather and great-grandfather's birthdays were May 19. So, I always remember the springtime. We would come in the wintertime and go cross-country skiing, and horseback riding in the summer. My mother reminded me that I had fallen off a horse here — and that I got right back up.

Q: What do you want people to know about your grandfather, Louis W. Hill, Jr.?

A: Well, a lot of people here have met him, and knew him. He was a great guy, super guy, and he loved reading and he loved talking about things that he had read. Maybe as a child, I felt like he had talked a little bit too much [laughs], but he was very genuine and interested in speaking to everybody and learning things, very curious. He loved being outside and golfing and swimming. He loved skiing. He really loved North Oaks. That was evident from spending time here and him being excited and talking about it. He was a wonderful man.

I do remember my grandfather used to tell stories using Blackfoot hand talk, which he must have learned in Glacier Park. He would tell stories and it looked like sign language, using his hands to tell the story.



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Sara Maud Lydiatt-Vanier spoke to North Oaks News editor Andrea Swensson at the spring dinner.

Q: You have been on the board of the Hill Farm Historical Society for over two decades now. What inspired you to get involved?

A: Well, I've always cared about farming, because I grew up on a farm, and I also studied art history and some architectural history, and so I'm fascinated by keeping agricultural history alive. There's a real connection that people have lost, moving into cities and not realizing where food comes from. That's a big problem these days. So it's great to be able to preserve such an old farm that was also innovative — like the dairy, when it was built it had all the modern equipment. It may not look like that now, but it was quite impressive at the time, and it's important for the region to know that this experimental farm existed here.

Q: You wrote a master's thesis that was inspired by the train lines that James J. Hill developed, though not in a way that you might expect. Can you tell us more?

A: I was looking at the way they designed train cars on the interiors to make it more comfortable for the first-class passengers, predominantly, to travel out west. I looked specifically at the Oriental Limited, which went along the Great Northern Railway line. The Oriental Limited began in St. Paul and ended in Seattle, it started in 1905 and it had all the modern conveniences. It was beautiful on the interior. It had stained glass. And we don't really think of it now, but at that time people weren't used to traveling fast. So that was something that was in consideration when they were building the train cars, to make people feel more comfortable and more like at home.

So, it was fun to look into that. I got to live in Minnesota while I did the research at the Minnesota Historical Society, which was great. And it was a wonderful topic to study. The train, the Oriental Limited, was named that because James J. Hill had a steamship line that was going to Asia at the time. His ultimate goal was this internationalism of bringing the states to Asia and then back with transport. Whether it worked or not — not, really, in the end — it was a fantastic idea.

Q: It's kind of hard to wrap your head around how many ideas this one person had.

A: Absolutely. Well, that's actually something that I learned by studying this. It is amazing, his willingness to just say, 'well let's just try this.' Like here on the farm, how he bred dairy with meat cattle to see if you could get a more productive animal. And it didn't really catch on, but it was great that he had this ability to just throw everything at it. He had the means to be able to try all these wonderful things.

Q: So as you're doing this research and coming here to Minnesota to connect with this history, were there times where you would have to remind yourself, oh, this is my family? Or did you always feel that connection?

A: Well, not necessarily. I mean, I feel a connection to Minnesota because I look like a lot of Minnesotans, right? [laughs] So, I always felt like I belong here in some ways, and I've always loved it here. It was astonishing the more I learned about it as I got older



and more involved, with North Oaks Company and the Hill Farm Historical Society and the foundations, including the Jerome Foundation and the Camargo Foundation.

Q: We began tonight by watching a clip from the new North Oaks Company documentary that showcased the development of the conservation area in the 1990s. Why was that such an important initiative for your family?

A: The conservation area is a fantastic resource for people to use for their activities, with the trail system, as well as all of the animals that have come back like the sand hill cranes and all the wild turkeys that have come back, and the Canada geese.

Q: That is something that we maybe take for granted if we don't know the history — that because there is that protected land, these animals are flourishing.

A: Exactly. And it brings people alive and into nature. And nature is very important. Your blood pressure drops, you can relax walking around the trails, and it's a very different feeling from other communities.

Q: What do you want current residents to know about how we can keep your family's legacy alive?

A: Well, I think most important is the curiosity about the natural environment. Fortunately, the conservation area is in a trust. So, it will perpetuate, which is great. But it is important for the residents to recognize it and use it, to enjoy it, and to see everything that it has to offer. And to bring kids into it and show them the natural environment and animals and have them participate in walking around the trails and enjoying it.

Q: You mentioned your family has had a love of scientific research. How would you like to see that carried on?

A: I think it would be great if there could be projects that the community establishes, like improving water quality or creating methods to get rid of invasive species. Like for instance there's a new project that is happening in North Oaks where they're studying different ways to manage buckthorn removal. It's a multi-year study and eventually they'll figure out which one works best. So things like that are important, and you can only do it in a place where it's a conservation area where it's untouched.

Compiled by North Oaks News Editor Andrea Swensson.

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June 9: Bingo	6:30 - 8 pm	Rustic Roots Winery
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Under the Intermediate District Teacher Residency Apprenticeship Collaborative (ITRAC), staff, union members and leaders, and district leaders from each organization worked together to design a program to engage apprentices in job-embedded learning and related instruction at minimal cost. This allows the apprentices to meet the 2023 Standards of Effective Practice, content standards for Emotional-Behavioral Disorders (EBD) and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) licensure and Department of Labor & Industry apprenticeship requirements.

"The apprenticeship experience was a lot of work, but it gave us the preparation and support we needed to become the best teachers we can be," said apprenticeship graduate Mails Woodberry. "Becoming part of the first cohort is something I never imagined would be possible for me, so reaching this milestone means a lot. I'm proud of myself and proud of all the adult scholars in my cohort for staying committed and completing the journey together."

For more information about ITRAC, visit www.isd917.org/teacher_apprenticeship_program.

Shannon Granholm



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Intermediate District Teacher Residency Apprenticeship Collaborative graduates, their families and staff were invited to a graduation ceremony at Quora Education Center in Little Canada May 4.



Pictured from left are: Apprentice Graduates David Townsel, Deborah Rime, Alorah Burn, Mails Woodberry, Kyle Brown, Brittany Tolbert and Apprenticeship Navigator Amelia Barrons.

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