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Construction for new Aldi grocery store continues

Construction on the Aldi grocery store will be located south of Main Street, east of I-35E and west of Otter Lake Road in Lino Lakes, near the border with Hugo. The store will be approximately 19,437 square feet. Its main access will be at Main Street and 70th Street. According to Lino Lakes City Planner Katie Larsen, the developer is hoping to have completed construction by Thanksgiving.

Lino Lakes resident writes memoir about the way animals shape lives



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CONTRIBUTED Cindy Ojczyk

Rescue," reflects on those years. The book is scheduled to be released on Thursday, Sept. 18. Her memoir expands on themes she loves to write about, such

Lino Lakes resident Cindy Ojczyk has been a pet foster for almost three decades. Ojczyk's debut memoir, "Mom Loves the Dogs More: A Memoir of Family

as local dogs, rescue stories and the way animals shape our lives. It also tells her family's own journey of fostering, parenting and healing.

Recently, Press Publications sat down with Ojczyk to learn more about her and her new book.

Q. Tell us a little bit about yourself.

A. I'm an award-winning writer, author and longtime pet foster who has straddled two communities for the past 27 years. My husband and I have a White Bear mailing address, but a Lino Lakes property designation. Our two daughters attended White Bear schools from kindergarten through graduation. Many of the stories in my memoir unfold in and around the area—from the Manitou Days Parade to everyday family life in our neighborhood. I contribute a monthly feature, "The Real Dogs of the Quad Press," for Press Publications.

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Cannabis zoning ordinance heads for possible changes

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

LINO LAKES — The city's zoning ordinance regarding cannabis microbusiness and mezzobusinesses will undergo changes following discussion among members of the Lino Lakes Planning and Zoning Board and pending City Council approval.

A mezzobusiness holds a license that allows a single holder to cultivate, manufacture, and sell cannabis products. It can also operate up to three retail locations.

The proposed new ordinance would

allow microbusiness or mezzobusiness business with a retail operations endorsement to operate in a business district and be limited to retail operations. On-site consumption would not be allowed. It also states that a cultivation endorsement would be required for a microbusiness or mezzobusiness to operate in a rural district and the business would be limited to that use.

According to the staff report, the same adjustment is recommended for these two types of businesses within the neighborhood business, the limited business and the general business

zoning districts. Currently, a cannabis retail business is a permitted use within these districts.

In March 2025, the city amended City Code Section 1007 (its zoning ordinance) to provide for cannabis businesses within the specific zoning districts of the city.

According to City Planner Katie Larsen, the 14 license types were grouped with similar non-cannabis related businesses. She provided an example of what this looks like within Lino Lakes ordinances.

"So right now, cannabis cultivation is equivalent to (an) agricultural

use, which we allow in our rural zoning districts. Retail would be in our commercial districts," Larsen explained.

She added that two of the license categories, microbusiness and mezzobusinesses, allow for cultivation, production and retail sales at different intensities. Both license types have been limited to the city's industrial district because of the multiple potential uses.

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ZONING ORDINANCE: Could create opportunities for small businesses

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Licensed businesses within these two categories must also receive an "endorsement" from the state Office of Cannabis Management to operate a specific use such as retail on site, Larsen noted.

Recently, 2E Reality LLC submitted a land use application to the city to amend the zoning ordinance to allow cannabis microbusinesses and mezzobusinesses within the rural zoning district (R). The city rejected the certification because 2E Reality LLC is located within a rural zoning district. Larsen said since then, the owner has met with staff to discuss the company's operation, which is currently a hemp growing operation.

"Our ordinance in our rural zoning

district only allows for cultivation," Larsen explained. "It doesn't specifically say that you could have a microbusiness because when we adopted the ordinance, we were thinking that they would be, by right, allowed to do cultivation, production and retail sales."

After review by the city attorney, it was determined that the statutory requirements allow for microbusinesses and mezzobusinesses to be zoned based on each endorsement received. Under the revised city ordinance, the specific endorsement given a microbusiness or mezzobusiness would be the determining factor on zoning conformance.

Board Member Suzy Guthmueller expressed her frustration about the

state, the proposed licenses and a business's ability to obtain them within city limits.

"I don't know why they (the state) would allow this, because they (the businesses) can't have their endorsements within the same area—more than likely in any city," Guthmueller said. "So, it's kind of confusing to me to why'd we even have these two categories, and why they would make those licenses the most available to people."

Larsen explained that the purpose of microbusiness and mezzobusiness licenses is to create opportunities for small-scale operators by allowing a company to control multiple stages of its supply chain. She added that under the state's cannabis licensing requirements, the intensity of

endorsed uses for a microbusiness and mezzobusiness is less than or equivalent to what is already allowed under the specific license type.

"I just don't under these licenses and how we're going about it and how Lino has to follow this," Guthmueller said. "I understand the ordinance, but I just don't understand how these businesses might not come back in the future and say 'Hey, you know, we do have these permits to do this here.' And ask for their property to be changed."

A draft of the ordinance will be presented to the City Council for discussion at its next work session on Monday, Oct. 6.

Editor Madeline Dolby can be reached at 651-431-1226 or quadnews@presspubs.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Constitution week highlights the nation's founding document

There are two documents central to the formation of the United States—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Each September, Constitution Week commemorates the formation and signing of the latter. It kicks off on Wednesday, Sept. 17, on what is known as Constitution

This year marks the 238th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. On that day in 1787, 39 delegates gathered at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to formally endorse the Constitution, the product of a four-month-long Constitutional Convention.

Constitution Week has been observed since 1955, initiated by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), a lineage-based membership service organization for women who are directly descended from a person involved in efforts toward American independence during the Revolutionary War. The organization

has approximately 185,000 members nationwide and chapters across the country.

A special event typically rings in the weeklong celebration. The DAR encourages churches, firehouses, schools and municipal buildings, as well as individuals, to ring bells for one minute as a part of "Bells Across America," at 3 p.m. Central on Sept. 17 in honor of the moment in which the Constitution was signed.

Historical Society puts on conversation series

The Anoka County Historical Society will put on a conversation series about Women's POWER beginning on Sept. 25. The series is an opportunity to engage in conversation regarding society's perception of women throughout history and the challenges they faced. The first conversation will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Andover Community Center.

The second conversation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Circle

Pines City Hall, 200 Civic Heights Circle. Those who attend will be able to receive a copy of "Until There is Justice or Her Honor: Rosalie Wahl and the Minnesota Women's Movement" and learn more about the essence of systematic changes.

A third conversation will take place from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 24. The final conversation in the series will be from 2-4 p.m. March 14. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit anokacountyhistory.org.

Xcel Energy seeking input on proposed increased rates

Xcel Energy is inviting the public to share their input on a proposed increase to electric rates. The increase, according to the company, is designed to support customers in obtaining safe electrical services by funding investments in various areas. These include clean energy projects that secure fuel savings and carbon-free nuclear plants, which help the company meet its clean energy goals.

Residents will have the opportunity to share their opinions through two virtual hearings. The first will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, and the second at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23. The link for both these meetings can be found at www.minnesota.webex. com. More information on the proposed rates can be found at www.tinyurl. com/7a59wjb4.

Social Security to begin issuing pavments electronically

Beginning Sept. 30, the U.S. Social Security Administration will issue federal benefit payments electronically with the intention of replacing paper checks. Additionally, the administration will no longer offer a temporary check option when processing initial claims.

There are two ways for beneficiaries to receive electronic payments. The first is through direct deposit to a checking or savings account. Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance beneficiaries can use or sign

up for a my Social Security online account at www.ssa. gov/myaccount to manage direct deposit information and access benefit details. Supplemental Security Income recipients and international beneficiaries can call 1-800-772-1213 for assistance.

The second option is through a Direct Express card, a prepaid debit card option for those without a deposit bank account. Those interested can enroll by calling 1-800-333-1795 or visiting www. usdirectexpress.com.

The administration is encouraging beneficiaries who currently receive physical checks to switch to electronic payment options before the deadline. Beneficiaries who request an exemption from the electronic payment requirement must file a waiver with the U.S. Treasury by calling 1-800-967-5042. Administration technicians will be available to assist beneficiaries with this transition and answer any questions.

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ONGOING EVENTS

LIVE TRIVIA

When: 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays

Where: Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566, 7731

Details: General knowledge trivia. No limit on team sizes. Every player will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing to win a free drink. The top three teams will earn a gift card, and the last place team wins a "mini trophy."

Contact: (651) 783-0055

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JRRENT EVENT

WHIMSICAL WIGS CRAFTER AND CROCHETERS NIGHT

When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16

Where: Centennial Library, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines

Details: Crochet, decorate envelopes, silk flowers and wig packaging. RSVP required. **Contact:** whimsicalwigsmn@gmail.com

LUNCH AND LEARN: STATE OF THE CENTENNIAL AREA

When: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18

Where: Renstrom Dental Studio, 7455 Village Drive,

Lino Lakes **Details:** Hear directly from local city leaders, police,

fire department and school district officials as they share important updates and plans for the Centennial area community. Register online. **Contact:** centennialareachamber.com

UCARE FLU CLINIC

When: 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17; 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

Where: YMCA, 3760 Lexington Ave. N., Shoreview Details: Cub mobile pharmacy will administer flu vaccines to children 6 months and older. Please bring your insurance ID card. Walk-ins welcome, no pre-registration required.

Contact: www.ymcanorth.org/locations/shoreview_

BRATS, BAGS AND BASKETS

When: 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20

Where: Hugo Lions Volunteer Park, 5524 Upper 146th

Details: Grilled brats, ice cream, silent auction and cornhole tournament. Proceeds go to Hugo Good Neighbors Food Shelf.

Contact: 651-528-6224 **ABBASOLUTELY FAB**

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

Where: Hanifl Performing Arts Center, 4941 Long

Ave., White Bear Lake

Details: Tribute band plays the music of ABBA. Ticket information online.

Contact: 651-478-7427 or lakeshoreplayers.org

5K RUN/WALK, 1-MILE AND KIDS RUN FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE

When: 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21

Where: Snail Lake Regional Park, 4191 Snail Lake Blvd., Shoreview

Details: Fundraiser supports exercise research for those living with Parkinson's.

Contact: teamkopacz.com

WHIMSICAL WIGS "WOWZA" WORKSHOP

When: 9:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

Where: Centennial Library, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines

Details: September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Stop in and create a yarn wig, or two, for a child with cancer or who is experiencing hair loss. This is a Thrivent Action Team event, there will be t-shirts, pastries, juice and coffee. Registration required.

Contact: whimsicalwigsmn@gmail.com



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Lexington Fall Fest

When: Friday Sept. 19 and Saturday, Sept. 20 Where: Cowboy's Saloon, 9005 South Highway Drive, Lexington

Details: Annual festival sponsored by the Lexington Fire Department and local businesses. A car show will take place on Friday. Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday and feature bounce houses, petting zoo, a rock climbing wall, vendors and food trucks and face painting artists.

Contact: Lexington Fall Fest's Facebook page

CHURCH BRIEF

Tree of Life Assembly of God hosts multiple events

The Tree of Life Assembly of God, located in Lexington, will host multiple events this fall. Beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, those in recovery can attend a Life Recovery Group. The group is an anonymous meeting ran by people who are in recovery themselves.

The Tree of Life Fall Fest will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. At the event, attendees can enjoy games, bounce houses, food and more.

The Tree of Life Assembly of God is located at 3905 Woodland Road.

CALENDAR BRIEF

Northtown Library hosts 2 music programs

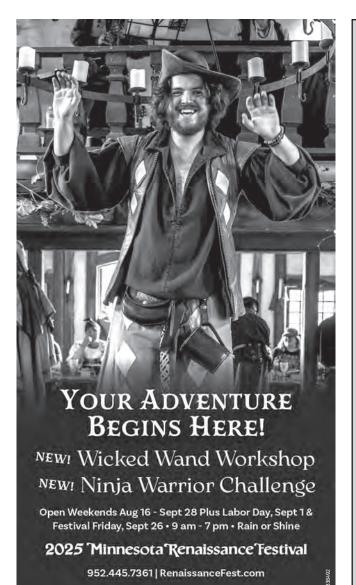
Northtown Library, in Blaine, will host two Scandinavian music programs this month.

From 5-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, enjoy a performance by Project: Constellation. The performance will feature Norwegian and

Swedish songs sung in their original languages and music for children. For more information, go to anokacounty.libcal.com/ event/14778589.

The Minnesota State Fair Fiddlers Association will be at the library from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25. Learn about the history of fiddling in Minnesota, including music of violinist and composer Ole Bull and dance fiddler Elmo Wick, and listen to traditional Norwegian dance music play on the fiddle.

Registration for either event is not required. The Northtown Library is located at 711 County Hwy 10 NE.





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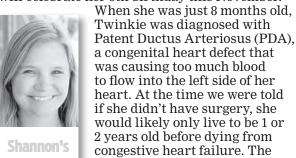
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My little heart dog

f you have been reading the Press for quite some time, chances are you have probably read a column or two about my miracle pup Twinkie or seen a photo of her in the Spotted Around Town section.

Twinkie, a one-eved Pembroke Welsh corgi. will celebrate her 8th birthday this November.



surgery was successful. **Shenanigans** Twinkie has been relatively Shannon Granholm

healthy over the years, except for some eve problems. In 2022, she was diagnosed with neurogenic dry eye. Her left eye wasn't

producing any tears. We tried multiple drops, but none of them worked and she had to have her eye removed after developing an ulcer. That surgery saved her life, again.

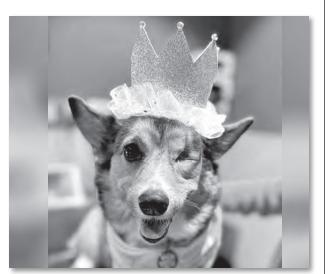
It's hard for me to wrap my brain around the fact that Twinkie will soon be a "senior" and some may even consider her a senior already. This summer. I started to notice her slowing down a bit while we were out on a walk. I wasn't sure if it was just her being the spoiled little princess she is and wanting to ride in the bottom of our son's stroller, or if something was wrong and causing her to get tired faster.

I decided to make an appointment with the cardiologist who performed her PDA surgery all those years ago to check things out and make sure the device they placed in her heart ago was still doing what it was supposed to and was in the

Thankfully, I was reassured it was just my anxiety talking. Twinkie's echocardiogram looked as great as it could for a dog of her age. The device is still where it is supposed to be and doing what it is supposed to do. He was very pleased with how everything is looking and doesn't have any concerns for her related to her heart. She really is my little heart dog.

I will forever be grateful to the cardiology team and Bandit's K-9 Care, a nonprofit organization that has followed Twinkie's story since she was a puppy. I now have some peace of mind that my little corgi is well — being a corgi. She does what she wants to do, when she wants to do it.

> Shannon Granholm is the Managing Editor at Press Publications.



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Twinkie visits the cardiologist for an echocardiogram.



Nasturtiums: A nifty addition

tarting a vegetable garden involves more than just giving plants space and water. We are creating a tiny ecosystem by providing a diverse mix of plants that contribute to the soil, pest protection or bringing in pollinators. One nifty addition

to any vegetable garden is the nasturtium. It is easy to grow. provides pest protection for other plants and its leaves and flowers are edible.

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Nasturtiums (Tropaeolum) originate from central and South America where it grows as a perennial (zone 9-11). Up here in the

chilly Midwest, our winters limit nasturtiums to being grown as an annual. They can be either started indoors in mid to late April or outdoors towards the end of May and will last until the first hard frost. If starting indoors, use paper-type starting trays that can be planted directly in the soil when ready to avoid transplant shock. The annual life cycle of nasturtiums can be a benefit for a garden because this matches the cycles of other

Nasturtiums have peltate (disclike) leaves that are typically two to four inches around and resemble tiny lily pads. Their flowers most commonly range in color from yellow to reddish orange though other varieties can be found. The flowers attract a range of pollinators including bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

Nasturtiums can either be bush types around 12" tall while others are trailing and make excellent additions to pots, hanging over walls, or trained to grow up trellises. They grow best in full sun with well-drained soil. They will tolerate shade but will not bloom as abundantly there. Interestingly, nasturtiums tolerate and bloom best in poor, low nitrogen soils. Too much nitrogen encourages leafy growth at the expense of flower production. Be sure to deadhead flowers regularly to prolong the blooms.

The leaves and flowers have a spicy, peppery taste similar to watercress, that make great additions to salads. For the best flavor, harvest younger leaves and flowers, as older ones can be bitter. The flowers are milder in flavor than the leaves. When the summer turns hot the flavor gets spicier.

Several university studies have shown that nasturtiums can reduce pest pressure when planted next to brassicas (like broccoli and

cabbage), squash and pumpkin plants.

While they are relatively resistant to pests, nasturtiums can attract cabbageworms and aphids. Diseases like bacterial leaf spot, and wilt may occur, but can generally be prevented by good watering practices including keeping the leaves dry when watering and pruning to promote airflow.

While nasturtiums offer many benefits to your garden, from attracting pollinators to deterring pests. They also remind us that gardening thrives on connection, and we gardeners grow stronger when we learn from each other's experiences and offer a helping hand.

Every year, Master Gardeners across Minnesota partner with the University of Minnesota to test different plant varieties for ease of growing, productivity and flavor. This year, six varieties of nasturtiums are being trialed, and we're excited to share the results with you early next year.

Until then, consider adding nasturtiums to your garden—not just for their beauty and utility, but as a reminder that vibrant gardens grow best in vibrant communities. Happy gardening!

Timothy Newcomb is an Anoka County Master Gardener with the University of Minnesota Extension

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AUTHOR Q&A: 'My hope is that readers see pieces of their own story in ours'

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Q. Is this your first publication?

A. "Mom Loves the Dogs More: A Memoir of Family Rescue" is my first book. It follows our family's journey through the chaos of adolescence. complicated by teen mental health challenges and a revolving door of foster dogs. While the dogs certainly added to the chaos, caring for them ultimately kept us together when everything else felt like it was falling apart. The book also includes more than 20 photos of the foster dogs who shaped our story. I couldn't imagine telling it without their faces on the page. Alongside the book, I publish a weekly newsletter, "Like People, Like Pets," where I explore how the devotion we've built with our pets reflects the love and loyalty we all long to give and receive.

Q. Where did your inspiration come from for this book?

A. When people learn I'm a pet foster, I often hear, "I could never do what you do. I could never give them up." Rather than explain repeatedly why fostering matters and how it saves lives, I wrote a book to do the talking for me. Early readers loved the dog stories but encouraged me to widen the lens. That shift elevated our family's

story of navigating teen anxiety and ADHD alongside rescue work. My family hopes sharing our experience will inspire others to seek help and to feel less alone.

Q. How did you decide what memories to include or leave out?

A. I took a writing class on theme and voice and studied "Story Genius" by Lisa Cron. Both helped me frame backstory in a way that supported the larger theme. Cron's chapter-by-chapter template gave me a consistent lens for deciding which memories moved the story forward to keep readers turning the pages.

Q. Did you keep journals or notes, or rely mostly on memory to help you write this book?

A. I kept a journal for each foster dog so I could write an adoption profile that reflected their personality and needs. Because I began drafting the book early in our fostering journey, those journals are peppered with family stories and anecdotes. I wrote everything down—I learned quickly that it's far easier to cut than to try remembering later.

Q. What do you hope readers take away from reading your book?

A. By seeing my teens as individuals

and adapting my parenting to their needs, I was able to repair our relationships and build stronger connections as they grew into young adults. Similarly, by seeing foster dogs for who they were and responding to their needs, I could help them heal and thrive. Even if you've never fostered a dog, you've likely faced seasons when family life felt overwhelming. My hope is that readers see pieces of their own story in ours and feel encouraged to find connection in unexpected places. The short takeaway? Compassion builds connection.

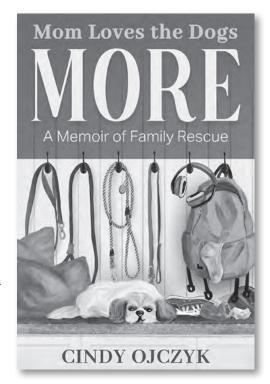
Q. Where can people find your book?

A. On launch day, the paperback will be available online through national and local booksellers, and the e-book will be on Amazon. Readers can always learn more at cindyowrites.com.

Q. Is there anything else you'd like readers to know?

A. Profits from the book will help support the local nonprofit Second Chance Animal Rescue, which is devoted to giving animals a second chance.

Compiled by Madeline Dolby



"Mom Loves the Dogs More: A Memoir of Family Rescue" comes out on Thursday, Sept. 18. The paperback version of the memoir will be available through national and local

COUNTY BRIEFS

Contract approved for reconstruction of County Road J

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners approved a joint powers agreement with the city of Lino Lakes for the reconstruction of County Road J from Centerville Road to Otter Lake Road, including improvements to the I-35E/County Road J interchange.

The plan includes the construction of roundabouts at the intersections of County Road J at Centerville Road, 20th Avenue South and Otter Lake Road as well as other improvements to address safety. The project will continue through the 2026 construction season.

County board accepts multiple grants for county

The board has accepted grants from the Metropolitan Council for three projects within Anoka County's park systems. These grants include \$500,000 of supplemental funding for the reconstruction of the lazy

river bridge at Bunker Beach Water Park, approximately \$1.38 million in supplement funding for the Bunker Hills Park redevelopment and \$80,000 to fund natural source management work throughout the county's parks system.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF CIRCLE PINES, MINNESOTA

PUBLIC NOTICÉ NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an aeration system is in use on Golden

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Chandra Peterson, Assistant City Administrator for Operations Dated: September 10, 2025

Published two times in the Quad Community Press on September 16 and 23, 2025

CITY OF LINO LAKES

ORDINANCE NO. 15-25

AMENDING CHAPTER 203 OF THE LINO LAKES CITY CODE BY ADJUSTING THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS The Council of Lino Lakes ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 203 of the Lino Lakes Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 203: COUNCIL COMPENSATION § 203.01 COMPENSATION OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS.

- (1) Salaries. The compensation of the Mayor and each Council member shall be established from time to time by City Council ordinance pursuant to M.S. § 415.11. Effective January 1, 2024 2026, the annual salary of the Mayor shall be \$11,298 \$12,400, and the salary of each Council member shall be \$9,497 \$10,423. Thereafter, every two years This salary is intended to cover all meetings that may be attended by the Mayor or Council members except as expressly provided in this section
- (2) Payment. The annual salaries established hereby are to be paid
- Economic Development Authority (EDA) meetings. The City Council will be compensated for attendance at EDA meetings at the rate of \$40 per meeting.
- Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective January 1,

Adopted by the Lino Lakes City Council on this 8th day of September, 2025. Rob Rafferty, Mayor

ATTEST: Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk

Published one time in the Quad Community Press on September 16, 2025.

CIRCLE PINES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

- Circle Pines will recognize Constitution Week from Wednesday, Sept. 17, through Tuesday, Sept. 23. This year marks the 287th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States.
- The council has adopted the 2025 street rehabilitation assessment in the amount of approximately \$3.38 million. From that total, \$2.7 million will be reserved for the street improvements. According to City Administrator Patrick Antonen, the remaining \$300,000 will go toward utility improvements such as water, sewer and storm sewer.

Antonen added that the city will pay approximately \$2.06 million and \$711,020 will be assessed to the benefitted property owners. An open house will take place on Monday, Oct. 6, for residents who live on Village Parkway and West Golden Lake Road. At that event, residents can ask engineers about the projects and express any concerns. A public hearing for the proposed assessment will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at City Hall.

• The city will enter into a service contract with the Blaine-Spring Lake Park-Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department, after council

approved the move. The agreement will take effect on Jan. 1, 2026. As part of the agreement, the city will pay an annual service fee of \$380,000 with annual increases agreed upon in writing prior to each new year. (See "Centennial Fire District taking 'big step' to integrate with SBM," Quad Community Press, Sept. 4.)

The next City Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept.

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POLICE REPORTS

The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- Officers were dispatched Sept. 3 to a report of phone call fraud in the 9200 block of South Highway Drive in Lexington.
- · Officers were dispatched Sept. 3 to a motor vehicle accident that occurred near the intersection of Griggs Avenue and Lake Drive in Lexington.
- Police responded Sept. 3 to a personal injury crash that occurred at the intersection of Lake Drive and Westwood Road in Lexington.
- Officers responded Sept. 3 to a delayed report of theft that occurred in the 9000 block of North Highway Drive in Lexington.
- Officers responded Sept. 4 to a property damage crash in the 7000 block of 20th Avenue in Centerville.
- · Officers were dispatched Sept. 4 to a property damage accident that occurred at the intersection of Lexington Avenue and Lovell Road in Lexington.
- Police located an abandoned vehicle Sept. 5 in the 2000 block of Fairview Street in Centerville that was blocking the roadway. The vehicle was impounded.
- Police were dispatched Sept. 6 to a motor vehicle theft that occurred in the 9000 block of Griggs Avenue in Lexington.
- · Officers were dispatched Sept. 7 to a possible domestic in the 7200 block of Mill Road in Centerville. Officers determined no crime had occurred. A juvenile had run from the address and was located nearby a short time
- Police were dispatched Sept. 7 to a report of fraud in the 6800 block of Beaver Pond Way in Centerville.

- Police gathered information from the victim and a report was completed.
- Police conducted a traffic stop Sept. 8 near the intersection of Main Street and Mound Trail in Centerville.
- · Officers responded Sept. 9 to a found animal in the 2000 block of Willow Circle in Centerville.

The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- While on patrol Sept. 1, an officer conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Interstate 35E and County Road J on a vehicle for a domestic abuse no-contact order violation. An adult male was arrested and booked at jail for multiple charges.
- Officers responded Sept. 1 to a report of a boat and trailer theft in the 7600 block of Appaloosa Lane. Officers met with the caller and determined no crime had been committed.
- An officer responded Sept. 1 to a report of motor vehicle theft in the 200 block of Baldwin Circle. After an investigation, the officer determined no crime had occurred.
- An officer responded Sept. 1 to a noise complaint in the 600 block of Town Center Parkway. The officer spoke to the homeowner and advised them of the complaint.
- An officer responded Sept. 2 to a traffic complaint on private property in the 7700 block of 20th Avenue. The officer stopped the vehicle involved and the driver was advised to leave the property.
- An officer responded Sept. 2 to a report of a possible ongoing ordinance violation in the 6600

block of White Birch Court. The potential violation is under investigation.

- An officer was dispatched Sept. 2 to a threat at a school in the 700 block of Main Street. School officials spoke to all parties involved and only requested the police document the incident.
- An officer was dispatched Sept. 2 regarding suspicious activity at a home under construction in the 7500 block of Norway Lane. Upon investigation, the officer determined there were no problems.
- While on patrol Sept. 2, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic violation at the intersection of Otter Lake Road and Ash Street. An adult female was arrested and charged with firstdegree DWI.
- An officer and the fire department responded Sept. 3 to a report of an individual trapped in an elevator in the 700 block of Town Center Parkway. The fire department accessed the elevator and the person was freed without incident.
- An officer responded Sept. 3 to a report of a check forgery in the 100 block of Shetland Lane. Upon investigation, the officer determined the victim was not out any money and they were unable to identify a suspect.
- Officers responded Sept. 3 to a report of missing juveniles in the 7300 block of Geneva Court. The juveniles returned to their residence on their own and law enforcement assistance was no longer needed.
- While on patrol Sept. 5, an officer stopped a vehicle in the 6400 block of Hodgson Road for speeding and lane violations. The adult male driver was arrested and booked at

jail for third-degree DWI.

- · An officer responded Sept. 5 to a call at a local school in the 300 block of Elm Street on the report of a student with a weapon. The weapon was confiscated by the officer, and the case is under investigation.
- · On Sept. 5, an officer responded to a possible theft in progress at a business in the 700 block of Apollo Drive. The suspect was apprehended and charged with theft and fleeing on foot.
- Officer attempted to arrest a male Sept. 6 with a warrant in the 800 block of Orange Court. Officers were unable to locate the male.
- Officers responded Sept. 6 to a property damage crash involving two vehicles on private property in the 600 block of Apollo Drive. There were no injuries and no tows were needed.
- While on patrol Sept. 7, an officer stopped a vehicle in the 7600 block of Main Street for poor driving conduct. The adult male driver was ultimately arrested for fourthdegree DWI.
- Officers responded Sept. 7 to a report of a found license plate in the 700 block of Apollo Drive. The license plate was secured at the police station for safekeeping and the owner was contacted.
- Officers responded Sept. 7 to a report of a male not breathing in the 7000 block of Ivy Ridge Lane. The male was pronounced deceased, and the scene was turned over to the Medical Examiner's Office.
- An officer responded Sept. 7 to a report of possible identity theft in the 1100 block of Holly Court E. The investigation is ongoing.

LINO LAKES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• The city will recognize Constitution Week from Wednesday, Sept. 17 through Tuesday, Sept. 23. This year marks the 287th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States.

• Angie Thorson will serve as the deputy city clerk following council's appointment. At the Feb. 10 City Council work session, the interim city administrator reported to the council that key roles within the city had been identified to have a staff member assigned as a backup during an absence or staff vacancy. The public services administrative assistant has been designated as backup for the city clerk position. Because the person with the title of city clerk or deputy city clerk is required to sign official documents on behalf of the city, staff requested that Thorson, who is the current public services administrative assistant, be formally appointed as deputy city clerk. The general job duties will remain the same for the public services administrative assistant role with the addition of the deputy city clerk title and backup role. There will be no change in pay.

· Council has approved the disposal of multiple squad cameras and police radios utilized by the Lino

Lakes Police Department. According to Police Chief Curt Boehme, the department purchased Panasonic squad cameras in 2012. These cameras are no longer supported by Metro-Inet software and have no further use. All data has been removed from the cameras. Additionally, Boehme said the department has obsolete police radios and other miscellaneous nonfunctioning electronics. The radios will be decommissioned through the Anoka County Radio Shop. All other electronic items will be disposed of through an appropriate facility to ensure the secure handling of any residual data.

• The final plat for Natures Refuge North, proposed by M/I Homes of Minneapolis/St. Paul LLC, has been approved by the council. The final plat includes 94 single-family lots (See "Board, residents opine on Natures Refuge North development," Quad Community Press, April 22, 2025). The development will be located north of Natures Refuge.

· A Chipotle Restaurant and a future retail, auto service and development will be built north of Main Street, west of I-35E, east of 21st Avenue N and south of the park and ride after the council approved the

final plat proposed by Capital Real Estate Inc. The development is being called Clearwater Commons (See "Clearwater Commons development proposes 3 commercial sites," Quad Community Press, May 20).

The next City Council work session will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, followed by a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Madeline Dolby

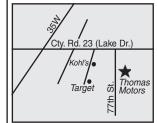
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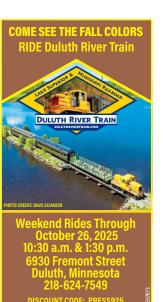
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All ballots must be returned by Election Day in order to be counted. For more information or to obtain an application, visit www.linolakes. us/311/Voting-Elections or call Anoka County Elections at 763-324-1300.

LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

- · City Administrator Bill Petracek noted that Anytime Fitness will be a future tenant at the Northway Mall.
- The city of Lexington will recognize Constitution Week, Sept. 17-Sept. 23, to mark the 238th anniversary of the drafting of the United States Constitution.
- Lieutenant Jeffrey Gieger has been promoted to fire captain at the Lexington Fire Department. Geiger's base salary will be \$3,500 a year.
- The council approved the proposed preliminary tax property levy for 2026 for a total of approximately \$1,650,380.
- The council approved business license renewals for Lexington Dairy Queen, Four Point Construction, Jasmine Montessori and O'Reilly Auto Parts.
- The council approved a special events permit for the Centennial Hockey Blue Line Club fundraiser, which will take place Saturday, Sept. 20, at Boulevard Bar and Grille.
- The council approved a business license application and fireworks permit for RES Pyro for the fireworks display at the Lexington Fall Festival on Sept. 20.

The next City Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at City Hall.

Hannah Testa



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DNR updates fall hunting regulations

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has updated its regulations for the 2025 fall hunting season.

For deer hunting, the shotgun zone will remain in effect for the current fall season, while the state legislature has repealed the zone for the 2026 deer season. The B-season license has also been eliminated, with only one statewide firearms license now available. This license can be used during both the statewide firearms season and the late southeast season. Hunters with the statewide firearms license can hunt both the statewide firearms and late southeast seasons in any deer permit areas that are open to each season.

All special deer hunts that require a permit will be listed online only. The bag limit for the late chronic wasting disease season has also been changed from unlimited to five male or female deer. Self-service stations will not be available outside of opening weekend and late disease hunts. Sampling stations will only be available on Saturday, Sunday and Monday following the opening weekend of firearms season.

Hunters who would like to have their deer sampled for chronic wasting disease but aren't covered by the mandatory sampling regulation may do so by using hunter mail-in kits, partner sampling programs or by scheduling an appointment at a DNR wildlife office.

A complete list of these new rules and regulations can be found on the DNR website at www.tinyurl. com/y9uhrctd.

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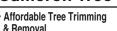
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- 10. Unruly locale
- 12. Edible mushroom
- 13. Influential noblemen
- 14. Rattling breaths 15. David __ George, Brit. P.M.
- 16. Musician Clapton
- 17. Small Eurasian deer 18. Invests in little enterprises
- 19. Perimeter
- 21. Chicago ballplayer
- 22. Animal body part
- 27. It's everywhere these days
- 28. Fictional ad exec

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- 34. Against the current
- 36. Subway rodent
- 37. Armor plate
- 38. Hair on the head
- 39. Strong insect 40. Swollen lymph node
- 41. A way to lessen
- 44. Walter White poison
- 45. Sleeveless garment 48. Long accompanied song
- 49. Without features
- 50. Yankee great Mattingly
- 51. Removes from record

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Root of taro plant
- 2. Those ones 3. Appliances have one
- 4. A way to sing
- 5. Midway between east and southeast
- 6. Animal dwelling
- 7. An object that as survived from the past
- 8. Oil cartel
- 9. Affirmative
- 10. Foul smell
- 11. Brisk tempo
- 12. S. American indigenous person
- 14. Restored
- 17. Official
- 18. Skin lesions
- 20. Electroencephalograph
- 23. Middle Eastern country

- 24. Extremely angry
- 25. Title used before a woman's name
- 26. British thermal unit
- 29. By the way (abbr.)
- 30. Anger 31. Nullifies
- 32. Ones who acquire 35. Time zone
- 36. Arabic name
- 38. Protein in mucus
- 40. Ballpoint pen 41. Mimics
- 42. Humans have a lot of it
- 43. Expressions of good wishes
- 44. Cool!
- 45. One point east of due south
- 46. City of Angels football team (abbr.
- 47. A way to save for retirement

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Justin Driver cranks up for a 50-yard field goal, with Wesley Kukkonen holding.

Cougars pass early test against Champlin, 31-10

BY BRUCE STRAND SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Centennial rushed for 290 yards and cruised 31-10 over Champlin Park in a duel of unbeaten teams Friday evening in Champlin.

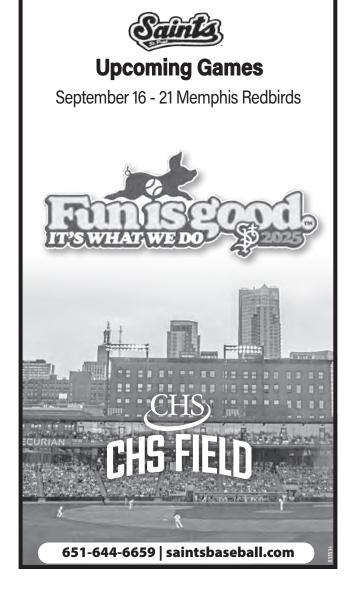
Justin Driver's 50-yard field goal was an offensive highlight. He was 3-for-3 on conversions. While few high school teams have ever had a 50-yard field goal, this was not a Cougar record as a previous kicker, Kenny Johnson, had a 55-yarder.

Quarterback Isaac Belinske-Strauss scampered for 139 yards on 21 carries, capping three drives with one-yard sneaks, and his lone pass went for a 28-yard touchdown to Calvin Coppersmith. Edwin (Inyene) Ekah carried six times for 74 yards and Coppersmith nine for 29 yards.

"I feel we have been getting better every week and this was our best effort of the year," Coach Mike Diggins said. "We improved in all areas of the game. We still need to clean up in some areas but over-all, I was satisfied."

For Champlin Park (2-1), Trace Fitzgerald kicked a 21-yard field goal and Preston Nelson scored on a

Centennial will host Andover (2-1) on Friday.



Cougars enjoy epic rally, milestone on way to 3rd place in Showcase

BY BRUCE STRAND SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

An incredible rally, and a player's lofty milestone, were highlights as the Centennial volleyball team placed third of 16 teams in the Class 4A/3A Showcase.

"We were down 11 to 24 against Rogers, with Aubrie Wirkalla going back to serve," recounted Coach Nicole Christensen. "She went on a massive run to tie us up — which included Chase Manthey's 1,000th career assist."

The Cougars (9-4) ultimately won that set 29-27, then edged the Royals 25-23 in the second set to complete the win, at Minnesota Volleyball Warehouse in Burnsville.

"It was the largest comeback I have ever witnessed as both a player and a coach," said Christensen. "I was beyond proud that they had the grit not to stop."

Teammates' elation over Manthey's feat helped spur the rally, she said: "It felt like the stars had started to align for us."

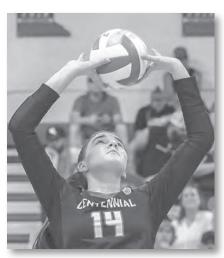
The win over Rogers on Friday evening followed a 25-15,13-25,

25-8 decision over Eden Prairie. On Saturday, eventual champion Maple Grove stopped the Cougars 23-25, 25-15, 15-11 in the semifinals. The Cougars bounced back to defeat Stillwater 25-22, 25-18 in the third-place match.

"We were excited to return to the Showcase, both to redeem our outcome last year, and to be tested," said Christensen. Last year, the Cougars lost both pools play matches and played in the consolation bracket.

Elena Hoecke, the Cougars 6-foot-3 star, was named to the all-tournament team. The Cougars were missing one of their tall middle blockers, Addison Kemper. The coach credited Nora Lieser, Lily Sang and Alexis Morris for filling in Kemper's slot on the first line of defense. "Our block was strong throughout the weekend," she said.

Manthey, a 5-foot-11 junior setter, is a three-year starter. In anticipation of her milestone, teammates Hoecke and McKenna Manthey (her sister) had congratulatory signs ready.



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Chase Manthey, shown here during a previous match, notched her 1,000th assist during the rally against Rogers.

Earlier in the week, Roseville defeated Centennial 22-25, 25-13, 25-22, 18-25, 25-18, and the Cougars beat Andover 25-11, 25-22, 25-15. In that win, Kemper notched three aces, eight kills and two blocks; Hoecke 13 kills (in 20 attempts) and three blocks; and Lieser seven kills.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Centennial won over Rogers 5-2 and lost to Champlin Park 5-2 last week. The Cougars are 7-3 overall and 4-2 in the NWSC. Against Rogers, Lauren Klein, Radha Andiappan, Sophie Wynn/ Elly Nelson and Jenna Orcutt/Hannah Lofgren won in straight sets and Ashlin Kilmer won a tiebreaker 10-4. Against Champlin, Klein and Orcutt/ Lofgren posted quick wins while the Rebels (7-3) pulled out five close matches.

BOYS SOCCER

Centennial is 7-0 and leading the Northwest Suburban Conference (NWSC) after beating Totino-Grace (T-G) 3-1 and Andover 3-2 last week, both at home. Against T-G, Sebastian Fernandez knocked in two goals and Ameer Ahmed one, with assists by Logan Gracia, Keegan Janacek and Beckett Babiash. Against Andover, they got two goals by Garcia and one by Yasin Abdelaziz while Babiash provided two assists and Henry Erickson one. Cougar goalie Gilbert Joy stopped 15 of 18 shots in the two games. The Cougars are 6-0 in the NWSC, followed by Rogers 5-1-1 and Osseo 4-1-2.

GIRLS SOCCER

Alexis Larson drilled three goals and made one assist as Centennial won 5-0 over Totino-Grace last Tuesday. Also scoring were Lily Fernandez and Dara Akpan. The Cougars (4-4) then lost to Andover



Lauren Klein won at 1-singles against Rogers and Champlin

2-1 Thursday and Mounds View 2-1 Saturday. Ella Kieffer scored against Andover. In the NWSC, Champlin Park is 4-0 and Andover, Centennial and Rogers all 3-1.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Centennial girls placed 15th and the boys were 19th of 20 schools in the Lakeville North meet Thursday. Alexandria Sindt placed 38th and Hailey Peterson 80th to lead the girls. Evan Lautenschlauger placed 85th and Connor Vig 107th for the boys.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Isaac Belniske-Strauss

Centennial Football

September 16, 2025

Isaac Belinske-Strauss, second-year Cougar quarterback, led a 31-10 win over Champlin Park on Friday, rushing for 139 yards and three touchdowns while throwing for a touchdown on his only pass attempt. In three games, the 6-foot, 175-pound senior has tallied six touchdowns and 195 yards on 39 carries for the Cougars (3-0), while passing 9-for-12 for 85 yards. Coach Mike Diggins noted that the elusive quarterback has been reading defenses well and picking good spots to pull in the ball and run.



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