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Catching up with Centennial Cross-Country

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

Most of Centennial High School is empty during MEA break, but this year, the west gym was filled with the scent of slow-cooked apple crumble. This was the prize that awaited the boys and girls Centennial Cross-Country teams as they returned from practice.

“We have a great culture here,” said senior Henry Schwartz. “We have a meet every weekend. Every day, before a meet, we have a pasta feed — ‘cause carbs. We have practice every Saturday in the morning, and we have breakfast at someone’s house. So, we have a lot of team-building.”

Food, however, is not what has kept Schwartz on the team for four years.

“It’s really fun to run with people you know,” he said.

Schwartz’ sentiment was a common refrain. Only one interviewee was new to the team: Lena Weber, an exchange student from Berlin, Germany.

“Everyone is so nice,” Weber said. “The friendships are really close because you see each other every day, and then you have to run. It pushes you through hard things together as friends ... I learned how important support is, to cheer on each other.”

With a sport like cross-country, there are a lot of people to cheer on.

“My sister is always like, ‘How do you know so many people?’” said senior Brooke Hayes. “It’s because I do cross-country. There’s, like, 40 people on each team.” As Hayes explained this, she motioned her teammate Kinlee Engstrom over.

“She is one of my closest friends on the team, but she’s a sophomore,” Hayes said.

Unlike other high school sports that have grade-level delineations, cross-country accepts grades 7-12 and has co-ed practices.

“It’s pretty common for there to be one head coach for the girls and the boys team, so ... in general, everyone practices together,” said Head Coach Nathan Anderson. “We even have races where they run girls and boys in the same race. At Chisago Lakes, they had a mass start for girls and the boys, varsity and JV.”

“I feel like, with other sports, the varsity is mainly upperclassmen,” Engstrom said. “I think it’s so cool that we can interact and be friends with so many different grades. It brings so much more community.”

“They’re very supportive of one another,”

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Centennial Middle School gets (soap) operatic

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

Soap operas can be overly dramatic, but the actors of hit television soap opera “The Whispers of Scandal” have good reason to scream: their new television studio is haunted by a phantom. Even worse, this phantom has fallen in love with Julianna Sterling, the backup for the lead part — and he’ll do anything to make sure his love can be the star of the show.

This is the premise of “As the Phantom Turns: A Soap Opera,” the Centennial Middle School fall play, written by

Eric Webster. Webster also co-directs with Laurie Tangren. The play is co-directed by Wester and Laurie Tangren, who see the complexity of a spooky comedy about soap-opera stars as an asset for the students.

“It’s a comedy, and we have students with a lot of stage experience and a great knack for comedy. So, they were on it since day one,” Webster and Tangren said. “We all laugh a lot every rehearsal.”

Despite the 98-person cast and crew, rehearsals — unlike the



From left: Evan Malone as Julianna Sterling and Cooper Vanyo as The Phantom/Brad.

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Trunk or treat



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Over 370 children attended the annual Trunk or Treat at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Circle Pines Oct. 18. The event included themed trunks, live music, fire trucks and a petting zoo. For more Halloween events, see What’s Happening on page 3.



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2012-2013

Lawsuit begins

White Bear Lake Restoration Association and White Bear Lake Homeowners’ Association challenged the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), arguing that groundwater permitting was contributing to harm to the lake and its surrounding natural resources.

2014-2016

Settlement attempt fails

2017

District Court orders stronger controls

2020

Minnesota Supreme Court rules

The Minnesota Supreme Court restored the plaintiffs’ ability to pursue a claim under the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act, while rejecting one part of the public-trust theory. The subsequent Court of Appeals decision largely preserved the District Court’s key remedies.

2024-2026

Permit requirements are challenged

An administrative law judge upheld several requirements but rejected the residential irrigation-ban condition. In 2025, the Court of Appeals sent the administrative decision back for further findings about whether the conditions were feasible for individual municipal water suppliers.

Judge issues decision regarding water-use restrictions

BY SHANNON GRANHOLM
MANAGING EDITOR

A new ruling marks the latest development in a years-long legal battle over groundwater pumping and water levels in White Bear Lake, a dispute that has raised difficult questions about how the state should protect the lake while ensuring reliable drinking-water supplies for northeast metro communities.

The decision comes as cities in the northeast metro face questions about groundwater use, conservation requirements and the potential shift to alternative water sources.

Earlier this month, Administrative Law Judge Megan J. McKenzie issued his Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of amendments to various water appropriation permits (CAH 25-2002-37733).

Seventeen water appropriation permit holders sought contested case hearings on the permit amendments, but only seven municipal permit holders proceeded to an evidentiary hearing, including Oakdale, Mahtomedi, White

Bear Lake, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Lino Lakes and Vadnais Heights. Every permit holder did not challenge the lawfulness of each of the four conditions.

Judge McKenzie evaluated whether it was reasonable for the appealing cities to meet conditions attached to water appropriation permits that were amended back in 2018 following lengthy litigation in Minnesota’s district and appeal courts. McKenzie found that “it is reasonable and feasible” for all the appellant permit holders to meet all four conditions. In other words, the cities did not show that it is unreasonable or unfeasible to meet those conditions.

Hugo City Administrator Bryan Bear said the city is still reviewing the ruling from the administrative law judge and in the coming weeks, the city council will decide if it wants to appeal that ruling.

“Unless a solution is agreed to, the conditions that are the subject of this ruling would restrict the way residents can maintain their lawns and gardens. It will influence development in the community: favoring apartments instead of restaurants and commercial development and it will require the city

to spend money on developing plans to convert our water supply to a surface water source like the Mississippi River - which is a solution that is impractical and not feasible for Hugo,” Bear said. “Ultimately, restrictions on access to drinking water will have negative economic consequences for the entire northeast metro.”

Attorney Dick Allyn, representing the White Bear Lake Restoration Association, explained that the case will likely either go back to the Court of Appeals or to Judge Marrinan.

With the exception of Lake Elmo, no new pumping permits have been issued since August 2017.

“It’s important. People may want to think (lake level) is just a temporary problem or that it only affects people who live on the lake,” Allyn said. “The lake is a big resource for the whole region. Is there still a problem? Certainly there is still a problem ... White Bear Lake deserves to be protected.”

In May 2023, the Minnesota Legislature passed the Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources

bill, otherwise known as Chapter 60. Article II, Section 5 of the bill appropriated sums “to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure communities in the White Bear Lake Area have access to sufficient safe drinking water to allow for municipal growth while simultaneously ensuring the sustainability of the surface water and ground water resources.”

The legislation set aside resources to plan for the conversion of surface water sources to replace the permit holders’ current appropriation of groundwater. The bill provided: \$2 million the first year is to develop a comprehensive plan. The Metropolitan Council established a work group consisting of the commissioners of natural resources, health, and the Pollution Control Agency or their designees and representatives from the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee; the St. Paul Regional Water Services; and the various the cities to advise the council in developing the comprehensive plan. The work group is scheduled to report back possible solutions to the legislature in June 2027.

PUBLIC NOTICES - PUBLIC NOTICES - PUBLIC NOTICES

**CENTENNIAL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 12
SCHOOL BOARD WORK STUDY SESSION SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

(Abbreviated—full minutes available at www.isd12.org or call 763-792-6010 to request a hard copy) LEGAL NOTICE: School Board, Independent School District 12; 4707 North Road, Circle Pines, Minnesota; 9/14/26.

1. Call to Order Chair Knisely called the School Board Work Session to order at 5:30 pm in the District Office Board Room. 2. Roll Call The following members were present: Hansen, Johnson, Knisely, Linser, Murphy, Schwinn Supt Holmberg. 3. Adjourn at 7:40 pm

Craig Johnson, School Board Clerk
Minutes prepared by Joy Mouch
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**CENTENNIAL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 12
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026**

(Abbreviated—full minutes available at www.isd12.org or call 763-792-6010 to request a hard copy) LEGAL NOTICE: School Board, Independent School District 12; 4707 North Road, Circle Pines, Minnesota; 9/21/26.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Knisely called the Regular Meeting of the School Board to order at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 3. ROLL CALL The following members were present: Hansen, Johnson, Knisely, Linser, Murphy, Schwinn, Superintendent Holmberg, ex-officio. Absent: None 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Motion to approve the agenda by Hansen, seconded by Johnson. All members present voted aye, the motion carried unanimously 5. RECOGNITIONS MN School Board Recognition Month 6.PUBLIC COMMENT None. 7. CONSENT ITEMS 7.1 Approval of Minutes. 7.2 Approval of Monthly Disbursements. 7.3 Approval of Personnel Items. 7.4 Approval of Field Trips. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as detailed in the enclosures by Schwinn, seconded by Hansen. All members present voted aye, the motion carried unanimously. 8. CURRICULUM: Curriculum review Plan, no action needed. 9. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT 9.1 Proposed '26 Payable in '27 Tax Levy – Motion to approve made by Linser, 2nd by Schwinn. Via roll call vote, all members voted aye. The motion carried. 9.2 Adoption of Acknowledgement of Contributions Resolution - Motion to adopt by Murphy, second by Hansen. Via roll call vote, all members present voted aye, the motion carried. 10. SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS 10.1 Approval of Policies 425, 624, 806, 208, 402, 423, 507.5 Motion to approve as presented made by Schwinn, second by Linser. All members voted aye. The motion carried. 11. COMMUNICATIONS AMSD; CAEF; NE Metro 916; District Committee Reports. 12. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT 13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS Dates to Note 14. ADJOURN Motion to adjourn by Schwinn, seconded by Murphy. All members present voted aye, the motion carried unanimously. Adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

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**CITY OF CENTERVILLE, MINNESOTA
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Centerville, Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at the polling locations listed below for the purpose of voting for candidates of the offices specified below. The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 AM and will remain open until closing at 8:00 PM.

The City of Centerville’s polling location, voting hours are as follows:

St. Genevieve’s Community Parish Center
6995 Centerville Road
Centerville, MN 55038
HOURS: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FEDERAL OFFICES

- US Senator
- US Representative District 3, 5, 6
- Governor and Lt Governor
- Attorney General
- State Auditor

- Secretary of State
- Supreme Court Associate Justice, Seat 4
- Court of Appeals Judge, Seats 9, 13, 15
- State Representative District 17A, 27B, 30B, 31A, 31B, 32A, 32B, 34B, 35A, 35B, 36A, 39A, 39B
- District Court Judge District 10, Seats 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 22, 23, 24, 28, 32, 38, 39, 43
- County Attorney
- County Sheriff
- County Commissioner District 4, 5, 7
- Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 2, 3
- Mayor
- City Council Member at Large, 2 seats

Centerville’s polling location: Church of St. Genevieve Parish Community Center, 6995 Centerville Road, Centerville, MN 55038

Voting hours: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Precinct Name	Voting Location
Centerville P-1	St. Genevieve Community Parish Center 6995 Centerville Road, Centerville, MN 55038

Teresa Bender, City Clerk
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**CITY OF CENTERVILLE
NOTICE OF HEARING**

The City of Centerville Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at the Centerville City Hall, 1880 Main Street in the Council Chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter on the following matter:

ITEM:	Preliminary Plat – Woods of Old Mill
PETITIONER/PROPERTY OWNER:	Elmcrest Vistas, LLC
PROPERTY I.D. #:	14-31-22-42-0071 – 1849 Laramie Lane
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	Lot 8, Block 2 Old Mill Estates 2 nd Addition

The petitioner requests that the city consider a Preliminary Plat for the construction of four (4), single-family homes.

The City Hall is ADA accessible. Requests for hearing assisted devices or a sign language interpreter must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. October 1, 2026. All persons interested are invited to attend and to be heard, verbally or in writing. If you are interested in the proposed preliminary plat/site plan, it can be obtained from the City Clerk at: tbender@centervillemn.com, (651)792-7933 or the City Administrator at: alewis@centervillemn.com, (651) 792-7931 or if you have questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Teresa Bender, City Clerk



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**CITY OF LEXINGTON, MINNESOTA
PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the City of Lexington, Minnesota, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at the polling locations listed below for the purpose of voting for candidates of the offices specified below. The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 AM and will remain open until closing at 8:00 PM.

FEDERAL OFFICES

- US Senator
- US Representative District 3, 5, 6
- Governor and Lt Governor
- Attorney General
- State Auditor
- Secretary of State
- Supreme Court Associate Justice, Seat 4
- Court of Appeals Judge, Seats 9, 13, 15
- State Representative District 17A, 27B, 30B, 31A, 31B, 32A, 32B, 34B, 35A, 35B, 36A, 39A, 39B
- District Court Judge District 10, Seats 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 22, 23, 24, 28, 32, 38, 39, 43
- County Attorney
- County Sheriff
- County Commissioner District 4, 5, 7
- Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 2, 3
- Mayor
- City Council Member at Large, 2 seats

The voting places are as follows:

Precinct Name	Voting Location
Lexington P-1	Lexington City Hall 9180 Lexington Ave., Lexington, MN 55014

Brenda Beaudet, Deputy City Clerk
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**CITY OF LINO LAKES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lino Lakes, Minnesota will hold a public hearing on November 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, Minnesota, to consider the following:

- Drainage and Utility Easement Vacation
- PID #34-13-22-44-0012
- Outlot G, Wilkinson Waters Addition

For further information regarding the above item, please contact City Engineer, Diane Hankee, at 651-982-2430.

Anyone wishing to be heard regarding these items will be given the opportunity at the time of the hearing. If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please call 651-982-2400.

Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk
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**CITY OF LINO LAKES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
UTILITY FEES
NOVEMBER 9, 2026, 6:30 P.M.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lino Lakes City Council will be holding a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance amendment to the City Fee Schedule, specifically including the utility fees, which include water and sewer charges. The full fee schedule will be reviewed at this meeting. The Public Hearing is scheduled for November 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, Minnesota.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at Clerk@linolakes.us or 651-982-2406.

Submitted By: Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk
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Why we're considering leaving Facebook

Our newspaper is considering discontinuing its Facebook and Instagram pages because of concerns that Meta's new commercial terms threaten the future of local journalism and local newspapers like the Quad Community Press.



Shannon's Shenanigans Shannon Granholm

The National Newspaper Association has warned that Meta's revised terms, scheduled to take effect Oct. 30, could give the company broad permission to collect content from websites associated with Facebook and Instagram business accounts. That content could include our news stories, photographs and archives.

The concern is simple. We pay reporters and editors to produce local journalism, and we believe that work should be protected.

Our coverage of local government, schools, businesses, community events and the people who live here takes time, effort and resources. Meta should not be able to benefit from using our content without compensation to our newspaper.

We urge our elected officials to help protect our intellectual property, and we ask our readers to please stand up for the small businesses whose copyrighted materials are being improperly used.

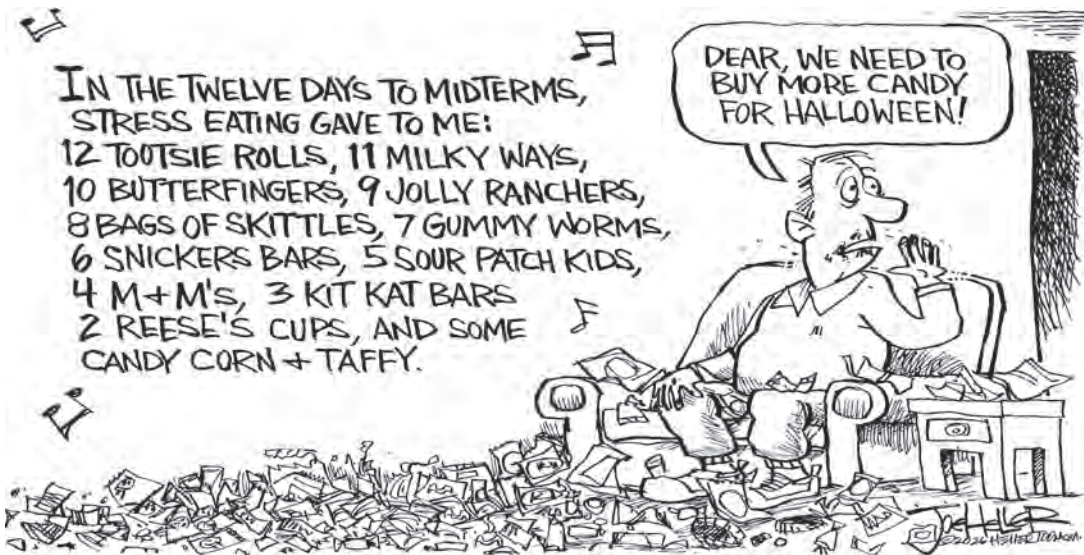
We recognize that Facebook helps us reach readers and share important community news. While no final decision has been made, we must weigh the benefits of maintaining a Facebook presence against the need to protect our journalism, intellectual property and long-term sustainability.

Our responsibility is to serve our community while ensuring that the work we produce remains valued and protected. We will continue to monitor developments and consider the best way to keep readers informed without unnecessarily compromising the journalism they depend on.

We encourage readers to continue visiting our website at presspubs.com. Please continue to subscribe to our newspaper, share our stories directly with your friends and neighbors on your own social media accounts and sign up for our regional e-newsletter.

Supporting local journalism helps ensure that reliable, independent coverage of our community remains available for years to come.

Shannon Granholm is the managing editor for Press Publications.



Prepping your relationships for election night

Every election season comes with its own kind of emotional baggage. Anticipation, anxiety, hope, dread — they swirl together in ways that can make even the most grounded people feel unsteady. And because elections are collective experiences, those emotions don't stay contained. They spill into our conversations, our group chats, our workplaces and our families. We talk about the candidates, the stakes, the issues, the awful ads and the flood of mailers. What we talk about less is how to prepare our relationships for what happens when the results arrive.



Movers & Shakers Shannon Watson

But we should, because in many relationships — be that friends, siblings, partners, colleagues — one person is likely to be relieved or happy about the outcome, and the other may be disappointed, frustrated or fearful. Pretending that dynamic won't matter is how we end up with hurt feelings, avoidable conflicts, or long silences.

The good news is that we can plan ahead. Just like campaigns prepare for Election Day, we can prepare for the emotional aftermath. And doing that work before the results come in — when everything is

calmer and less reactive — can set a baseline of care that makes the harder moments easier to navigate.

Start with a simple question: "What do you think you'll need from me after the results come in?" It's disarming in the best way. It signals that you're thinking about the relationship, not the scoreboard. It also gives the other person a chance to articulate their needs without the pressure of the moment.

Some people will say they want space. Others want distraction. Some will want to talk immediately; others won't be ready for hours or days. You don't have to agree with their political views to honor their emotional needs. You just have to decide that the relationship matters more than the election.

It also helps to share what you will need, not in a dramatic way, but in an honest one: "If the results don't go the way I hope, I might need a little time before I'm ready to talk." Or, "If my candidate wins, I'll be relieved, but I won't expect you to celebrate with me." Naming your own expectations makes it easier for the other person to respect them.

And then there's the question of what to say when the moment arrives. This is where solidarity — not unity, not agreement, but solidarity — becomes a practical tool.

If someone you care about is happy with the results and you aren't, a simple congratulations doesn't require you to join the celebration. It's not an endorsement; it's an ac-

knowledge of their experience. On the flip side, if someone you care about is upset or overwhelmed, saying, "If you aren't ready to talk while you process the results, I understand — but I am here for you," can be a lifeline. These small gestures don't solve polarization, but they soften its edges. They remind us that relationships don't have to rise and fall with political outcomes.

Prepping your relationships for election night isn't about pretending politics don't matter. They do. They shape our communities, our policies and our futures. But relationships matter too — often more, and certainly longer. And in a season that rewards division, taking time to plan for connection is a quiet act of solidarity.

Campaigns prepare for Election Day because they know the stakes. We can prepare for election night because we know the stakes in our own lives. A little planning, a little curiosity and a little solidarity can make the difference between a relationship strained by politics and a relationship strengthened by care.

If we want a civic culture that isn't defined by winners and losers, this is one place to start: not with unity, but with the intentional, human work of showing up for each other when the results come in and the next chapter of civic life plays out.

Shannon Watson is founder and executive director, Majority in the Middle

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- same subject matter will not be published. Repeat paid endorsement letters will be published as space permits.
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- letter-writing campaigns are paid letters.
- All letters are subject to editing.
- We reserve the right to not publish any letter.
- The deadline to submit a letter is 5 p.m. Wednesday the week prior to publication.
- The last batch of letters to be printed before the Nov. 3 election will be printed in the Oct. 20 issue and must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.
- To submit a letter, email news@presspubs.com or mail/deliver it to Press Publications.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PAID LETTER

Vote for Chapin for CD6 House Representative

Doug Chapin is a recognized expert in elections with almost 40 years’ experience in the field. He is, of course, a lawyer, so he understands our constitution and worked on election integrity in Washington for years. Doug has held over 20 in-person town halls round the district. His platform includes Repealing the tax cuts for millionaires, Medicare-for-all or a public option, reversing cuts to Medicare and Medicaid and eliminating the cap on Social Security taxes, among other causes.

Chapin is running a grassroots campaign and does not take any PAC money. Please educate yourself about Project 2025 to

understand it. Look at “ACLU and Project 2025” to be more informed and this will explain some of the things that the Heritage Foundation wants to accomplish in our country.

During Metro Surge, Walz, Ellison and Mayor Frey called for the people of Minnesota to remain peaceful. Seventy to seventy-five percent of immigrants that have been detained have NO criminal record. What happened in January of 2026 is one of the reasons that Doug decided to run, along with the pardon of January 6ers, earlier in Trump’s second presidency. In the month of August of 2026, 50,000 immigrants were detained across the country. Seventy percent of Americans support a path to citizenship, not deportation.

I have also been receiving many fliers from the Republican Party

regarding Jim DeMay and I laugh every time I get one because he hasn’t even been in office yet! I have met him also and find him to have some good experience to represent us in 36A. Vote early if you can and vote for Jim and Doug Chapin for CD6.

Connie Wikman
Circle Pines

Editor’s note: We typically do not publish paid letters to the editor the week before an election. However, we inadvertently omitted the above submission due to an internal oversight. It meets all our publication guidelines and was submitted prior to the deadline. In the interest of fairness to the writer, we are making a one-time exception to include it in this issue. We apologize for the error.

BUSINESS BRIEF

Local nonprofit launches program for retired race-horses

EquiKare has launched Redemption Run, a nonprofit program to rehabilitate, retrain and rehome retired Standardbred racehorses, including horses leaving Minnesota’s harness racing circuit.

The program will provide veterinary evaluations, rehabilitation, retraining for careers in riding or driving, and placement with suitable adoptive homes. Follow-up support and education about transitioning horses from

racing are also part of the initiative.

Karrie Cable Rodriguez, founder of EquiKare and director of Redemption Run, brings experience in equine rehabilitation and Minnesota’s racing industry. She previously directed Racehorse Reimagined, an aftercare program associated with This Old Horse.

The program aims to help retired harness horses transition into second careers as riding or driving horses, sport partners or companions. Redemption Run is located on the border of Hugo and White Bear Lake along Elmcrest Avenue. For more information, visit <https://equikarellc.com>

CENTERVILLE TIDBITS

- According to Minnesota Statute 473.864, Subd. 2a, the city is required to update its comprehensive plan every 10 years, a process that requires collaboration and input from many staff members, community members and commissions. Included in the comprehensive plan requirements are updates to technical reports that include a water supply plan and a local water plan. Engineering components and input are also woven into the chapters of the comprehensive plan document. Stantec Consulting Services Inc. prepared these technical reports as part of the previous (2040) comprehensive plan update and has submitted a proposal to provide these same services for the current (2050) comprehensive plan update. The Centerville City Council unanimously approved the engineering services proposal from Stantec to complete a water supply plan, local water plan, comprehensive sewer plan and provide input and updated figures to be incorporated into the 2050 comp plan document. The city will pay Stantec \$74,491 using money from various enterprise funds over the next two years.
- In more 2050 comp plan news, council also unanimously passed a resolution authorizing city staff to apply to the Metropolitan Council for a planning assistance grant of \$38,644 for which the city is eligible as part of its 2050 comprehensive plan update. The city has completed a new downtown vision and would like to update its zoning ordinance to reflect this renewed vision. As a participant in the Livable Communities Act’s Local Housing Incentives Program, the city is eligible to apply for funds through the Metropolitan Council’s Livable Communities Program.
- There was no alcohol in the Kelly’s Korner parking lot at 7098 Centerville Road on Oct. 11, but there were goats, after council approved a special event permit application from Kelly’s Korner for Gina Paar’s 15th annual breast cancer fundraiser in memory of Micki Madland. Kelly’s Korner submitted an application and a copy of its insurance for the breast cancer fundraiser. The Centennial Lakes Police Department, SBM Fire Department and city staff reviewed the application and were not concerned about any issues. At the fundraiser, “Giving is

- the GOAT” (greatest of all time), was a goat (or two). Attendees, who were invited to wear pink, took part in some goat cuddling and a raffle.
- The property owners at 1820 Laramie Lane applied for an encroachment agreement to build new portions of a 4-foot ornamental, black-powder coated fence, which council approved. The fence would run from the east of the home to the lot line and then run along the east property line to the rear yard. They will also install a portion of the fence from the west of the home to the lot line. The fence footprint is within the rear and side yard setbacks within the city’s right of way/drainage and utility easements.
 - The exterior of the city water tower is cleaned approximately every three years; the last cleaning was completed in 2023. Staff obtained three estimates to clean the exterior of the water tower, which were \$9,000, \$9,950 and \$10,730, respectively. So, why did the city not accept the lowest bid, as required by law? Badger State Inspections provided the lowest bid but notified staff in an email of its inability to complete this work due to broken equipment. Therefore, the city accepted the second lowest bid from Manthei Management Group. The job is expected to take two days and is scheduled for mid-to-late October. Council approved the contract with Manthei Management Group; the city’s water fund will foot the bill.
 - A representative from the Anoka County Sheriff’s Office attended the pre-meeting workshop to give a presentation on Flock Safety. The presentation covered both automatic license plate readers (ALPRs) and drone assisted response (DARs). During the overview, council learned that Flock cameras do not use facial recognition, which is prohibited under Minnesota state law. In addition, the Flock camera does not have direct access to criminal justice databases. The drone-assisted response provides real-time “eyes on the scene” before first responders arrive, enables faster deployment of initial resources, typically arrives within 90 seconds of launch, supports searches for missing persons, enhances responses to officer-needs-help calls, and assists during vehicle pursuits. Much more detailed information was presented, and

- everyone is invited to visit the city webpage to see presentation slides on the workshop agenda or visit the Anoka County website at: <https://transparency.flocksafety.com/anoka-county-mn-so>.
- In her report, City Administrator Athanasia Lewis noted that Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Election Day voting for Centerville residents is at St. Genevieve’s Church Community Parish Center, 6995 Centerville Road. To see what is on the ballot, a sample ballot can be obtained from the Secretary of State’s Office by phone at 1-877-600-VOTE (8683) or at its website at <https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/what’s-on-my-ballot>. Anoka County will assist all voters who choose to vote by absentee voting. Please contact the county at 763-324-1300 with any questions. The city will be providing early direct ballot voting at City Hall. Call City Hall at 651-429-3232 to learn the available hours for voting.
 - The Fifth Annual Halloween Trunk or Treat/Touch-a-Truck event is scheduled from 9:30-11 a.m. Oct. 31 in the Centerville Elementary School parking lot, 1721 Westview St. This event is in conjunction with the Centennial School Community Education’s Halloween Hustle 5K. The website, <https://isd12.arux.ap/course/6526/fall-2026/halloween-hustle-5K> is available for anyone interested in participating in or registering for this activity. Anyone interested in promoting their business by hosting a booth at Trunk or Treat may register at <https://tinyurl.com/bdfc2d8d>.

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Breast cancer is the most common form of non-skin-related cancer in women and the second-leading cause of women's cancer deaths in both the United States and Canada.

Sources: American Cancer Society, Canadian Cancer Society



Symptoms and Screening:

Symptoms of breast cancer

The most common symptom of breast cancer is a new lump or mass, although most breast lumps are not cancer. A painless, hard, fixed mass that has irregular edges is more likely to be cancer, but breast cancer can also be soft, round, tender, or even painful.

Other possible symptoms of breast cancer include:

- Swelling of all or part of a breast even if no lump is felt.
- Skin dimpling, sometimes looking like an orange peel.
- Nipple or breast skin that is red, dry, flaking, or thickened.

- Breast or nipple pain.
- Nipple retraction (turning inward).
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk.
- Swollen lymph nodes under the arm or near the collarbone can be a symptom of breast cancer spread even before the original tumor in the breast is large enough to be felt.

Causes of breast changes besides cancer

Breast changes can be caused for reasons other than cancer.

- Benign breast conditions
- Many of these symptoms can also be caused by benign (noncancerous) breast conditions, including lumps, pain,

or discharge from your nipples. Some benign conditions might show up on a mammogram.

- Hormones

Your breasts might feel different throughout different periods in your life because of changes in your hormone levels. Before menopause, your breast size and shape might change throughout the month as you go through different phases of the menstrual cycle. A pregnancy can also cause changes in your breasts.

As you get close to menopause, you might notice lumps or other differences in your breasts.

Taking hormone medicines, like birth control or hormone replacement therapy, can also cause breast tissue to change.

When to see a healthcare professional

It's important to have any new breast mass, lump, or other change checked by an experienced healthcare professional so the cause can be found and treated, if needed.

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POLICE REPORTS

The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Oct. 14 in the 7000 block of Cottonwood Court in Centerville, an officer responded to a report of a contained dog.
- On Oct. 14 in the 1700 block of Westview Street in Centerville, an officer responded to a report of a dog at large.
- On Oct. 14 at the intersection of 20th Avenue and Main Street, officers responded to and helped clear a motor vehicle accident.
- On Oct. 15, officers received a phone call regarding theft from a motor vehicle in the 10 block of Center Road in Circle Pines.
- On Oct. 16 at the intersection of Lake Drive and Lexington Avenue in Circle Pines, police responded to a motor vehicle accident.
- On Oct. 16 in the 8900 block of Syndicate Avenue in Lexington, officers were dispatched to a business whose management wanted a person trespassed. Officers made contact and issued a trespass notice.
- On Oct. 16 at the intersection of 20th Avenue and Main Street, officers responded to and helped clear a motor vehicle accident.
- On Oct. 19 in the 1900 block of Robin Lane S., officers responded to a report of a dog at large.
- On Oct. 19 in the 200 block of North Star Lane in Circle Pines, an officer responded to a complaint of an illegal burn.

The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Oct. 12 in the 7100 block of Otter Lake Road, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle accident. One person had minor injuries but declined transport to a hospital.
- On Oct. 12 in the 700 block of Town Center Parkway, an officer responded to a theft report. The investigation is ongoing.
- On Oct. 12 at the intersection of Lake Drive and Apollo Drive, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle accident. One person had minor injuries and elected to self-transport to a hospital.
- At 8:05 a.m. on Oct. 13 in the 1200 block of Chokecherry Road, an officer responded to a theft from motor vehicle report. The investigation is ongoing.
- At 6:41 a.m. on Oct. 13 in the 6400 block of Hokah Drive, an officer responded to a theft from motor vehicle report. The investigation is ongoing.
- On Oct. 13 at the intersection of Sunset Avenue and Marvy Street, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor-vehicle-versus-deer accident.
- At 12:38 p.m. on Oct. 14 in the 1700 block of Molitor Drive, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle accident.
- At 6:08 p.m. on Oct. 14 in the 700 block of Apollo Drive, an officer provided assistance and

documented a motor vehicle accident.

- On Oct. 14 in the 6500 block of Black Duck Drive S., officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on a residential property. The officer educated the resident on how to trespass people properly.
- On Oct. 16, an officer was dispatched to the 6700 block of East Shadow Lake Drive for a barking dog complaint. A resident was given a verbal warning for the city ordinance violation.
- On Oct. 17 in the 7000 block of 21st Avenue S., officers responded to a local business for a medical situation. Officers subsequently arrested an adult male for driving while impaired.
- On Oct. 18 in the 6800 block of Black Duck Circle, an officer responded to a report regarding golf balls being hit onto their property. The officer investigated and spoke to the party responsible who agreed to stop.
- On Oct. 18 at the intersection of Main Street and 21st Avenue N., an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle accident.
- On Oct. 18 in the 7400 block of 20th Avenue, Officers responded to a fatal motorcycle crash. The incident is being investigated by the Lino Lakes Police Department, Anoka County Sheriff's Office and the Midwest Medical Examiner.
- On Oct. 18 at the intersection of Lake Drive and Hodgson Road, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle accident.

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1. Skeleton witches boil and bubble (and fly) in Circle Pines. — **Contributed**

2-3. An inflatable ghoulish organ plays an inflatable organ for a captive audience — a chubby skeleton and a straw-stuffed witch — near the north end of Bald Eagle Lake. — **Contributed**

4. Ghosts haunt blooming mums near Otter Lake Road in Lino Lakes. — **Contributed**

5-6. Skeletons put their heads together on a jungle gym and rest their bones on a merry-go-round off of Main Street near Lake Drive in Lino Lakes. — **Contributed**

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Living Faith Church hosts trick-or-treat event

The annual Living Faith Church trick-or-treat event is moving indoors this year. The church welcomes hundreds of children each year for the event; costumes and group themes are highly encouraged.

Trick or treating is 4:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at Living Faith Church, 10101 Lexington Ave. NE, Circle Pines. Visit livingfaithmn.churchcenter.com/calendar or call 651-245-6318 for more details.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

Minnesota ranked in top 10 states for best trick or treating

Minnesota currently ranks eighth in the country for best trick-or-treating according to KURU Footwear. The shoe company compiled state rankings by considering five equally-weighted factors: walkability, child population, Halloween enthusiasm according to Google Trends,

pedestrian safety, and average Halloween-night temperature.

Minnesota’s low pedestrian death rate (.7 per 100,000 people) and strong walkability score put the state in the top 10. The state doesn’t rank as well with a low Google Trends score and low average temperature — only Alaska and Maine were colder. Wisconsin nabbed this year’s top slot.

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When inside, Buddy likes to play with his toys and cuddle with his people. One thing is for sure, Buddy will keep you smiling. With patience, love and affection, Buddy will continue to grow, and he will be a wonderful lifelong companion.

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CENTENNIAL SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

- Lino Lakes Ambassadors Grave Schuette, Brooklyn Segner and Aubrey Frechette, all seniors at Centennial High School, were introduced to the board by Kristin Hilger, assistant principal of Centennial High School. Schuette, Segner, and Frechette were crowned ambassadors at Blue Heron Days in August.
- Peterson Bros. Roofing will be responsible for the 2027 building envelope improvement project after the board accepted its bid for the project in the amount of \$4.8 million. The project includes roofing replacements for Blue Heron Elementary. This project is included as part of the district's long-term facilities maintenance place.
- HealthPartners will provide medical insurance to the district from Jan. 1, 2027, through Dec. 31, 2028, and meet the minimum aggregate value following the board's acceptance of its proposal. Minnesota Statute 471.6161 requires school districts to seek proposals for group medical insurance every two years under the Health Insurance Transparency Act.
- The board has also approved the medical and dental insurance rate and plan structure proposed by the Health Insurance Committee. Last month, the committee met to review current claims and the plan performance of the self-insured medical and dental funds. After discussion and review, it was the consensus of the committee to recommend increases of 4% for the medical HSA plan, 7% for the medical copay plan and 5% for the district's dental plan. These increases will be effective Jan. 1, 2027, for the calendar plan year 2027.
- Superintendent Jeff Holmberg and Director of Public Information and Community Outreach Krista Bergert provided the board with the results of the community survey conducted by Morris Leatherman. The survey, according to Holmberg, was completed in September. The purpose of the survey was to gather data from the community about the upcoming referendum, specifically the messaging and what resonated.
- Contributions have been accepted by the school board for Centennial Middle School and Golden Lake Elementary.
- There will be no school on Friday, Nov. 6, and Monday, Nov. 9, due to the end of the quarter and staff development.

Madeline Dolby

CROSS-COUNTRY: Athletes supported by coaches

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Anderson added. "They make sure they're lining the course for each race, and both teams get genuinely excited to cheer each other on."

Engstrom also noted that cross-country builds community between competitors because all runners face the same direction.

"Other teams, when you're racing, they're in the same boat as you," Engstrom said, "compared to hockey or football where the teams are playing against each other ... All the teams are committed and competitive, but everybody is together. We're all running this."

The nature of the sport leads to both unique strategy and scoring.

"Your team wants to score the lowest possible amount of points, much like golf," explained senior Madi Chrusciel, one of the girls team captains. "During high-stakes meets like sections, there are seven runners on the line. Only five of these runners are scored, but runners six and seven still play a crucial part in the race. They act as a defense against other teams. If they do not get passed by other runners, it adds points to the other teams."

Connor Louks, the boys cross-country captain, noted that each runner needs to have their own long-term strategy for the race as well.

"I feel like the real race starts after mile two," Louks said. "You can



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The girls Centennial Cross-Country team stacks together for a group shot.

recover from a bad first mile. Last meet, actually, I was in sixth place on our team at the one-mile mark, and I finished second."

Cross-country athletes also compete against themselves. Multiple team members said their goal for the season is to get a personal record, or PR. Others hope to one day run a marathon. For junior Bryce Sonnek, cross-country has helped him break down mental barriers.

According to Sonnek, in previous year the first few miles were particularly difficult. Now, however, I say to myself, 'You're halfway there. You only have a mile left. Think of the time you could get,'" Sonnek said.

Sonnek has rolled these lessons into other areas of his life: "Whenever any other difficult things come up, with work or with school, I say, 'Get this done. The benefits are going to be good.'"

Anderson believes that helping each runner meet their goals is what makes the team work together.

"I want to be somebody that is there for everybody. I don't want to just give attention to the runners that are the fastest," Anderson said. "I think you can see, too, our athletes just really love coming (to practice). There's like a community aspect where they know they're supported by their coaches, by each other. They feel free to be themselves and take chances, and they're not closed off."

As Anderson says this, one of the girls grabs the last slice of apple crumble and shouts to Louks, "Bro, you missed the cinnamon casserole!"

Centennial's boys and girls cross-country teams compete in the 7AAA Section Tournament Thursday, Oct. 29, at Anoka High School. Of the tournament, Chrusciel said, "We have been training hard since June and it shows ... Sections is a race where we need to have faith in ourselves, our training but, most importantly, our team. It will be a battle, but I know we will do great things."



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Max McNamus brings down Anoka quarterback Blake Sieben, one of six sacks by the Cougars.

Cougars smother Anoka, take 6-2 mark into playoffs

BY BRUCE STRAND
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Centennial Cougars capped a 6-2 regular season by smothering the Anoka Tornadoes 38-6, highlighted by six quarterback sacks, on Friday evening in Anoka.

The Cougars led 30-0 over the Tornadoes (4-4) at halftime, with touchdowns by quarterback Wesley Kukkonen on runs of four and nine yards, Jaxon Lauzon on a 24-yard run, and Nolan Larson with an interception and 58-yard return.

Keegan Prigge added four extra points and a 33-yard field goal in the first half. Carter Hemming closed the scoring with a 51-yard run in the fourth period.

The Cougars ran for 335 yards and gave up a season-low 165 total yards. Noah Morell had 15 total tackles, Brayden Boesch and Matt McManus each sacked the quarterback twice.

State playoffs start Friday. The Cougars, seeded third in their eight-team division, will host No. 6 East Ridge (3-5).



The boys Centennial Cross-Country team huddles up before a meet. Both the boys and girls teams compete in the 7AAA Section Tournament Thursday, Oct. 29, at Anoka High School.

SPORTS BRIEFS



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Centennial players celebrated a point in a recent match.

VOLLEYBALL

Centennial finished the regular season with a 20-6 record after edging Roseville Area 11-25, 27-25, 25-22, 30-28; and losing to Maple Grove 25-11, 25-16, 25-19 in non-conference matches last week. The Cougars are seeded No. 1 in Section 7AAAA. They will host Coon Rapids on 6 p.m. Wednesday,

and if they win, will host Forest Lake or Andover 7 p.m. Thursday. The finals will be Nov. 4, also at home if they get there. The No. 2 and 3 seeds are Duluth East and Blaine, respectively.

GIRLS SOCCER

Centennial's season ended with a 2-1 loss to Blaine on Monday in the Section 7AAA semifinals. The Cougars had beaten Forest Lake 4-1 in the quarterfinals. They finished with a 5-9-2 record.

TENNIS

Ella Nelson and Hannah Lofgren, Centennial juniors, placed third in the Section 7AAA doubles tournament. The top two teams advance to state. Nelson/Lofgren got through the first two rounds Oct. 13, then lost in the semifinals Oct. 19 to a Blaine team 6-4, 6-2. In the third-place match, they beat a Forest Lake team 6-1, 6-3.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Centennial (3-3) defeated Osseo 100-81 on Thursday, winning seven of nine individual events and all three

relays. Placing first were Lucy Foster (50 free), Cordelia Schultz (diving), Madeline Uelmen (100 free), Sophia Nguyen (500 and 200 are) and Lydia

Hydukovich (backstroke and medley).

Bruce Strand



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Wes Kukkonen

Centennial Football

October 27, 2026

Wes Kukkonen, versatile Centennial football standout, made his first quarterback start Friday and directed the offense to a 38-6 win over Anoka, scoring two touchdowns himself. The 5-foot-10, 165-pound senior also shines at cornerback and running back. "Wes is playing both ways, which is unique as a quarterback," said coach Michael Diggins. "He is one of the more complete corners I have ever coached, able to cover every number 1 (receiver) and also be able to tackle." Highlights include a pick six against Osseo, another interception against Blaine, two extra-point runs against Roseville and a touchdown against Rogers. "He is one of the best role models I have ever coached," Diggins said.



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NAMES IN THE NEWS

USRowing has named **Skylar Dahl**, a 2021 Centennial High School graduate, their 2026 Para Female Athlete of the Year. According to the organization, “Skylar captured gold at World Rowing Cup III and claimed her first world championship title in the PR3 mixed four with coxswain in Amsterdam.”

Skylar, whom her fellow para team athletes and coaches selected, will be honored with the award at the Golden Oars Gala, Nov. 5 in New York City.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12
CENTENNIAL
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 12, (Centennial), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November 2026, for the purpose of electing three school board members for four-year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, completely fill in the ovals(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

- ☐ Joe Ackerman
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- ☐ Tom Knisely
- ☐ Gloria Murphy
- ☐ Jessica Schwinn
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The polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

BLAINE W-1 P-8	National Sports Center – The Welcome Center	1750 105 th Ave. NE Blaine, MN 55449
BLAINE W-1 P-9	Our Savior’s Lutheran Church	9185 Lexington Ave. NE Circle Pines, MN 55014
BLAINE W-2 P-5	Eagle Brook Church	3603 95 th Ave NE Blaine, MN 55014
BLAINE W-2 P-6	Blaine City Hall	10801 Town Square Dr. NE Blaine, MN 55449
BLAINE W-2 P-7	Bridgewood Community Church	11670 Lexington Ave. NE Blaine, MN 55449
BLAINE W-2 P-8	Renovation Church	12390 Frazier St NE Blaine, MN 55449
BLAINE W-2 P-9	Centennial Senior High Performing Arts Center	4757 North Road Blaine, MN 55014
CENTERVILLE P-1	St. Genevieve’s Community Parish	6995 Centerville Road Centerville, MN 55038
CIRCLE PINES P-1	St. Mark Lutheran Church	1 North Road Circle Pines, MN 55014
CIRCLE PINES P-2	Circle Pines City Hall	200 Civic Heights Circle Circle Pines, MN 55014
LEXINGTON P-1	Lexington City Hall	9180 Lexington Ave. Lexington, MN 55014
LINO LAKES P-1	North Springs Church	7868 Lake Drive Lino Lakes, MN 55014
LINO LAKES P-2	Lino Lakes Fire Station #1	7741 Lake Drive Lino Lakes, MN 55014
LINO LAKES P-3	Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church	171 Elm Street Lino Lakes, MN 55014
LINO LAKES P-4	Lino Lakes City Hall	600 Town Center Parkway Lino Lakes, MN 55014
LINO LAKES P-5	Rice Creek Covenant Church	125 Ash Street Lino Lakes, MN 55014
LINO LAKES P-6	Lino Lakes Fire Station #2	1710 Birch Street Lino Lakes, MN 55014
LINO LAKES P-7	Living Waters Lutheran Church	865 Birch Street Lino Lakes, MN 55014

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Jody Josephson, School District Election Clerk
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CMS PLAY: Runs Oct. 29-Nov. 1

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show’s plot — have been a smooth ride.

“Our actors and our crew, every year, work so hard and love theater so much ... We are constantly impressed and amazed by our students,” they said.

In fact, the most difficult obstacle production faced was “figuring out how to make a chandelier and how to make it fall,” said Webster and Tangren.

Though “As the Phantom Turns” concerns supernatural matters, Webster and Tangren believe the play offers real-world benefits for their students.

“Storytelling is the backbone of the human condition,” said Webster and Tangren. “(It’s) imperative to our growth as human beings.”

IF YOU GO:

CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER PRESENTS “AS THE PHANTOM TURNS: A SOAP OPERA,”
When: Oct. 29-Nov. 1,
Where: 399 Elm St., Lino Lakes.
Details: A senior preview will show at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 28.
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