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Elementary principals outline instructional alignment efforts

BY MADELINE DOLBY
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Rice Lake Elementary Principal Bryan Carlson and Golden Lake Elementary Principal Chris Gerst provided an outline to the Centennial School Board at its recent meeting regarding the efforts the district is taking to align classroom practice across all five district elementary buildings.

Last spring, Superintendent Jeff Holmberg said he met with the elementary principals and the teaching and learning department to see if they would be interested in an opportunity to support their professional practice.

“Our core mission is ‘continuous improvement, teaching, and learning,’” Holmberg said. “And I want to be able to make sure we provide those opportunities to everyone across the district.”

According to Carlson, the role of a principal has changed, in a sense. He said they are “pulled in so many different directions” from day-to-day

operations, management and logistics. “This initiative is a dedicated, intentional chance to elevate our instructional leadership,” he added.

According to Carlson and Gerst, a key strategy for helping maintain consistency districtwide in instructional learning is classroom visits.

“The chances we have to be in the classroom with the teachers and students, it’s incredibly beneficial,” Carlson explained. “It allows us to experience the instruction ourselves ... It allows us to truly support our teachers and collaborate with them, which ultimately has an impact on the kids, which is huge.”

Gerst said that as principals, they continue to be very intentional in how they grow as instructional leaders and how they can support the work going on in the schools every day. He added that Jimmy Casas and Shannon Myers,

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From left: Golden Lake Elementary Principal Christopher Gerst and Rice Lake Elementary Principal Bryan Carlson



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Dance instructor Monica Mohn (left) teaches themed line dancing classes at Anoka County Library locations. She will teach a “Thriller” dance on Oct. 1 at the Centennial branch. See Page 2 for story and event details.

Circle Pines City Council sets 4.2% preliminary tax levy increase

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

The preliminary tax levy for the city of Circle Pines constitutes a \$180,000 (4.2%) increase over last year, after the City Council unanimously passed a motion approving it during its Sept. 22 meeting. The city’s levy has averaged a 5.3% increase over the last five years.

During a presentation at the meeting, Finance Director Kate Manson proposed a general fund levy and debt levy totaling \$3,683,703. According to Minnesota state statute, these figures may be adjusted lower for the final tax levy approval in December, but they may not be adjusted higher.

“I think 4.2% for this coming season is great, considering all the numbers we’ve been hearing from the local area,” Manson said.

Manson noted that the market value for Circle Pines homeowners has increased by an average of 2.3%. Manson estimated, therefore, that the median homeowner can expect to see an increase of a little over \$4 per month.

“That isn’t your full tax bill ...” Manson said. “We also have schools and the county weighing in on that as well.”

Manson expects Circle Pines’ total revenue for 2027 to be \$3,903,321.

“It’s proposed to be balanced; we’re

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Centennial Library line dancing promises to be a ‘Thriller’

BY LOGAN GION
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Anyone can dance. That is the philosophy Monica Mohn, dance instructor and three-time National Ballroom Dance title recipient, embodies when teaching her students.

“What I do is explain to them that they can dance,” said Mohn. “Dance is based on movement, and their body knows already how to move ... It walks, it turns, it stops, it hovers in place if it can’t go anywhere.” For decades, this teaching style has allowed Mohn to give couples the confidence to get on the dance floor and spend fun, meaningful time with one another.

“A couple years ago, I taught a class,” Mohn recalled, “and a gentleman walked up to me with tears in his eyes, and he said ... ‘If I had known it was this easy to dance with my wife, I would have been dancing with her for 35 years.’”

Not everyone is interested in dancing with a partner, so Mohn began partnering with community education programs to teach line dancing.

“Line dancing is so fun because of the camaraderie of being around other people,” said Mohn. “You want to be around other people.”

To facilitate group fun, Mohn uses seasonal favorite songs that are easily recognizable. On Oct. 1, for instance, Mohn will be teaching a modified version of the iconic “Thriller” dance at the Centennial Library. She will also teach a “Ghostbusters” line dance on Oct. 21 at the Rum River Library in Anoka.

“The library is a place people come together to learn, connect and be inspired. Line dance classes have been such a fun way to bring people together, get them moving, meet their neighbors and have some fun together,” said Anoka County Library Community Engagement Manager Erin Straszewski. “It’s good for the body, mind and social connection.”

The “Thriller” event is a program funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, which Cortni O’Brien coordinates for the Anoka County Libraries.

“At the library, we celebrate lifelong learning,” O’Brien said. “When we are thinking about programming, we’re thinking of all facets ... Dancing is absolutely an art.” Line dancing, then,

provides a chance for people, no matter their skill level, to learn new moves from scratch.

“Line dancing offers a very low stakes, entry-level opportunity for people to learn the art form in a safe and fun environment,” O’Brien said. “We’re all learning and stumbling together through the moves.”

Mohn agrees with this sentiment. “I break (dancing) down so that it’s doable,” she said. Mohn feels that the reason a person believes they cannot dance is usually because they had someone in their past tell them they couldn’t, they had a bad experience with a dance partner, or they are comparing themselves to top-tier professionals, like those on “Dancing with the Stars.”

“It’s like people looking at Tiger Woods and saying they can’t play golf,” she compared, “or looking at the Williams sisters and saying, ‘Gee, I can’t play tennis.’ Well, no, but most people want to enjoy (dance). It’s not going to be their life’s work.”

Mohn also feels that a quick evening class like the one at Centennial Library is the perfect way to give participants that spark of interest in dance and the confidence to try exploring a new skill or passion.

“I decided my focus was on getting people to dance, people who are at the very starting phase, the just-dipping-their-toe-into-it phase, so that they had a good experience,” Mohn said. “People who are afraid to dance,



Monica Mohn

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they may not take an eight-week course ... Anybody can be bribed into two hours.”

The most rewarding moments during Mohn’s classes are when participants begin to believe in themselves.

“I also work with special needs adults,” Mohn recalled, “There was a particular gentleman ... I had a move where we would take a hop, one-quarter turn to the left. I watched him for three months because he would try, and then he wouldn’t quite do it. The day he made it, he walked up to me after class and said, ‘I can dance. I did that turn.’ I actually almost started crying. I said, ‘Yeah, you can dance.’”

The Centennial Library will host Adult Line Dance: “Thriller” from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines. Register for the event at anokacounty.libcal.com/event/17054740.



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Participants in a “Ghostbusters” line dance that Mohn taught dress for the theme.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Centennial Schools hosts community tour

Centennial School district will host a walking tour of Centennial High School and Centennial Elementary at 6 p.m. Oct. 8, starting in the High School Learning Commons, 4757 North Road, Circle Pines. Those who attend will learn more about the two

referendum questions and see the areas identified through the Centennial Forward planning process. This includes:

- The two referendum questions on the November 2026 ballot
- How proposed improvements address identified district needs
- How school spaces and facilities support

students, staff and the community. Learn more at isd12.org/centennial-forward.

Kindergarten Preview Day registration now open

Get a sneak peek into kindergarten at Centennial Schools by attending Kindergarten Preview Day at your

community school from 9:45-10:30 a.m. Oct. 22. The event will provide an opportunity for families with students starting in fall 2027 to get a tour of the school, connect with the principal and other future classmates, play on the playground and have a snack in the lunchroom.

RSVP at isd12.org/enroll.

PRINCIPALS: Leaders ‘out and about in our schools’

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both with J Casas and Associates, have allowed all five elementary principals and secondary principals to step back, reflect on their leadership practices and think about the leaders they want to be for their staff and students.

J Casas and Associates partners with schools through coaching, keynote presentations and hands-on workshops. Jimmy Casas, the firm’s CEO, has been working with the secondary school principals, while Shannon Meyers, senior associate, has been working with the five elementary principals.

“A lot of the work is grounded in the four principles of Jimmy Casas,” Gerst said. “Be a champion for kids, expect excellence, carry the banner and be a merchant of hope.”

Those four principles, according to Gerst, have provided the principals a good framework when they think about leadership.

“We want to be the leaders who are out and about in our schools, who know what is happening in our classrooms, who know what our staff and students are doing and understand the daily desired experience,” Gerst added.

These intentional classroom visits not only will help principals better understand the teaching and learning going on across their buildings, but recognize effective instructional strategies, identify areas where teachers may need support and encourage conversations about instruction and learning.

“When we get to see what students are experiencing, not just through data or reports, but by actually being there,” Gerst said, “we can see how students are engaged, how they’re interacting with their teacher and interacting with one another and what their learning looks like.”

He added these visits are also to help shift the mindset of being around classrooms. The visits are supposed to communicate that the principals want to understand what district staff are doing and show support.

School Board Chair Tom Knisley said he appreciates the approach and to know the principals are a part of the daily classroom experience is great.

“I’m really excited about the collaboration, partnership and commitment our principals continue to show, and say ‘Hey, how do we keep working together to support our staff, support our kids,’” Holmberg said.

CATCH OF THE WEEK



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Colten Hambley of Lino Lakes caught a northern pike while fishing on Movil Lake, Bemidji.

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ONGOING EVENTS

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

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. This will be the final farmers market for the season.
Contact: 612-272-3386 or kgregory244@gmail.com

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

CURRENT EVENTS

FAMILY COOKING
When: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29
Where: Centennial Library, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines

Details: Join us in the IQ kitchen with your family as together we cook simple, easy to follow recipes. September’s theme is Back to School. This program is for youth with their grownups; we will all be cooking together.
Contact: 763-324-1540 or aclref@anokacountymn.gov

MEDICARE 101 WITH MINNESOTA AGING PATHWAYS
When: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30
Where: Centennial Library, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines
Details: Medicare can be complicated, but Minnesota Aging Pathways is here to help. Whether you’ve been on Medicare for a few years, need a refresher or are brand new, this program will help you understand the basics so you can manage your healthcare options.
Contact: 763-324-1540 or aclref@anokacountymn.gov

CONNECTIONS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT
When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1
Where: Chomonix Golf Course, 700 Aqua Lane, Lino Lakes
Details: The Centennial Area Chamber invites you to tee off at our inaugural Connections Classic Golf Tournament, a celebration of networking, community and connection. Held at Chomonix Golf Course in Lino Lakes, this event blends friendly competition with meaningful relationship-building. Enjoy a best-ball scramble, lunch and a welcoming atmosphere designed to spark conversation and connection both on and off the fairway. Register at centennialareachamber.com/55924-2.
Contact: 763-786-9672 or president@centennialareachamber.com

BACK IN BLACK: TRIBUTE TO AC/DC
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2
Where: The Outskirts, 15201 Running Aces Blvd., Columbus
Details: Back in Black is an incredible, exciting, high energy reproduction of a concert performance by AC/DC. The original band even auditioned the band’s singer.
Contact: 651-927-2717 or theoutskirtsmn.com

SMOKEY’S OKTOBERFEST
When: Oct. 2-5
Where: Smokey’s Pub N’ Grill, 552 Lincoln Drive, East Bethel
Details: We’re celebrating our birthday with a whole weekend of Oktoberfest food, beer and fun. We’ll have beer flights, birthday Bingo and door prizes over the weekend and a special live performance from Scottie Miller from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday.
Contact: smokeyspubngrill.net

HAND BUILD YOUR OWN CLAY LAMP
When: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Oct. 6-27
Where: Blue Turtles Art & Wellness, 7525 Village Drive, Suite 150, Lino Lakes
Details: People 14 and up will learn to build their own table lamp base out of clay and fit it with lamp hardware. They will use hand building techniques, adding surface design as desired. Register online at isd12.arux.app/course/6456/fall-2026/new-hand-build-your-own-clay-lamp.
Contact: 763-792-6100 or cceonline@isd12.org

WHIMSICAL WIGS CRAFTER AND CROCHETERS NIGHT
When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6
Where: Anoka County Library, Centennial Branch, Centennial

Community Room, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines
Details: Whimsical Wigs is a nonprofit that creates character wigs and beanies for children going through cancer treatment. Crafters will decorate envelopes, silk flowers and wig packaging. Crocheters can trade finished projects for more yarn. Please RSVP in advance at whimsicalwigsmn@gmail.com.
Contact: 763-324-1540 or aclref@anokacountymn.gov

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OKTOBERFEST
When: 12-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3
Where: Tom Ryan Park & Blaine City Hall, 10801 Town Square Drive NE, Blaine
Details: Get ready for a full day of fun, including live music with headliner GB Leighton. Enjoy a variety of food vendors throughout the festival, then grab a beverage from the beer garden and settle in for an afternoon and evening of live music. Attractions include the Fall Craft Fair, bounce houses, a rock climbing wall and a petting zoo.
Contact: 763-785-6164 or blainemn.gov/4034/Oktoberfest

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Pat-A-Cake Child Care hosts open house

To celebrate its 32nd anniversary, Pat-A-Cake Child Care will host an open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. There will be food, a bounce house and live music from the Teddy Bear Band.

Owner Patti Beecher said that the family-oriented center takes children from 2 months to 12 years of age and uses educational activities to teach children the skills they need to have a great start to school.

“To open my center in the community that I grew up in was a dream come true,” said Beecher. “With the help of my parents, I started a home daycare in April 1992. My center opened in October 1994. I was blessed to be able to bring my children to work with me and (I am) honored that they all worked at the center.”

Beecher added that one of her children even became a lead teacher at Pat-A-Cake after graduating from college and still works at the center. Beecher also gets to help teach her grandchildren there.

“Some who were here as a child have come back to be teachers here or bring their children here for care,” Beecher said. “Stop by to see the center for the first time or come back to visit if you came here as a child, brought your child here or were a teacher here. We would love to see you again.”

For more information, visit patacakemn.com.

Logan Gion

Holiday stores transition to Circle K

Three Holiday convenience stores in Lino Lakes and White Bear Township are scheduled to transition to the Circle K brand as part of the company’s ongoing rebranding of Holiday locations in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest.

The White Bear Township store at 5970 N. Hwy 61 is expected to complete the transition in late September. The two Lino Lakes locations, at 7090 21st Ave. N. and 7509 Lake Drive, will be rebranded in the coming months. The stores will remain open during the transition. Changes will include new exterior signs, fuel canopies, interior graphics and other Circle K branding.

Alimentation Couche-Tard, Circle K’s parent company, acquired Holiday in 2017 and has continued operating the Holiday brand in Minnesota and surrounding states.

“We are excited to introduce the Circle K brand to the residents of Lino Lakes and White Bear Lake while building on the strong foundation Holiday locations have established in the community,” said Joannie Almjeld, vice president of operations for Circle K’s Northern Tier Business Unit.

For customers, the change also means the end of the Holiday Rewards program and the introduction of Circle K’s Inner Circle rewards program. Existing fuel discount programs with Cub, Coborn’s, Luther Automotive, Menards and other participating partners will remain active.

Circle K said fully registered Inner Circle members will receive a 5-cent-per-gallon discount on qualifying fuel purchases through Oct. 31. The company’s rewards program also offers fuel savings based on qualifying purchases. Some Circle K products and branding are already appearing inside the stores, including the Guy Fieri Flavortown Menu, Polar Pops and Grab-and-Go Fresh Cases.

The rebranding is part of Couche-Tard’s effort to bring its convenience stores under the Circle K name. More information about Circle K and its Inner Circle program is available at circlek.com and through the Circle K app.



Pat-A-Cake owner Patti Beecher stands in front of her child-care center, ready to celebrate the facility’s 32nd anniversary.

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Variety is the pumpkin spice of life

Here’s an opinion: I think pumpkin spice is just OK. I don’t get the hype. In fact, I used to make fun of people who would change their entire personality to revolve around a trendy flavor, an obvious cash grab. How could people be so basic?

Then coffee shops came out with caramel apple drinks. Now, every fall, I guzzle those down while eating apple donuts. I’ve since realized that there are other areas in my life where I’ve yucked another person’s yum, only to find out that I just like a different flavor of the same thing:

- I hated tomato soup until I added basil and garlic.
- Romantic comedies made me roll my eyes until I watched one with Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn.
- I thought hunting was boring until I tried bow hunting.

Most of us had an adult who told us, “You won’t know if you like it until you try it,” but I would amend that saying to “You won’t know if you like it until you try a few kinds of it.”

At a recent Sunday brunch, I sat near a boy whose parents wanted him to try French toast. Plenty of toppings were nearby, from peanut butter and syrup to fresh berries and cream. Instead, the boy cut off microscopic piece of plain French toast, stuck his trembling teeth out, and took a fake bite.

“I don’t like it,” he said. His parents rolled their eyes and made him try it again with toppings, but he’s already made up his mind, saying, “I’ll hate it. I just know it.”

At first, I shook my head, judging the situation as a wizened adult —until I realized I still do the same thing.

When I was 21, I joined a gym for the summer. I had gained my freshman 15, was feeling self-conscious and wanted to get back into shape. The first day there, the manager told me my form was so bad I was banned from using the equipment, that I’d gained weight because I was lazy and that I needed to spend thousands of dollars on his personal training routine if I wanted to reach my goals. Naturally, I didn’t go back, and I didn’t consistently exercise again for over a decade.

A year ago, because of my health, working out became a necessity for me. Concerned, I asked an acquaintance of mine who did powerlifting and strongman competitions to check my exercise forms — the same ones for which the gym manager berated me — and he told me that, besides some common beginner errors, it was perfectly fine. An embarrassing amount of personal gym equipment purchases and months of training later, I can now do a stupid amount of pull-ups.

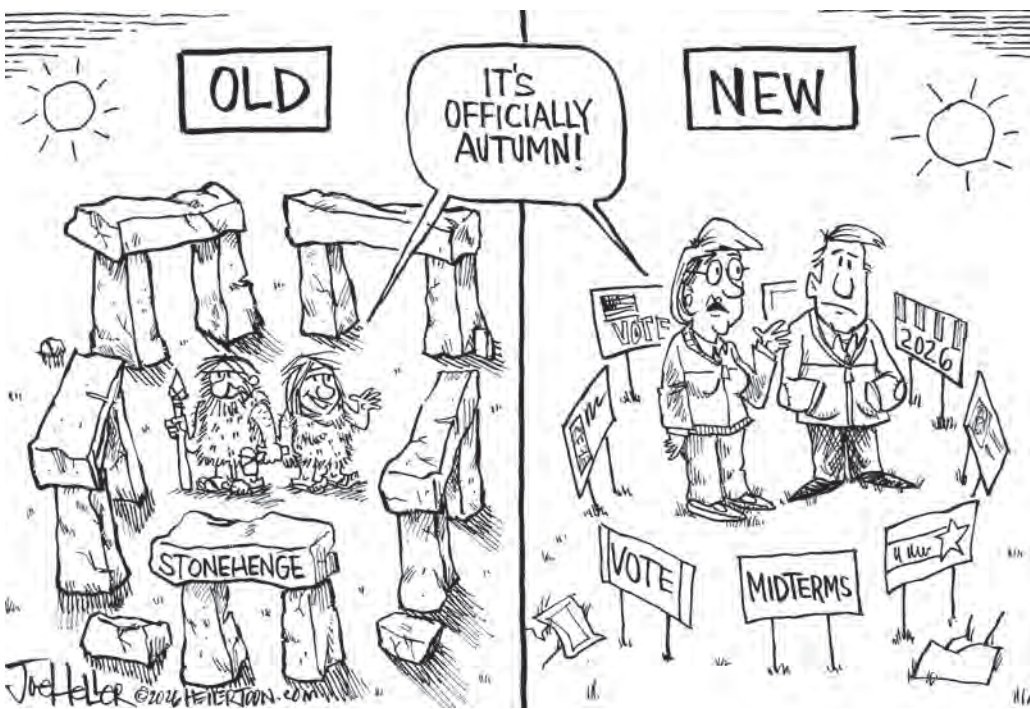
But I haven’t joined a gym. I’ll hate it; I just know it. Or perhaps I just hated that flavor of gym. Last week, I took a tour of a fitness center that gets funding from other sources than personal training signups. I was nervous, but the employee who gave me the tour was kind and knowledgeable, unbothered that I needed some time to think before I joined. I plan to later this month.

At Press Publications, we get information on a lot of unique, local events (See What’s Happening on Page 3). This fall, I encourage you to check one out that makes you a bit nervous in the hopes that you don’t do what I did. Please don’t let a bad experience from your past keep you from enjoying all of life’s flavors.

Logan Gion is Staff Writer for the Quad Community Press.



Looking Out with Logan Gion



Making room for community questions

Over the coming weeks, Centennial residents will receive information about the two school referendum questions on the November ballot. Those materials explain the proposed operating levy and facilities bond, what each would fund and the estimated property tax impact.

As superintendent, I know that providing information is only part of our responsibility. We also need to make room for questions.

School districts use terms that are familiar to those of us who work in education but may need explanation outside it.

A project description can identify a proposed improvement without fully explaining the problem it is intended to address. A tax estimate can show a dollar amount and still leave someone wondering how it applies to their property.

Sending information does not automatically mean we have answered the questions people have.

Residents also bring different experiences to this conversation.

Some know our schools through daily contact with teachers and staff. Others know them through community activities, their own years as students or children who graduated long ago. No one should need to follow every school board meeting or read every district publication to understand what is being proposed.

We have a responsibility to explain our work clearly, including how priorities were identified and what choices were made. That also means revisiting an explanation when it leaves something unclear.

In our classrooms, we recognize that students bring different experiences and questions to their learning, and we use a variety of approaches to help them understand. That same attention to communication matters beyond the classroom. Residents should have different ways to explore information and find answers.

On the Centennial Forward website, a series of short videos takes a closer look at individual topics, from student support and classroom programs to school safety and building maintenance. Residents can choose a topic they want to understand better and hear an explanation focused on that subject.

The website also includes a frequently-asked-questions page that

we continue to update as questions arise. It is a place to start when you are looking for an answer, and I encourage you to check back as the conversation continues. If your question has not been addressed, please reach out.

For residents who would find it helpful to see some of the spaces firsthand, a community walking tour of Centennial High School and Centennial Elementary is scheduled for 6 p.m. Oct. 8, at CHS Learning Commons, 4757 North Road, Circle Pines. The tour offers an opportunity to see identified facility needs and ask questions about the proposed work.

Find videos, FAQs, specific improvements proposed for each school, tour information and more at isd12.org/centennial-forward. To connect with someone directly, call the district office at 763-792-6000 or email centennialforward@isd12.org.

My responsibility is to help residents understand the proposals and the reasoning behind them. The decision belongs to voters. Whether you read, watch, visit or call, I want you to feel comfortable asking the questions that matter to you.

Dr. Jeff Holmberg is the superintendent for Centennial Schools.



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- Tax cuts should not make the super wealthy, super super super wealthy.
- People should not go broke because of a health issue.
- The BWCA should be protected.
- The ICE Federal Invasion of Minnesota is an outrage.
- Prices are rising too fast.

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Tom Emmer stands for:

- Emmer supports Trump, who blatantly makes up laws.

- Emmer does anything Trump wants.
- Emmer joined House Republicans filing a lawsuit to overturn the Biden election. With Emmer, elections and democracy are clearly in jeopardy.
- Emmer supports tax breaks for the super super wealthy.
- Emmer says you are better off now that the price of ground beef has gone way down to “less than \$2 a pound.” In the Midwest, the average cost of ground beef stood at \$6.92 last month. The average cost of lean and extra lean beef is \$8.57 per pound. in January 2025, the average price of ground beef was \$5.82 per pound. EMMER LIVES IN TRUMP LA LA LAND and just makes things up, just like Trump.
- Emmer doesn’t care if you go broke because of a health issue.
- Emmer supported the Federal Invasion of Minnesota with killing thugs. AFTER, I repeat, AFTER!! the senseless killing of an innocent protester, Emmer said: “I am grateful to Trump,

and our ICE agents for their tireless work to restore safety to Minnesota.” KILLING PEOPLE DOES NOT RESTORE SAFETY TO MINNESOTA! Emmer then accused Minnesota officials of “reckless” rhetoric endangering federal agents and inciting violence. Emmer is ridiculous!

Emmer, a Trump lemming, should be VOTED OUT OF OFFICE! Other Republicans could limit Trump, but NO, they follow Trump like dogs to a bone.

We deserve a member of Congress who shows up, listens and answers to the people who elected them. Tom Emmer has chosen silence and absence, but Doug Chapin is ready to work for us. I urge everyone to vote for change and support Doug Chapin this November.

Wayne LeBlanc
Centerville, Minnesota

LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

- The City Council approved a special event permit for the Centennial Girls Blue Line Club to hold a fundraising event at Boulevard Bar & Grille from 12-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.
- SBM Assistant Chief Matthew Montain gave an informational update on SBM’s operations since Lexington contracted with

the department earlier in 2026. Call volume has stayed “roughly the same” and response times are an average of four minutes countywide. Montain informed the City Council that there will be an Allina Health advanced life support ambulance housed in SBM Station 4 starting Oct. 1, which will allow faster access and response times for the city of Lexington.

- The Council approved a resolution to adopt the 2025 Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan which, according to the resolution, “identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property within the city of Lexington from the impacts of future hazards and disasters.”

- City Administrator Bill Petracek reported that two individual homes tested positive for lead in their water but stated that the lead is most likely coming from the homes’ pipes and not the water Lexington receives from Blaine.

Hannah Testa



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POLICE REPORTS

The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Sept. 16 in the 100 block of Indian Hills Lane in Circle Pines, officers were dispatched to a report of theft and took information from the complainant regarding items that had gone missing from the address. Complainant was unsure whether the items were stolen.
- On Sept. 16 in the 8800 block of Griggs Avenue in Lexington, an officer responded to a call about a dog at large.
- On Sept. 16 in the 400 block of Keith Road in Circle Pines, officers located an abandoned backpack while on routine patrol.
- On Sept. 16 in the 2000 block of Willow Circle in Centerville, an officer was dispatched regarding a dog bite.
- On Sept. 16 in the 10 block of Central Street in Circle Pines, police responded to a request by a business to remove an individual and issue a trespass notice.
- On Sept. 18 at the intersection of Lexington Avenue and Lake Drive, officers responded to a motor vehicle accident.
- On Sept. 18 in the 10 block of Park Drive in Circle Pines, an officer self-

initiated a response to an ordinance violation.

- On Sept. 21 in the 9100 block of Hamline Avenue in Lexington, officers responded to a report of damage to property.
- On Sept. 21 in the 9100 block of South Highway Drive in Lexington, officers were dispatched to a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident. The case is inactive.

The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Sept. 14 in the 700 block of Main Street, an officer responded to a complaint involving a sign that was obstructing the view of traffic. The officer made the property owner aware of the complaint by phone and the problem was resolved.
- On Sept. 14 in the 6500 block of Otter Lake Road, an officer responded to a report of suspicious online activity. The resident was advised how to protect himself from scams.
- On Sept. 14 in the 7100 block of Rice Lake Drive, an officer responded to a theft report, identified a suspect and issued them a citation.
- On Sept. 16 on the northbound Interstate 35 to Lake Drive NE off-ramp, an officer on patrol

conducted a traffic stop. The driver was arrested on a warrant and transported to jail.

- On Sept. 16 at the intersection of Second Avenue and Elm Street, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle accident. One driver self-transported to a hospital.
- On Sept. 16 at the intersection of Main Street and Otter Lake Road, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle crash.
- On Sept. 16 in the 7600 block of Lake Drive, an officer responded to a traffic complaint. The officer cited the suspect with reckless driving.
- On Sept. 17 in the 6700 block of Hodgson Road, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle crash.
- On Sept. 17 in the 8200 block of Lake Drive, officers responded to a request to check the welfare of a male lying on the side of the road. The male was transported by ambulance to the hospital. The report will also be sent to the Anoka County Attorney's Office to charge the male with possession of a controlled substance.
- On Sept. 18 in the 400 block of Aqua Circle, officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle. After an investigation, an adult male was

arrested for DWI.

- On Sept. 19 in the 700 block of Town Center Parkway, Officers conducted a warrant attempt and arrested an adult female on an outstanding warrant. The female was booked at jail.
- On Sept. 19 at the intersection of 20th Avenue and 21st Avenue North, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle crash.
- On Sept. 19 at the intersection of Lake Drive and I-35W, an officer responded to a report of juveniles possibly throwing items off a bridge. The officer determined no crime occurred and spoke with the juveniles and their parents.
- On Sept. 20 on I-35W, an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle for a violation. The driver was arrested for license violation and booked at jail.
- On Sept. 20 at the intersection of Main Street and Fourth Avenue, an officer provided assistance and documented a motor vehicle accident. One driver was transported by ambulance to a hospital.
- On Sept. 20 in the 700 block of Town Center Parkway, an officer responded to a report of theft. The investigation is ongoing.

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

Fireworks display spurs questions

Residents in White Bear Lake, White Bear Township, Hugo and Lino Lakes heard fireworks around 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. Area fire departments, law enforcement and the White Bear Lake Conservation District received several noise complaints.

White Bear Lake Conservation District Administrator Jody Savage explained that the conservation district did not issue a permit for fireworks at the private event, because it was not directly on the lake.

Mahtomedi Fire Chief Joel Schmidt confirmed that the fire department was aware of a fireworks display at a private event on Grenelefe Avenue in Dellwood on Sept. 19. He said the display was conducted by a licensed pyrotechnics company and the appropriate permits were obtained through the required agencies

Officer thrown from suspect vehicle during DWI investigation

BLAINE — Blaine Police Officer Patrick Graves is recovering from injuries sustained after responding to a property damage crash, according to Deputy Chief Joe Gerhard.

In an official department release, Gerhard notes that at 2:32 p.m. Sept. 21, Blaine police officers responded to a reported property damage crash at the intersection of Jefferson Street NE and Northtown Drive. Upon arrival, the first officer received information from witnesses indicating that the driver of an older-model Corvette, Richard James Chacich of Spring Lake Park, had been operating the vehicle recklessly prior to the crash.

According to the release, during the initial investigation, Officer Graves observed signs of

suspected impairment. During the investigation, Chacich began walking back toward his vehicle. Although ordered to stop, Chacich increased his pace and entered the vehicle. Officer Graves attempted to remove him; however, the driver was able to shift the vehicle into reverse while the officer's upper body was still partially inside.

Witnesses reported that the vehicle accelerated rapidly in reverse, stopped abruptly, then surged forward at a high rate of speed, causing Officer Graves to be thrown from the vehicle. The Corvette continued to travel erratically through a parking lot. A short time later, the vehicle struck a retaining wall and ultimately overturned.

The release noted that both Officer Graves and Chacich were transported to a local hospital. Chacich was medically evaluated and subsequently transported to the Anoka County Jail.



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not leaning on reserves,” Manson said. “We’re expecting to gain as many revenue dollars as there are expenditures.”

Manson noted that the main expenditure increases include the police contract, the fire contract, and city staff salaries and benefits.

Manson informed the council that the salary and benefit increase comes from an additional gas maintenance worker, increased cost of living and step-based pay bumps to retain staff members.

Carl Eck Park will also have its own department next year.

“We are isolating expenditures for Carl Eck,” Manson said. “There are additional expenditures surrounding the park improvement projects we have planned there for that year.”

She added that, once the planned park improvements are finished, the city plans to hire someone to staff the Carl Eck concession stand. “Moving forward, we’d like a little more control of the building and maintenance of it ... We’ve already been operating one over at Golden Lake, so we have a bit of an idea of what the costs incurred are.” Manson expects that the city

will see revenue from the improved concessions stand and baseball fields.

While expenditures are increasing overall, there are subcategories that will see decreases for 2027, including a reduced workers’ compensation budget.

“In 2022, we were budgeting well over \$100,000 for our workers’ comp, and now we’re in the \$26,000 range,” Manson said. “We saw a 25% decrease to our rates this year.” The city’s office staff size has also been reduced.

Manson noted that the city will see a \$50,000 decrease next year from local government aid (LGA).

“Back in 2020, we would collect \$410,000. This coming budget season, we’re looking at \$338,000, so we’ve taken a significant hit from government aid over the past seven years,” she said.

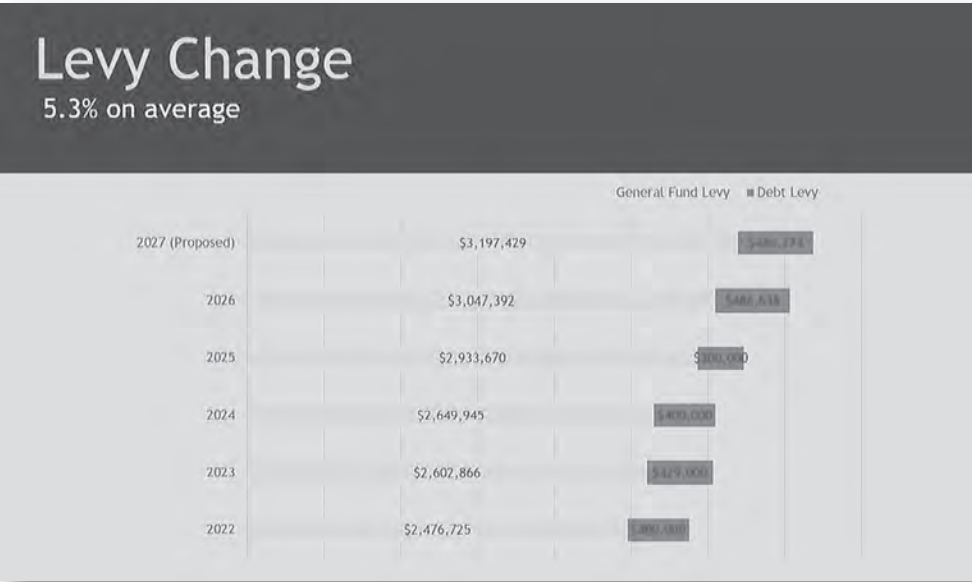
Conversely, Circle Pines expects to see a \$15,000 increase from the state’s fiscal disparity distribution program. According to the Metropolitan Council’s website, the program is a regional tax-base sharing system that redistributes growth in commercial-industry property value across the seven-

county metropolitan area.

At the City Council meeting, Mayor Matt Percy thanked Manson for her work in preparing the information.

“If they want more information, we have all the PowerPoints (slides)

available and we’re willing to talk to anybody who has questions about how this is impacting them on their property taxes and maybe even if they have questions on where the money is going, too,” Percy said, “We can certainly help them out.”



The city of Circle Pines tax levies, from 2022 to the proposed 2027 increase.

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CITY OF CIRCLE PINES, MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF HEARING ON DELINQUENT UTILITIES
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City Council will meet at 7:00 p.m., on October 13, 2026, at City Hall, 200 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines, Minnesota, to consider, and possibly approve, the proposed certification to the County Auditor for collection with other taxes, unpaid charges for storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water, garbage, and recycling charges. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

If, after the hearing, the City Council finds that the amounts claimed as delinquent are due and unpaid, the city may certify the unpaid charges to the County Auditor for collection as other taxes are collected.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a disabled individual may, one week in advance, contact City Hall by phone at (763) 784-5898, or TDD (763) 231-2617; or in writing to request reasonable assistance to be able to participate in these proceedings.

Patrick Antonen, City Administrator
Dated: September 09, 2026
Published one time in the Quad Community Press on September 29, 2026.

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 November 3, 2026 General Election will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 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 LINO LAKES
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING
WEED ABATEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Lino Lakes, Minnesota (the “City”) will meet at the City Council chambers of City Hall, located at 600 Town Center Parkway in the City, at or after 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2026, to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessments against the following described properties:

PIN	Legal Description and Property Address
06-31-22-44-0009	LOT 5 BLK 1 ROBIN ACRES
	8015-8017 4th Avenue, Lino Lakes, MN 55014

for expenses incurred by the City to abate weed and grass nuisances found on the property. The total amount proposed to be assessed is \$352.50. Adoption by the Council of the proposed assessment may occur at the hearing.

Such assessment is proposed to be payable in a single installment to be payable on or before the first Monday in January 2027 and will bear interest at the rate of 8 percent per annum from the date of the adoption of the assessment resolution. To the first installment shall be added interest on the entire assessment from the date of the assessment resolution until December 31, 2027.

The property owner may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the county auditor, pay the entire assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid within 30 days from the adoption of this assessment. The property owner may at any time thereafter, pay to the City the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year. If the property owner decides not to prepay the assessment before the date given above the rate of interest that will apply is 8 percent per year.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk’s office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal to district court may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the municipal clerk prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The Council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

Under Minn. Stat. §§ 435.193 to 435.195 and City Code Section 303.10, the Council may, in its discretion, defer the payment of this special assessment for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older or retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. When deferment of the special assessment has been granted and is terminated for any reason provided in that law and

City Code all amounts accumulated plus applicable interest become due. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of this law and City Code may, within 30 days of the confirmation of the assessment, apply to the City Clerk for the prescribed form for such deferral of payment of this special assessment on his/her property.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or Clerk of the City within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the Mayor or Clerk.

Dated: September 22, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINO LAKES, MINNESOTA
Roberta Colotti, City Clerk, City of Lino Lakes, Minnesota
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CITY OF LINO LAKES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning & Zoning Board of the City of Lino Lakes, Minnesota will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, Minnesota, to consider the following:

- Ordinance Text Amendment to City Code Chapter 1001-Subdivision Regulations
- Amendment related to tree preservation and landscaping.

For further information regarding the above items, please contact City Planner, Katie Larsen, at 651-982-2426.

The agenda and staff report will be available end of day Friday, October 9, 2026 on the City website at <https://linolakesmn.portal.civicclerk.com/>

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

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- Java Lino Lakes Third Addition and Commercial Car Wash
- Property Address: 7671 Lake Drive and 7661 Lake Drive
- PID #08-31-22-43-0007; 08-31-22-43-0008
- Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment (Rezoning) from NB, -
- = - Neighborhood Business to GB, General Business
- Preliminary Plat for one (1) lot commercial
- Conditional Use Permit for a commercial car wash

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Roberta Colotti, CMC, City Clerk
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CITY OF LINO LAKES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE ISSUANCE OF SENIOR HOUSING REVENUE NOTE BY CITY OF BETHEL, MINNESOTA, FOR A PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LINO LAKES, MINNESOTA, AND ADOPTION OF A HOUSING PROGRAM RELATED THERETO PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 462C
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing shall be conducted by the City Council of the City of Lino Lakes, Minnesota (“Lino Lakes”), on a joint housing program to be adopted by Lino Lakes and the City of Bethel, Minnesota (“Bethel”) (the “Program”) and the proposal that Lino Lakes authorize and consent to the issuance by Bethel of one or more series of tax-exempt or taxable revenue notes in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 (the “Note”) on behalf of Lyngblomsten at Lino Lakes II LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company (the “Borrower”), all pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C, as amended (the “Act”), and Minnesota Statutes, Sections 471.59 and 471.656, as amended. The sole member of the Borrower is Lyngblomsten Services, Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit corporation organized and operated as an organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”).

The Note will be issued by Bethel at the request of the Borrower. The proceeds of the Note will be loaned to the Borrower, and the Borrower has represented that proceeds of the Note will be used to (1) finance a portion of the costs of constructing and equipping a mixed-use building containing commercial units for lease on the ground level and senior housing units on additional floors, all located at or about 6030 Blanchard Blvd, in Lino Lakes (the “Project”); and (2) pay certain costs of issuing the Note. The Program also contemplates one or more additional issues of tax-exempt or taxable obligations by Bethel or Lino Lakes to finance portions of the Project.

The Borrower is the owner and operator of the Project. An affiliate of the Borrower, Lyngblomsten Care Center, Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit corporation organized and operated as an organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, will manage the Project or portions thereof on behalf of the Borrower.

The Note, as and when issued by Bethel (not Lino Lakes), will be a special, limited revenue obligation of Bethel payable solely from the revenues expressly pledged to the payment thereof and will not constitute a charge, lien, or encumbrance upon any property of Bethel or Lino Lakes, except the revenues of Bethel derived from the Project pursuant to a loan agreement between Bethel and the Borrower (the “Loan Agreement”). The Note will not be a charge against Bethel’s or Lino Lakes’ general credit or taxing powers and will not constitute a general or moral obligation of Bethel or Lino Lakes, but will be payable from sums to be paid by the Borrower pursuant to the Loan Agreement.

The public hearing will be held at the City Council meeting in the City Council Chambers at Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway in Lino Lakes on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as reasonable. At said time and place the City Council shall give all parties who appear an opportunity to express their views with respect to the Program and the proposed issuance of the Note by Bethel. Copies of the Program are available at the offices of Lino Lakes. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk by interested persons prior to the hearing by mail or in-person submission.

Dated: September 29, 2026
CITY OF LINO LAKES, MINNESOTA
Roberta Colotti, City Clerk
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STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ANOKA
DISTRICT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
COURT FILE NO. 02-PR-26-543
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (WITHOUT A WILL)
In Re: Estate of
CARL LEE MCCARTHY,
Decedent
Notice is given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Marisa K. Johnson, whose address is 17440 Severson NW, Evansville MN 56326, as personal representative of the Estate of Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute the real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the personal representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Pamela Kreier, Registrar
H. Ann Basta, Court Administrator
Date: August 31, 2026
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SPORTS BRIEFS

CROSS COUNTRY

The Centennial girls won a six-team meet at Chisago Lakes on Tuesday, outscoring the second-place host team 35-54. Alexandra Sindt placed third; Emma Delf, fourth; Madison Chrusciel, eighth; Audrey Julson, ninth; and Emma Nelson, 11th of 56 runners. The Cougar boys were fifth of eight teams, led by Connor Louks in 11th place; Evan Lautenschlager, 17th; and Connor Vig, 23rd.

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The Centennial girls (3-5-2) tied Egan 1-1 on Tuesday and beat Champlin Park 2-1 on Thursday, with goalie Mia Sutch making nine saves. All three goals were delivered by Dara Akpan. The Centennial boys (2-4-3) had a 0-0 tie with Osseo on Tuesday and lost to Champlin Park 5-0 on Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL

Centennial (12-3) was champion of the Hastings tournament

Saturday, defeating St. Croix Lutheran 25-13, 27-25; Hastings 25-15, 25-14; and Bloomington Kennedy 25-3, 25-7. On Monday, the Cougars beat Minneapolis Southwest 22-25, 25-10, 25-12, 25-14.

SWIMMING

Elk River defeated Centennial 95-86 on Thursday. For the Cougars, Sophia Nguyen won the 100 freestyle and backstroke, and Amelia Pole won breaststroke.

Bruce Strand

Cougars run hard, beat Andover 21-14

The Centennial Cougars (3-1) beat Andover 21-14 on Friday evening. The Cougars ran for 370 yards, led by Tobie Serna with 157 yards and Jack Wiste with 69 yards and two touchdowns. Edwin Ekah had the first

touchdown before leaving the game with an injury. Defensively, Brayden Boesch had two sacks and four other tackles-for-loss.

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Tobie Serna rushed for 157 yards for the Cougars.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Aubrie Wirkkala

Centennial Volleyball

September 29, 2026

Aubrie Wirkkala, Centennial volleyball senior, notched her 500th career kill — as well as 10 more — last week in a 3-1 win over Minneapolis Southwest. Wirkkala also passed the 100-ace marker at the service stripe earlier this season. The 5-foot-8 outside hitter is an excellent digger, playing all six rotations. “Aubrie has been a game-changer this year,” coach Nicole Christensen said. “Despite an early season injury, she battles every day. Her arsenal offensively has grown and keeps us competitive with every team we face.” Wirkkala has signed with UW-Stevens Point.



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Burgers and Fries for only 7.99 every Monday till 10pm! Any of our burgers on the menu. All of our burgers are fresh, never frozen, 1/2lb black Angus.

-TUESDAY-

2 soft shell taco's for just \$5! \$4 Margaritas! Wing special starting at 4:00pm, includes approx 2lbs of delicious chicken wings (your choice of flavors) for only \$10. Both specials are on till 10pm.

-WEDNESDAY-

Fresh ½ lb black angus burgers \$4
Cooked to order all day.

-THURSDAY-

Fajita Dinner from 4 pm - 10 pm. Choice of beef or chicken.
Served with all the fixings.

-FRIDAY-

Fish Fry Friday! All you can eat flaky pollock for just \$11.99 starting at 5 pm. Comes with fries.

-SATURDAY-

Prime Rib Dinner 5pm
Served with all the fixings.

-SUNDAY-

Full rack of pork ribs, potato, and veggie for just \$16! Or choose 1/2 Rack Ribs and Chicken. Until sold out.



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WEEKLY WAG

If you are looking for a sweet, middle-aged little queen, then Rosie is waiting for you. Rosie is a Chihuahua/Dachshund mix. She is 6 years old and she weighs 14 pounds. Rosie is social with dogs and with cats, and she is friendly with people she meets, even kids. Rosie has plenty of personality, and she can be a bit peppy when the mood is right. But Rosie is mostly content being an affectionate lap pet. She is happiest lounging and napping with her favorite people or near a window where the sun shines through and warms her up. Rosie has a tendency to voice her opinions, so a new forever home with shared walls may not be welcoming. Rosie is crate trained, yet she still has some things to learn. A patient, loving forever family would suit her well.



If you are interested in learning more about Rosie or adopting her, please fill out an application at www.ruffstartrescue.org. Once your application is received, Ruff Start Rescue will contact you as soon as possible.



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