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Voting begins: Best of Contest is here

The nominations are in, and voting is open for Press Publications' annual Best of the Press Readers' Choice contest.

Community members will vote for a wide variety of their favorites, including restaurants, doctors, schools, artists, services, events and much more.

This year's contest features more than 149 categories, including eight new categories: sweet shop, chicken wings, brat/hot dog, mocktail at a bar or restaurant, meal for the money, apple orchard, electrician company and dispensary.

The contest helps recognize exceptional businesses, Press Publications General Manager Patty Steele said. Winning a badge adds credibility to a business for someone making a buying decision.

"Six years strong and readers still love to vote for their favorites in the local communities, and businesses love to be recognized by their customers," Steele said. "It's also a great guide for our readers to take a look at the top three and decide to try somewhere new they might not have otherwise tried."

The contest continues to gain popularity each year. Voting is available 24/7 on the Press Publications website at presspubs.com/quad/bestof. Each reader may vote once per day.

Voting ends at 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2.

Winners and finalists will be recognized in a special section the first week of October. Winners will also be posted online.

New categories

- Sweet shop
- Chicken wings
- Brat/hot dog
- Mocktail at a bar or restaurant
- Meal for the money
- Apple orchard
- Electrician company
- Dispensary



LOGAN GION | PRESS PUBLICATIONS

Bald Eagle Yacht Club sails against exclusivity

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

For many, the term "yacht club" bubbles up images of old money, gatekeeping and snobbery. The Bald Eagle Yacht Club, however, takes a different approach: Their membership costs about as much as an electric

toothbrush and there is no official clubhouse.

"We're a social club with a sailing problem," joked Ted Jagger, Bald Eagle Yacht Club chair. Ted has been a member of BEYC for more than 40 years. While he and

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Centennial Library hosts a Curious mystery

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

Centennial Library needs your help solving a case. On Saturday, July 11, someone will be murdered.

Not literally, of course. As part of Anoka County Library's "Game On" summer reading program, the Centennial branch is hosting a murder mystery party with The Curious Crow Company.

"Murder is unusual for the library, thankfully," said Anoka County Library Community Engagement Manager Erin Straszewski, adding that the library no longer charges late fees, so motives to kill are scarce. Games, however, are a different story. "Lots of games have been inspired by stories or inspire stories themselves." Murder mystery parties, then, fit together like Sherlock and Watson.

"A lot of people love solving mysteries. It's a part of the human brain," said Straszewski. "When it unfolds as a story with all these characters, and you get to learn more about them, it really draws you in."

The mystery on July 11 is Gatsby themed, so 1920s prohibition era. Curious Crow Company Co-founder Erin Proza informed that, when a person signs up for a murder mystery party, she sends them a questionnaire. Depending upon the response, Proza assigns them a character, backstory and suggested attire.

While dressing up is not required, Proza stated



CURIOS CROW COMPANY | CONTRIBUTED

A suspect in Curious Crow Company's murder mystery party reads a clue. On July 11, Curious Crow will host a Gatsby-themed party at the Centennial Library.

that most participants do. "Thrift stores can provide 90% of what you need. It doesn't have to be a cost-inhibiting factor," she said.

One of Proza's favorite parts of these parties is watching an initially timid attendee gain confidence. "They come, and three hours later, they're so into their character, they're having such a good time, they're making friends with everyone in the group who were strangers and exchanging phone numbers," said Proza.

Such an experience speaks to the philosophy behind Curious Crow's business. "Yeah, it's about escaping, but it's also about talking to the person across the table that you're playing with," Proza explained.

That sentiment aligns with the library's mission. "The library is

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Celebrate the present with a blast from the past at Fetes de Lacs

BY EMMA MASSO
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Since 1991, the city of Centerville and the Centerville Lions Club have hosted Fetes de Lacs celebrations.

This year, Centerville's 35th annual Fetes de Lacs will take place over six days, from July 14-19, with a "Back to the '80s" theme. Community favorite events will be returning, as well as new and bigger celebrations according to Mel Lawlis, the Lions Club outgoing president.

The festival will kick off on Tuesday, July 14 in Hidden Spring Park with Music in the Park. Wednesday will be a family-oriented safety night where kids can check out the fire department's firetrucks and watch the Life Link helicopter land. Thursday will be the kick-off for Main Street Market and the Bald Eagle Water Ski Show. Friday will feature a kid-friendly DJ show, junior cornhole tournament and 18+ bingo event



SHANNON GRANHOLM | PRESS PUBLICATIONS

The city of Centerville's Fete des Lacs is scheduled to return July 14 through July 19. This year's festival boasts a Back to the '80s theme and will feature a variety of events including a cornhole tournament, 5K/8K, fireworks, parade and more.

with fireworks at night. Saturday holds many events including the "Back to the '80s" parade, fun run, cornhole tournament and car show. Lastly, the canoe/kayak/paddle board race marks the end of the festival on Sunday.

"The parade is really big, and it is probably the biggest part," says Lawlis. "I think the Lions also work really hard for Saturday, for everybody to kind of come up and just enjoy the day and hang out

with their family and friends up there."

The "Back to the '80s" parade will take place on Main Street, with participants from around the community volunteering to help put it together. The theme was chosen based on the fun the Lions Club thought the community would have with dressing up and listening to 80s music, says Lawlis.

The Lions Club focuses on having activities for people of all ages, but they pay special

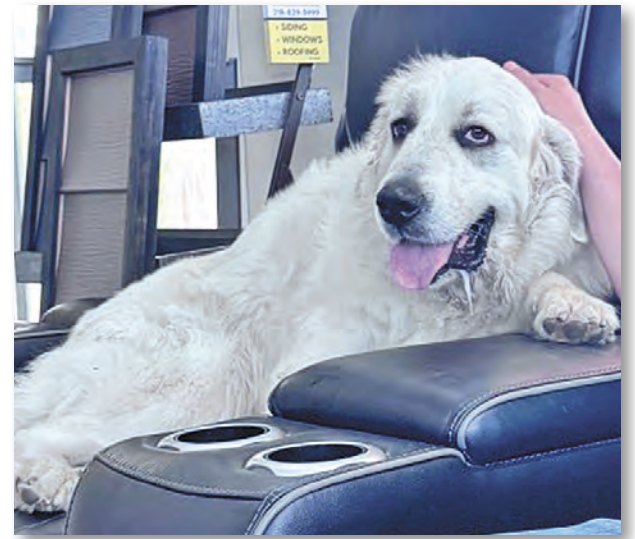
attention to ensure the celebration includes events for children that are in a fun, but relaxed environment.

"It's family oriented, it's really built around families," says Lawlis. "We try to get activities that the families will enjoy doing together. We try to make sure there is something for everyone."

Lawlis says that the more volunteers there are, the bigger the events can be. They accept volunteers of any age, and you can get involved by going on their website at centervillelions.com or message them on Facebook.

"I want people to know they do really live in a great community, and that the Lions enjoy giving back to the people that support us all year," says Lawlis. "So, I think that's really what I would like them to get out of it, that they live in a small community and this is for them to get out and get together with their neighbors and just enjoy themselves."

WEEKLY WAG



Kookie is a beautiful Great Pyrenees/Newfoundland mix with a big heart to match her big fluffy self. Kookie is one-and-a-half years old, and she weighs almost 80 pounds. Kookie is a friendly gentle giant, and she loves nothing more than to be with her people. She is an affectionate, sweet snuggle bug. She also enjoys going for walks and has a playful streak.

Kookie is house trained and crate trained, although the crate is her least favorite place. She would do best in a loving, forever home where someone is home most of the time. Kookie is also devoted and watchful. She is people oriented and protective of those she bonds with. Kookie will do best with an adopter who appreciates large, guardian-style dogs and can give her calm, consistent leadership. Kookie is in need of a home where she feels safe, loved and understood. She has so much love to give and she will make a wonderful companion.

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Fete des Lacs
JULY 14 - 19

TUESDAY, JULY 14 - 6:00 PM
Opening Night - Hidden Spring Park
6:30 PM - Music in the Park - Grunge Unplugged |
Pizza by the Slice for Sale by Wiseguys Pizza & Pub

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 - 6:00 PM
Safety Night - Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park

THURSDAY, JULY 16
5:30 PM - Main Street Market, 1721 Westview St.
7:00 PM - Bald Eagle Water Ski Show

FRIDAY, JULY 17 - 5:30 PM
Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park
Jr. Cornhole Ages 12-17 - *Registration Starts at 5:00 PM
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SATURDAY, JULY 18
7:30 AM - 5/8K Fun Run - Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park
11:00 AM - "Back to the 80's" Parade Down Main Street
12:30 PM - Food | Face Painting | Balloon Artist |
Wacky Hair | Ninja Course
1:00 PM - 8th Annual Cornhole Tournament
*Registration Starts at 12:00 PM
1:00 - 4:00 PM - Cops and Rodders Car Show
4:00 PM - BINGO 18+

SUNDAY, JULY 19 - 11:00 AM
Canoe/Kayak/Paddle Board Race on Centerville Lake
Meet at Trailside Park

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ONGOING EVENTS

CENTERVILLE MUSIC IN THE PARK

When: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays
Where: Hidden Spring Park, 1601 LaMotte Drive, Centerville
Details: Local musicians perform at beautiful Hidden Spring Park from June to August each year. Bring your own lawn chairs and blanket. This week's band is Billee Jo Hall Acoustic Live—a dynamic duo that delivers polished and emotionally engaging shows that resonate with audiences of all kinds.
Contact: 651-429-3232

CIRCLE LEX LIONS CLUB FARMERS MARKET

When: 2:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Where: Lexington Municipal Liquor Store, 9271 Lake Drive
Details: A variety of vendors will be set up in the parking lot selling produce, plants, breads, syrups, crafts and more.
Contact: 612-272-3386 or kgregory244@gmail.com

FAMILY STORYTIME

When: 11:15-11:45 a.m., Thursdays
Where: Anoka County Library, Centennial Branch, Centennial Community Room, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines
Details: Share books, songs and rhymes with your children at this storytime designed to promote school readiness in 2-to-5 year olds. Librarians, caregivers and children will sing, talk, read, write and play together to build early literacy skills. Siblings are also welcome.
Contact: 763-324-1540

BLAINE PERFORMANCE IN THE PARK

When: 6 p.m., Thursdays
Where: Tom Ryan Park, 10802 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine
Details: This is a wonderful spot to relax, enjoy some great music, and dance with the kids. There's lots of space for everyone to spread out and have fun. This week's act is The Mooners, a classic-rock cover band known for high-energy shows and crowd-pleasing hits. Focused on tight musicianship and a strong live presence, The Mooners rock the house with every performance.
Contact: 763-717-2723 or jhandt@blainemn.gov

MUSIC ON THE LAKE...IT'S GOLDEN

When: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays
Where: Golden Lake Park, 67 W. Golden Lake Road, Circle Pines
Details: Enjoy summer nights with concerts. This week's band is Salsa del Soul Sextet featuring

Frank Rivery. Salsa del Soul is a Twin-Cities-based ensemble performing various styles of dance music from the Spanish-speaking regions of the Caribbean.
Contact: 763-792-6100 or cceonline@isd12.org

LIVE MUSIC AT THE LEGION

When: 6-9 p.m. Fridays
Where: Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566, 7731 Lake Drive, Lino Lakes
Details: Come on out for the live music, drinks and Friday specials. This week's musician is Tom Hipps, a one-man show who performs melodic, message-infused pop and folk tunes and interprets songs by other artists that he admires.
Contact: 651-783-0055 or officepost566@gmail.com

CLASSIC AND MODERN CAR SHOW

When: 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Sunday, July 12 and every second Sunday of the month
Where: Rusty Cow, 2 S. Pine Drive, Circle Pines
Details: July's car show has prizes depending on number of entrants. Spectators can enjoy classic, custom, hot rod and muscle cars as well as trucks and imports.
Contact: 612-272-3386 or kgregory244@gmail.com

SUMMER SUNDAYS ON THE PATIO

When: 3-6 p.m. Sundays
Where: Boulevard Bar and Grille, 3800 Restwood Road, Circle Pines
Details: Every week, Boulevard Bar and Grille provides live music. This week is Josh White, a singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and music producer who was born and raised in Louisiana but now calls Duluth home.
Contact: 763-204-8091 or lexingtonboulevard@gmail.com



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MURDER AT THE GRAND GATSBY

When: 1 p.m. July 11
Where: Anoka County Library, Centennial Branch, Centennial Community Room, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines
Details: Step into the Roaring Twenties for a thrilling murder mystery. Dress in your best Gatsby-inspired attire and join us for an afternoon of intrigue, laughter and teamwork as you uncover the truth behind a shocking crime. The story begins with you. Register at anokacounty.libcal.com/calendar.
Contact: 763-324-1540 or aclref@anokacountymn.gov

Details: Wild edibles grow all around us; you just have to know what to look for. Bring your basket and join Maria Wessler of Four Season Foraging as we hike through forests and fields in search of tasty plants, fruits and maybe even some mushrooms. This class will be held rain or shine. Admission will be charged.
Contact: 763-324-3350 or anokacountyparks.com/activities-events

YOUTH DROP-IN NATURE INVESTIGATION: INSECTS

When: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 11
Where: Wargo Nature Center Amphitheater, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes
Details: Investigate the natural world up close with a naturalist in this drop-in program. Stop by at any time during the session to explore more about insects through hands-on activities and nature artifacts.
Contact: 763-324-3350

RICE CREEK CAMPFIRE TALKS

When: 7-8 p.m. Saturday, July 8
Where: Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Campground, 7373 Main St., Lino Lakes
Details: Enjoy a naturalist-led presentation around a roaring campfire to learn about butterflies.
Contact: 763-324-3300

FETE DES LACS COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

When: July 14-19
Where: Hidden Spring Park, 1601 Lamotte Drive, Centerville
Details: Enjoy Centerville's classic summer get-together, featuring a water-ski show, kids DJ, fireworks and a parade. Festivities kick off 6 p.m., July 14.
Contact: 651-429-3232 or centervillelions.com

CURRENT EVENTS

CENTENNIAL ESCAPE ROOM: THE 1990S

When: 5-5:45 p.m. and 6-6:45 p.m. Thursday, July 9
Where: Anoka County Library, Centennial Branch, Centennial Community Room, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines
Details: Our escape room theme this time is the 1990s. We'll be celebrating the games, movies and music from that period, so feel free to curl your bangs, find your flannel and Chucks and join us for fun. Adult participation is required for children under 12.
Contact: 763-324-1540 or aclref@anokacountymn.gov

FORAGING THROUGH THE SEASONS

When: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, July 11
Where: Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

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Rooting for us

A recent article in the White Bear Press about a local Revolutionary War connection sparked a grade-school history lesson memory. When I was in about third or fourth grade, I shared with the teacher that one of the ancestors on my family tree had fought at the battle of Bunker Hill during The Revolutionary War. She expressed skepticism and suggested that maybe I was making it up. I told my mother what happened after I got home from school and she proceeded to find a newspaper clipping that I could use to help verify the ancestral connection. If I remember correctly, the gist of the article was about how Josiah Pierce, an ancestor on my mother's side of the family, travelled a considerable distance (at the time) to attend an anniversary gathering of the historic battle. Mom placed the yellowed newspaper clipping in an envelope and allowed me to take it to school — with the promise that I would treat it with care and keep it safe. The teacher responded graciously



Angle of View
Paul Dols

when I showed her the clipping and encouraged me to use it for a future show and tell session.

With surprising and sometimes humbling results, I've occasionally shared family history with friends and colleagues. I recall sharing with a former editor in the newsroom about the ancestor on my family tree who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. He politely listened and then shared that his wife (who was originally from the east coast) could trace her ancestry back to the family that owned the land (actually Breed's Hill) where the historic battle took place. After reading the book "Mayflower: A Story of Community, Courage, and War" by Nathaniel Philbrick, I shared with a colleague that an ancestor on my mother's side of the family tree was a passenger on the Mayflower. She shared that she also had an ancestral connection to that time in history and was a descendant of Massasoit, the chief of the Wampanoag tribe who befriended the Pilgrims. According to Philbrick, the Pilgrims likely would have perished during the first winter without the assistance of Massasoit. As it was, nearly half of the colony died during the first winter, including my ancestor Thomas Rogers. His children survived and were most likely adopted by William Bradford.

One of my favorite TV shows is "Finding Your Roots" with Henry Louis Gates Jr. Throughout the run of the show, the Harvard professor has presented detailed family histories to numerous famous and notable people ranging from America Ferrera to Sharon Stone, who was quite surprised to discover that she was a direct descendant of Charlemagne, the first Holy Roman Emperor. A recent interview with Professor Gates revealed that researching genealogical history is complicated and the findings are not always good news. He said that he has an ethics protocol. If something is discovered that will forever change someone's understanding of their family, he won't surprise them but will reach out first to ask if they want to know. Secret affairs and involvement in the slave trade are among the surprise findings that have required the use of the ethics protocol. As an example of how personal family history can be complicated, along with researching direct lineage going back to the Mayflower and the Revolutionary War, my father also discovered a branch of our family tree that includes the notorious Benedict Arnold.

Reading well-researched historical books like "Mayflower" have helped me keep ancestral heritage in perspective. I find that when a more complex and detailed explanation of the myths we grew up with is revealed, it can help to better comprehend the complicated and messy period of history we're currently experiencing and maybe help infuse us with the strength and perspective we need to successfully move forward.

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



Lexington is moving forward

Lexington has had a big year, and I am proud of the progress our city is making.

One of the most important accomplishments is resolving the longstanding water issue with the City of Blaine through a new treated water partnership. This puts both cities in a much better position for the future and gives Lexington a reliable long-term path for treated water.

Most residents do not spend a lot of time thinking about treated water agreements, and honestly, that is probably a good thing. But this is one of those basic city services that matters every single day. It affects homes, businesses, future planning and the long-term financial health of our city.

With this new partnership, Lexington saved millions of dollars and avoided years of uncertainty. Thank you to the

city of Blaine, the Blaine City Council and my friend Mayor Tim Sanders for working with us to reach a solution that puts both communities in a stronger position for the future.

We have also completed the transition of fire services to SBM Fire Department. This move sets Lexington up with a stronger, more sustainable public safety model for the long term. Residents now have access to full-time, 24-hour duty crews, strong emergency response, modern equipment, faster response times and a regional department with Allina EMS located at Station 4 near the Lexington and Circle Pines border.

This transition gives Lexington dependable fire and emergency response while also putting the city in a stronger position for taxpayers. Public safety is one of the most important responsibilities of local government and also one of the most expensive line items in a city's budget. This change helps make sure Lexington residents are protected now and for years to come.

The most important thing for residents is simple: when you call 911, help will be there.

There is also exciting news coming to Lexington Memorial Park. A new pickleball court is on the way, and I think it will be a great addition to the park.

Memorial Park is already an important gathering place in our city. Centennial Little League uses the park, families spend time there, kids play there and neighbors run into each other there. Adding pickleball gives residents another fun reason to enjoy the park, whether they are playing a quick game, watching their kids at Little League or just spending time outside close to home.

Lexington is in a good position. We have taken care of major issues, strengthened important partnerships and made decisions that will benefit the city for years to come. I am proud of the work being done and thankful for the city staff and partners helping move these projects forward.

As we look back on America's 250th Independence Day, I hope everyone had a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Mike Murphy is the mayor of Lexington.



Movers & Shakers
Mike Murphy

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- Submissions containing libelous or derogatory statements will not be published.
- Letters by campaign managers or candidates designed to champion the candidate's position on a specific issue will be accepted as paid letters.
- Letters reprinted as part of letter-writing campaigns are paid letters.
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- 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.
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BALD EAGLE YACHT CLUB: 'A social club with a sailing problem'

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his wife, Annette Jagger, sail five-to-six times a week on multiple classes of boats, BEYC's summer regatta mainly focuses on Hobie 16-foot and Hobie Wave catamarans.

"Fleet 52 is one of the oldest Hobie fleets in the country," said Annette. Ted added that the club's summer regattas—whose winners receive points for the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA) racing season—have been going on since 1972. BEYC itself has been around since 1899.

One of the reasons the Hobie regatta has continued for more than half a century, longtime club member Kevin Chase explained, is that the Hobie 16's design has remained consistent during that time.

"My boat's 31 years old," Chase said, "and if you put that side-by-side with (my neighbor's boat), which is two years old, you'd be hard-pressed to see much of a difference in the boats."

Annette stated that one can find a used Hobie 16 for a reasonable price. Indeed, looking online, they run about half of a month's rent, with minimal upkeep expenses. Ted added that the Hobie 16's design does not leave room for many modifications. Chase explained that fewer modification options keep spending down.

"It's all about one design," Chase said. "Because as soon as you start getting into the formulas ... it becomes a checkbook kind of thing. Who's got enough money to keep it competitive?"



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The Bald Eagle Yacht Club (BEYC) races Hobie 16-foot catamarans during its annual regatta. The regatta has run every year since 1972. BEYC has existed since 1899.

One does not even need to own a boat to join BEYC, as plenty of veteran members are happy to have novices on their crews, during practice runs at first, then during official races. Families who join may also enroll their children in the club's annual sailing school.

Members can also be as casual or competitive as they want. Ted, for instance, was ranked fifth in the nation in the late 1980s. Both he and Annette will compete at the HCANA World Championship in September, held in Mississippi.

"We are so old, we get to be in the—not

just Masters, not just Grandmasters—but Great Grandmasters Class," Annette chuckled. The club's attitude towards competition, however, keeps the social aspect in mind.

"Be competitors, but be better friends," stated Ted.

"It's fun to be in the pack," Annette added. "If you win by a leg, then it's boring."

Chase agreed, "We have this thing in common, this love of sailing. You like to see friends do well with things, so you help each other out."

In a time when hobbies are expensive

and socializing is digital, BEYC presents a reasonable, analog alternative. A clubhouse does not tie BEYC together. Members are instead moored by community and shared enthusiasm.

"The fun part about it is that it's fun," Annette said before bursting out laughing.

The Bald Eagle Yacht Club races Hobie boats every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer and into fall. For information on how to join BEYC, contact Kevin Chase at kcchase@comcast.net.

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY: Centennial Library hosts

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a lot more than books," Straszewski said. "We are all about trying to bring people together around stories ... Connecting with ideas, information and inspiration is our mission."

For those who cannot attend July 11's party, the Centennial Library has a different mystery perplexing them. They're missing a book and seem to be the latest victim. In fact, Straszewski stated that there is a missing book from each branch of the Anoka County Library. Those interested in cracking this caper can ask for a case file with suspects at the front desk.

Meanwhile, Curious Crow hosts murder mystery parties at every other month at 9157 S. Service Drive, Lexington. Visit curiouscrowcompany.com for more details.




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Participants in Curious Crow Company's prohibition-era themed murder mystery party share their suspicions.

CORRECTION

The article, "Police chief retires," in the June 30 issue of the Quad Community Press, should have stated that Chief Jim Mork was with CLPD for six years. However, he served Anoka County for 29 years. We apologize for the error.

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POLITICAL BRIEFS

Kreun appointed to Legislative Inspector General Advisory Commission

Senator Michael Kreun (R-Blaine) was appointed this week to the Legislative Inspector General Advisory Commission.

The commission is responsible for making recommendations to the governor regarding the appointment of the inspector general and conducting hearings to review the inspector general's work. It will be comprised of two senators from each caucus and two House members

appointed by each caucus.

The commission was created as part of the Office of Inspector General (OIG) legislation co-authored by Kreun and passed during the 2025 legislative session. The legislation was designed to combat fraud by establishing an Office of Inspector General. The OIG will provide independent oversight of state agencies and work alongside law enforcement to help detect and prevent fraud before it occurs. The commission will oversee the OIG's work to help ensure its impartiality, independence and effectiveness.

"Getting the OIG bill across the

finish line was a tough but rewarding process ..." said Kreun. "After two years of work on this legislation, I was proud to see it signed into law. I am confident the OIG will play a critical role in preventing future fraud, and I look forward to serving on the commission responsible for ensuring its independence and effectiveness."

Two Republican candidates challenge US Rep Tom Emmer in August primary

US House Majority Whip Tom Emmer, from Delano, will face off

against two challengers—Chris Corey, from Big Lake, and Mike Foley, from Elk River—in the upcoming primary election. Emmer has served in the US House of Representatives since 2015 and as majority whip since 2023. This is Corey's second primary campaign after he previously faced off against Emmer in 2024. This is Foley's first primary campaign.

The Minnesota primary election is Aug. 11. In-person and mail absentee voting are now open. For more information, visit sos.mn.gov/elections-voting.

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POLICE REPORTS

The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On June 24, officers were dispatched to a vehicle accident. Upon arriving on scene, officers determined a driver, who was under the influence of alcohol, had driven from Lovell Road and crashed into the 700 block of Village Parkway. The driver was subsequently arrested.
- On June 25, officers were dispatched to the 2000 block of Michaud Way on a medical call. Officers began an assessment with the patient and helped transfer the patient to a gurney. The ambulance transported the patient for further evaluation and treatment and officers cleared the scene.
- On June 26, police were dispatched to the 9100 block of S. Highway Drive for disorderly teenagers.
- On June 28, officers were dispatched to the 9000 block of Griggs Avenue for a disorderly group of juveniles. Officers removed the group from the property. The case is active, pending trespass notices.
- On June 29 on North Road, Officers observed a male with a warrant and subsequently arrested him.
- On June 30, officers observed suspicious activity near Main Street and Centerville Road and followed a vehicle involved. Officers were later dispatched to the 7000 block of 20th Avenue for a suspicious person who was also related to the activity.
- On June 30, a walk-in at base advised officers of a fraud report in the 7000 block of Eagle Trail. Officers took the information and drafted a report.

The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On June 22 in the 6900 block of Lamotte Drive, an officer responded to a suspicious activity report involving a dirt bike that was removed from a private property. The caller wanted the incident documented and requested extra patrol.
- On June 22 in the 500 block of Hawthorn Road, officers responded to a residential fire. The officers ensured the residence was empty and there were no injuries. The incident was handled by the fire department.
- On June 23 in the 7500 block of Fourth Avenue,

an officer responded to a report of a found cat. The officer impounded the cat at an animal care center.

- On June 23 at 12:02 p.m. in the 700 block of Apollo Drive, officers responded to a report of a group of disorderly males inside a local store. Two males were charged with trespassing, and one male was booked at a juvenile facility for an outstanding warrant.
- On June 23 at 2:42 p.m. in the 700 block of Apollo Drive, officers responded to a theft report at a local business. An adult female and juvenile male were charged with misdemeanor theft and trespassed from the business.
- On June 23 in the 2300 block of Tart Lake Road, an officer responded to a theft report. The officer spoke with both parties, mediated the incident and the service was paid for.
- On June 24 in the 200 block of Egret Lane, an officer responded to a vehicle smoking in a driveway. The fire department handled the incident and had the vehicle towed from the location.
- On June 25 at the intersection of Birch Street and Hokah Drive, an officer responded to a report of two toddlers in the roadway. The children were reunited with their parent.
- On June 25 in the 6600 block of Heritage Avenue, an officer responded to an online citizen complaint regarding animal ordinances. The animal's owner was informed about the complaint and given instructions to correct the situation.
- On June 25 in the 700 block of Town Center Parkway, an officer responded to a report that a tracking device was found in a vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.
- On June 25 in the 6600 block of Chestnut Street, an officer responded to a complaint regarding juveniles using e-bikes and scooters in the lane of traffic. Extra patrol will be conducted in the residential area.
- At four different times on June 26, officers responded to a damage to vehicle report in the 7100 block of Ivy Ridge Court. No suspects were identified at the time. On June 28, an officer responded to a damage to property report at a residence in the same address block. The officer identified a suspect, and charges are being forwarded to the city attorney's office.
- On June 26 in the 6600 block of East Shadow Lake Court, an officer was requested to assist a resident with an injured wild animal. The animal was left in its natural habitat.

- On June 26 at the intersection of 20th Avenue and Rainy Lane, an officer responded to a parking complaint. The officer located a large gathering with vehicles illegally parked in the street. After speaking with the parties, the vehicles were moved.

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEF

Engen makes 1st court appearance

Minnesota State Rep. Elliott Engen (District 36A), who was charged with fourth-degree DWI following a traffic stop in White Bear Lake in March, made his first court appearance June 26.

Engen, 27, was also charged with speeding and DWI - alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours. (See "Minnesota State Rep. Elliott Engen arrested on suspicion of DUI," White Bear Press, March 27, 2026.)

Engen's pre-trial is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Aug. 28.



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North Star Rodeo highlights skills of frontline workers

Xcel Energy hosted its second annual North Star Rodeo at the company's Hugo Training Center in Hugo, Minnesota on Friday, June 12. The competition provided a close-up view of how line workers and natural gas workers make critical equipment repairs and respond to power outages and emergencies to ensure the delivery of safe, reliable energy.

Hundreds of Xcel Energy employees and their family members gathered at the rodeo to cheer on the nearly 100 Xcel Energy line workers and natural gas workers from Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Colorado and Texas who tested their skills through a series of simulated, life-like scenarios.

"Our line workers are dedicated to ensuring our communities are powered with safe, reliable electricity for all of life's moments," said Todd Conner, senior vice president, Distribution at Xcel Energy. "These men and women work around the clock responding to power outages after severe weather events,

often in unfavorable conditions, and are an essential part of our workforce as we build the grid of the future."

"Our natural gas technicians maintain a vast network of underground natural gas lines that enable essential heating and appliances for homes and businesses," said Laura Boisvert, senior vice president, Gas at Xcel Energy. "We're proud to offer our technicians a chance to build camaraderie alongside our line workers. Rodeos give our employees the ability to show off their skills to their families and earn recognition through friendly competition."

From rescuing a 'hurt man' (dummy) from the top of a power pole in a timely manner, to connecting a natural gas line from a street to a home, these crews demonstrated how their daily actions help ensure safe and reliable service for the communities in which they live and work.

First-place teams will compete in the National Gas Rodeo

in Cincinnati, Ohio in September and the International Lineman's Rodeo in Overland Park, Kansas in October.

Electric team standings:

- 1st Place: Joe Snyder, Dustin Hess, Chayse Nash (St. Paul)
- 2nd Place: Bryce Koval, Dylan Vitense, Terry Schloer (Eau Claire, Wisconsin)
- 3rd Place: Andrew Uthoff, Cory Hestekin, Riley Cade (LaCrosse, Wisconsin)

Natural Gas Team Standings:

- Four-to-five person teams
- 1st Place: John Wagner (White Bear Lake), Sam Novitsky (White Bear Lake),

Trevor Nowack (White Bear Lake), Carter Engebretson (St. Paul)

- 2nd Place: Nathan Perry (Newport, Minnesota), Logan Reindahl (White Bear Lake), Jose Flores-Querido (Newport), Bodee Oneil (Newport), Alex Holt (St. Paul)
- 3rd Place: Josh Wethammer, Joe Sontoya, Marcus Cherry, Joe Todora, Joe Famoso (St. Paul)

Two-person teams

- 1st Place: Connor Brantner, Luke Zeilinger (Menomonie, Wisconsin)

- 2nd Place: Tony Ortiz, Damen Feiertag (Hudson, Wisconsin)
- 3rd Place: Sam Hedegaard, Izak Gruber (Hudson)



CONTRIBUTED

The North Star Rodeo, an annual competition, honors the essential work of Xcel Energy line workers and natural gas workers.

PUBLIC NOTICES - PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF CIRCLE PINES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public accuracy test of vote counting equipment to be used in the August 11, 2026 Primary Election will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Circle Pines City Hall, 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, MN 55014.

If you would like to witness this demonstration, you are welcome to do so at the above mentioned location.

Chandra Peterson, Assistant City Administrator for Public Services
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CITY OF LEXINGTON

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILINGS FOR OFFICE

The candidate filing period will be open between Tuesday, July 14, 2026, and Tuesday, July 28, 2026, during office hours. All candidate filings must be received by Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 5:00 PM. Candidate filings for the following offices are to be filed at Election Department, Lexington City Hall, 9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN, 55014.

- Mayor
- City Council Member at Large, 2 seats

Brenda Beaudet, Deputy City Clerk

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CITY OF LINO LAKES ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

2026 TRUNK WATERMAIN PROJECT

GENERAL NOTICE

City of Lino Lakes (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of 2026 Trunk Watermain Project. Bids for the construction of the Project will be received online through QuestCDN vBid™ until Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 10:00AM local time. Immediately following expiration of the time for receiving bids, representatives of the City of Lino Lakes will publicly view Bids at an online Bid opening meeting. Those interested in viewing the online Bid opening are welcome to join the meeting by logging on to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling 929.205.6099 and entering Meeting ID 974 6177 1427 and Passcode 336197. The as-read online Bid results will be available at www.questcdn.com following the Bid opening.

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The provisions of MINN. STAT. 16C.285 Responsible Contractor are imposed as a requirement of this contract. All bidders and persons or companies providing a response/submission to the Advertisement for Bids of the City of Lino Lakes shall comply with the provisions of the statute.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at www.questcdn.com. Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the website for a nonrefundable fee of \$55 by inputting Quest project #1027145 on the website's Project Search page.

The website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the website www.questcdn.com. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from other sources.

Bids will only be accepted via the electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any Bids received without explanation. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days.

For all further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

DATED: June 22, 2026 BY THE ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Michael Grochala
Community Development Director, Lino Lakes, MN

Published two times in the Quad Community Press on June 30 and July 7, 2026.

BUSINESS BRIEF

New urgent, emergency vet care coming to North Metro

Allied Veterinary Emergency & Referral plans to bring urgent and emergency veterinary care to the Hugo community and surrounding areas, with plans to open a new location in the former P.A.W.S. Pet Hospital (4644 Victor Path) in late summer or early fall 2026.

As a locally and employee-owned veterinary organization, Allied was founded by Dr. Kara Nelsen in 2021. Allied currently has locations in Brooklyn Park, Eden Prairie, Minneapolis, Rochester and Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The decision to expand into Hugo was driven by a growing need for accessible after-hours, weekend and holiday veterinary care for pet owners in the northeast metro area, east central Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin.

The Hugo location will provide emergency and urgent care services for pets when primary care veterinarians are unavailable, helping families access timely medical care closer to home. In addition to emergency and urgent care services, Allied is part of a broader network of veterinary hospitals that offers advanced specialty care, allowing patients access to services such as surgery, internal medicine, oncology, cardiology, neurology and critical care when needed.

As the hospital prepares to open, Allied is accepting donations of new or gently used towels and lightweight blankets that will provide comfort and care for hospitalized patients. For more information about Allied Veterinary Emergency & Referral, visit www.alliedervet.com.

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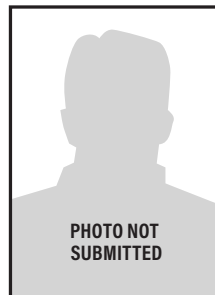
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SPORTS AND OUTDOORS

Cougar town team struggling to fill lineup despite 30-man roster

BY BRUCE STRAND
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The manager of the Centennial Cougars Town Ball baseball team, Joe Cyewski, has spent the season so far trying to piece together lineups game after game.

“Between injuries, guys working and the North Woods League, we have a hard time getting nine guys,” Cyzewski said. “We’ve got 30 players on the roster.”

He said other teams in the Metro Minny League are having the same issues. Many town-team members are playing in the North Woods, a summer collegiate league.

“It’s been like spring training so far,”

Cyzewski said. “We probably won’t know who’s got the best teams until the playoffs.”

The skipper hopes that by playoff time more players will be available. Centennial had a good season in 2025, reaching the state tournament, and anticipated being a contender again, the manager said.

The Cougars had a 6-7 record through June 29. That includes two losses in Duluth that particularly rankle Cyzewski. The Minnesota Baseball Association placed Twins Ports in the Metro Minny, much to the chagrin of the other teams.

“Every team has to drive all the way up there, and they can’t get enough players willing to do that,” said

Cyzewski, who took a team of mostly teenagers up there and no pitchers.

The Centennial team is composed mostly of Blaine athletes. Most of the Centennial players prefer to play for Chisago Lakes, Cyzewski noted. “We recruit mostly out of Complete Game,” he said, referring to a baseball/softball club in Lino Lakes where his son Joe Jr. is one of the coaches.

Joe Jr. is the team’s top hitter so far with a .367 mark. Cooper Anderson, a Blaine graduate and Bemidji State player, has played in all the Cougar games and is hitting .330. Brycen Mohs, a catcher, is also having a good year, Cyzewski said. Mohs is a Forest Lake graduate playing for Bismarck State.

On the mound, Jackson Koenig, from

Blaine and Wisconsin-Whitewater, has two wins, allowing no runs. Hans Christianson, a Hamline player who’s playing in the North Woods, threw one game for the Cougars, a 2-0 win over Monticello. Arm trouble, along with work conflicts, has sidelined other pitchers. For instance, Caden Klebba, a Centennial graduate who pitched for UM-Duluth, is on to roster but has been busy with his job after graduating from college.

Next weekend’s games are against Forest Lake, there on Friday, and against Shoreview on Saturday and Elk River on Sunday—both at home.

The Centennial Cougars play at Baldwin Park, 400 Kieth Drive, Circle Pines.