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# Centennial Volleyball Club rallies to USA Volleyball Nationals

BY LOGAN GION  
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Each year, in June and July, USA Volleyball hosts the Girls Junior National Championship.

One of the competitors was the 14-1 team from Centennial Volleyball Club (CVC) in Lino Lakes.

“I’ve been with a lot of these girls for a few years now, but they wanted a more competitive experience,” said CVC Coaching Director Chelsey Stute. “We wanted to build that experience here because I do think that the culture at CVC is something that’s really special. We really get to know players and their families and build specific based on the teams.”

One example of CVC’s team-specific culture is Stute’s chant for the year. “We created a team motto, and my girls at the beginning of the season

looked at me like I was a bit cuckoo,” she recalled. ““We rise together, every point, every play, every day.””

The pathway to the national championship begins locally; a team must receive a bid to compete in a regional tournament. In this case, that meant CVC’s 14-1 team placed in the top four in their division at the Minneapolis tournament.

“As we started to play in larger events, they ended up taking down some of the local elite clubs,” Stute remembered. “And the first time they did that, the way those girls screamed that motto in that final huddle—in that moment, they really did buy in.”

Teams who received bids from local tournaments then move on to regional tournaments to receive a national slot. CVC’s 14-1 team competed in the



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The Centennial Volleyball Club (CVC) 14-1 team poses at the USAV Girls Junior National Championship.

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From left, White Bear Township Town Supervisor Steve Ruzek, Lino Lakes City Administrator Karen Anderson, Lino Lakes Council Member Julia Nelson and developer Peter Stalland break ground at the Wilkinson Waters site in Lino Lakes, near Centerville Road and County Road J.

## North Oaks Company breaks new ground with Wilkinson Waters

BY LOGAN GION  
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Construction has begun on Wilkinson Waters, a mixed use residential/ commercial development on Centerville

Road between County Road J and Ash Street in Lino Lakes. Plans are to begin renting in 2028, developer Peter Stalland said during the groundbreaking ceremony held July 8 at the Wilkinson Waters project site.

The development will include apartments and townhomes as well as small retail shops and possible office space.

“We’re going to see a European,

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## Data centers spark discussion among Lino Lakes council

BY MADELINE DOLBY  
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The Lino Lakes City Council recently held a preliminary discussion about the possibility of exploring policy options related to data centers within the city’s commercial and industrial zoning districts.

The idea for the preliminary discussion was brought forward by Council Member Randy Rennaker.

“We don’t want to be a position where the tail is wagging the dog,” Rennaker said. “Right now, we have the ability to look at this from a broad view and, perhaps, put things in place where we can decide what we want to have on property in our city.”

Currently, the city is involved in litigation regarding water rights and aquifer depletion in White Bear Lake. Rennaker noted that Lino Lakes does not have the natural resources or the deep infrastructure required for data centers.

Council Member Julia Nelson clarified that no one has approached the city asking to build a data center and agreed with Rennaker that the city should look into what it can do if a data center is proposed within city limits.

Mayor Rob Rafferty was also in favor of having staff identify and address council concerns. He supported requesting staff to come

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# Lino Lakes Economic Development Strategic Plan focuses on 6 priorities

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The city of Lino Lakes will focus on six priorities for the next five years as part of its Economic Development Strategic Plan.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) is responsible for the preparation of the five-year plan, which was last updated in 2021.

According to Community Development Director Michael Grohcala, the 2026-2030 plan focuses on six priorities, which include:

- Develop balance of Woods Edge Property: The site is located at Interstate 35W and Lake Drive. The city retains approximately 9 acres of property. The area is guided and zoned for a mix of commercial and high-density residential uses intended to serve as the city’s “Town Center.” The Rookery Activity Center is a city-owned and operated facility and remains a focal point for the community activity and future development opportunities within the area.
- In 2026, the city initiated a master planning process to further refine development scenarios, land use mix and overall vision for the site. According to Grochala, the EDAC recognizes that the private market will prescribe the ultimate development scenario; however, there are key elements which are within the city’s sphere of influence. According to the strategic plan, Lino

Lakes has the ability to be flexible both on land sale pricing and what type of development is built on the site.

- Business retention, expansion and workforce development plan: Retention and expansion of key businesses is an important strategy in promoting continued economic growth. It is an avenue by which communities promote reinvestment and facilitate employment growth. According to the strategic plan, through establishing a formal Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program, Lino Lakes can enhance its relationship with key existing businesses. The program is an avenue by which to gather information about local business activity, anticipate change in a company’s status and work to retain the businesses that provide the greatest positive economic impact to the city.
- Identification of potential redevelopment areas and strategic acquisitions: Reinvesting in underutilized property is a valuable tool for economic growth efforts, according to the strategic plan.
- Continue to promote development of the I-35E/Main Street Corridor: Development of the I-35E/Main Street Corridor remains a priority, and includes leveraging key infrastructure improvements such as the Otter Lake Road extension and the regional cooperation agreement with Columbus, Forest Lake and Hugo, as well as Anoka and Washington counties. Development in

this area will continue to be predominantly market-driven, with infrastructure readiness, active landowner participation and regional partnerships serving as key factors in attracting new investment and redevelopment opportunities.

- Update and expand city marketing materials: The development and updating of the marketing materials for the community will position the city to be able to readily react to opportunities for new projects and the expansion of existing businesses.
- Establish a housing maintenance assistance program: Develop a housing maintenance assistance program to support low-to-moderate income homeowners in maintaining and improve the city’s aging housing stock. The program would complement existing Anoka County resources and may include grants or low-interest loans focused on exterior home improvements that enhance neighborhood appearance, safety and long-term property maintenance.

The City Council will ultimately consider approval of the Economic Development Strategic Plan at the regular City Council meeting Monday, July 13 (after press deadline).

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## WEEKLY WAG

Iris is a beautiful Alaskan Malamute/Husky mix. She is two years old and weighs 62 pounds. Iris is a people dog and is described as a shadow with four legs and a wagging tail. Her foster says that if you are looking for a companion that believes personal space is overrated,

then Iris is your gal. For the most part, Iris is pretty laid back and content lounging near her people in the house, but she is always up for a good adventure, too, so she enjoys a nice car ride. She has a moderate energy level and loves to go for walks. Iris is social with other dogs and friendly to

everyone she meets. She is affectionate and sometimes believes she is a comfortable lap dog.

Iris is gentle, goofy and intelligent. She is house and crate trained but will sing a sad song when she has to retreat to her crate. She always wants to be with her people.

“My wife and I had

an Alaskan Malamute, so I immediately fell in love with Iris,” said Ruff Start Rescue Communications Coordinator Brent Honcharenko. “I can’t wait for her to go to a great forever family and home.”

If you are interested in learning more about Iris or adopting her, please fill out an application at [www.ruffstartrescue.org](http://www.ruffstartrescue.org). Once your application is received, Ruff Start Rescue will contact you as soon as possible.



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### Four-year construction to begin on Highway 65 in Blaine

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will begin a project to reconstruct Highway 65 to improve safety and mobility between 97th Avenue and 121st Avenue and Paul Parkway NE in Blaine. According to MnDOT, this project will improve travel time and reduce crashes along the highway. The project’s estimated cost is \$195 million.

The project will mainly remove stop lights in this stretch, replacing them with four, grade-separated interchanges, giving this portion of the highway a freeway design.

Other construction includes rerouting existing local street and driveway connections using frontage roads between 97th Avenue and 109th Avenue. The project will also reconstruct existing sidewalk along the roadway to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards.

For more information, visit [dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy65blaine](http://dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy65blaine).

#### The details

- Schedule of construction: June 2026 through summer 2030
- Cost: \$195 million
- Location: Highway 65 between 97th Avenue and 121st Avenue and Paul Parkway NE
- Benefits
- Improve drainage
- Improve safety
- Improve accessibility
- Provide smoother road surface
- Preserve historic features
- Reduce congestion
- Improve traffic flow
- Extend pavement life



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The portion of Highway 65 in Blaine that will be under construction this summer through 2030.

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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 Grunge Unplugged—a '90s cover band.  
**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

### 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 get up and dance with the kids. There's lots of space for everyone to spread out and have fun. This week's act is Vinnie Rose, a versatile singer/songwriter who loops instruments to make one-of-a-kind performances.  
**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 the Centennial Community Band, a nonprofit, volunteer ensemble of 60 members from Blaine, Centerville, Circle Pines, Lexington and Lino Lakes.  
**Contact:** 763-792-6100 or cceonline@isd12.org



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### MAIN STREET MARKET AND WATER SKI SHOW

**When:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, now through August  
**Where:** Centerville Road near Centerville Elementary School, 1721 Westview St.  
**Details:** Shop among local artisans, listen to live music and grab a bite to eat from a food vendor before walking to the popular Bald Eagle Waterski Show next door at Trailside Park, 7111 Main St.  
**Contact:** info@centervillemn.com

### 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 Kurt Bearinger, who specializes in '90s and outlaw country as well as classic southern rock.  
**Contact:** 651-783-0055 or officepost566@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

and a parade. Festivities kick off 6 p.m., July 14.  
**Contact:** 651-429-3232 or centervillelions.com

### LUNCH AND LEARN: RETIREMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

**When:** 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 16  
**Where:** Lino Lakes Conference Center, 7455 Village Drive, Lino Lakes  
**Details:** Minnesota employers with five or more covered employees will soon be required to offer access to a retirement savings plan. Join the Centennial Area Chamber for an important Lunch & Learn with Nicole Olson of Edward Jones, a local resource who understands the needs of small-business owners.  
**Contact:** 763-786-9672 or president@centennialareachamber.com

### FAT TIRE BIKING SESSION

**When:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 16  
**Where:** Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park, 7373 Main St., Lino Lakes  
**Details:** Have you always wanted to try fat-tire biking but didn't know how to go about it? With a little instruction, participants and staff will explore single-track trails together. Basic bike riding ability is required. Admission will be charged. Register online at anokacountyparks.com/activities-events.  
**Contact:** 763-324-3300

### WARGO RESTORATION PROJECT DAY

**When:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, July 18  
**Where:** Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes  
**Details:** Help restore and beautify the natural areas at Wargo Nature Center. Projects may include invasive species removal, garbage clean up or light trail-and-park maintenance. Projects will occur regardless of weather, unless severe. Large groups are welcome with prior notice, and registration is encouraged.  
**Contact:** 763-324-3350

### LEARN TO STAND-UP PADDLE BOARD

**When:** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18  
**Where:** Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park, 7373 Main St., Lino Lakes  
**Details:** Stand-up paddle boarding is still the coolest and most fun way to be on the water. After a short introduction and instruction, we'll be ready to paddle out and explore. No experience is required and all equipment is provided. Admission will be charged.  
**Contact:** 763-324-3350 or anokacountyparks.com/activities-events

## CURRENT EVENTS

### FETE DES LACS COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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**Where:** Hidden Spring Park, 1601 Lamotte Drive, Centerville  
**Details:** Enjoy Centerville's classic summer get-together, featuring a water-ski show, kids DJ, fireworks

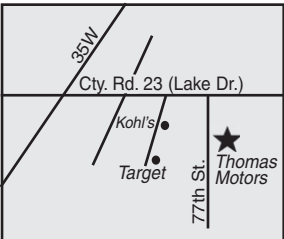
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For this contest, we partner with a software service called Second Street, which uses a completely online process to have readers nominate their favorite businesses or people, vote for them, and later on, announce the winners. We spend hours going over all the nominations to identify the ones with the most, to clean them up as much as possible. The software is getting better, but it still does not recognize that John Doe, John Dow, Jon Doe, Dr. Doe, Dr. John Doe, John Doe Clinic, Doe Clinic of Wellness, and any other variation, are the same. I hope we get everything correct, but please contact us at 651-407-1200 if we did not.

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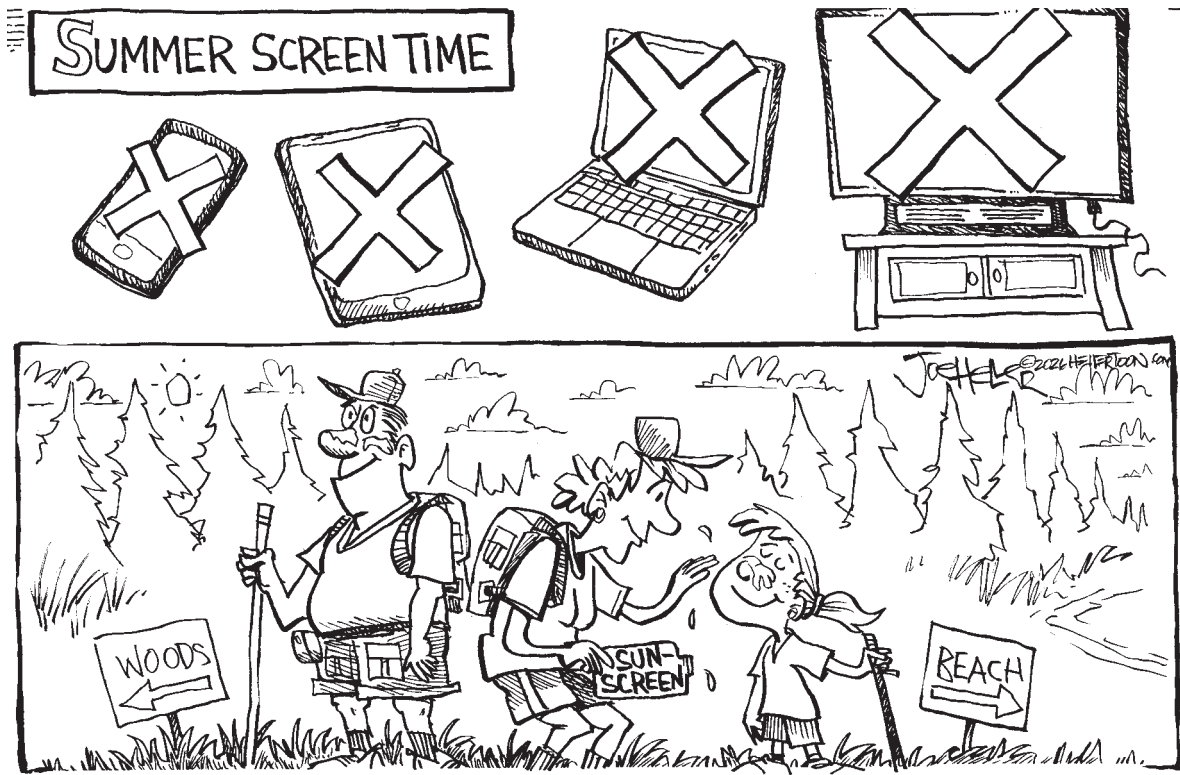
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Remember that you can vote once a day through Aug. 2.

Carter Johnson is publisher of Press Publications.



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Perhaps my biggest priority for this session, the Legislature finally passed my bill to create an Office of Inspector General (OIG). This new independent office – the most significant anti-fraud measure in state history – will act as a government watchdog, protecting tax dollars from

bad actors and safeguarding the programs and services that Minnesotans rely on. Along with this new office, we enacted stronger program security measures and funded the modernization of IT systems, so that our state agencies and counties can more easily detect and stop fraud.

This is good governance, and our state will be stronger for it.

We also passed over \$1.2 billion in funding for essential infrastructure needs across the state — roads, bridges, public works, water treatment facilities, parks, recreation and more. The package includes \$4.75 million for improvements to the Vadnais Boulevard Trail, which I was proud to fight for.

The rising cost of living in America is hitting all of us. While I can't control what happens in Washington, I will keep doing what I can to help Minnesotans. This session, we worked to directly address the cost of living and passed bills to ban AI-driven dynamic pricing based on your personal data, hold insurance companies accountable for covering more of your health care, and curb corporate ownership of nursing homes and single-family homes. Unfortunately, these measures did not pass the House.

However, we did secure over

\$125 million in one-time property tax relief, reduced vehicle registration fees to put money back in your pocket, and delivered \$40 million for family homelessness prevention and \$13 million for supportive housing for vulnerable Minnesotans. There is more work to do, and many affordability proposals stalled despite broad public support, but I'll keep pushing.

As one of the most bipartisan Senators in Saint Paul, I'll keep working with anyone who is serious about solutions, because my job is simple: keep essentials affordable, make communities safer, and make sure our government works for you, not special interests.

Minnesota Sen. Heather Gustafson represents District 36, which includes Centerville, Circle Pines, Lino Lakes, Gem Lake, North Oaks, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Township and Birchwood Village.

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# Meet the Lino Lakes Ambassador Candidates



**Aubrey Frechette:** Aubrey is the 16-year-old daughter of Michael and Kasey Frechette and Crystal Buldra. This fall she will be a senior at Centennial High School.



**Bella Ohlrogge:** Bella is the 16-year-old daughter of Caitlin Ohlrogge. She will be a junior at Centennial High School.



**Blair Sholts:** Blair is the 16-year-old daughter of Anthony Sholts and Heather Moore. This fall she will be a junior at Centennial High School.



**Brooke Twohy:** Brooke is the 16-year-old daughter of Josh and Ana Twohy. She will be a junior at Centennial High School.



**Brooklyn Segner:** Brooklyn is the 17-year-old daughter of Amber Lesney and Scott Segner. This fall she will be a senior at Centennial High School.



**Duabci Vue:** Duabci is the 16-year-old daughter of Steve and Moa Vue. She will be a junior at Centennial High School.



**Elliot Malone:** Elliot is the 16-year-old daughter of Tim and LuRae Malone. This fall she will be a junior at Centennial High School.



**Evelyn Nelson:** Evelyn is the 16-year-old daughter of Alyssa Nelson. She will be a junior at Centennial High School.



**Grace Schuette:** Grace is the 16-year-old daughter of Kyle and Kelly Schuette. This fall she will be a senior at Centennial High School.



**Hailey Hite:** Hailey is the 17-year-old daughter of Chris Hite and Breanne Larson. She will be a senior at Centennial High School.



**Hailey Schwartz:** Hailey is the 17-year-old daughter of Joey Schwartz and Debbie Russell. This fall she will be a senior at Centennial High School.



**Lily Wigen:** Lily is the 16-year-old daughter of Mark and Alicia Wigen. She will be a junior at Centennial High School.



**Mariam Kashif:** Mariam is the 17-year-old daughter of Kashif Mahmood and Riz Chaudhry. This fall she will be a senior at Centennial High School.



**Monroe Hogan:** Monroe is the 16-year-old daughter of Ron and Katie Hogan. She will be a junior at Concordia Academy-Roseville.



**Opal Wilson:** Opal is the 16-year-old daughter of Jennifer Wilson. This fall she will be a junior at Centennial High School.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED  
**The three current Lino Lakes Ambassadors pose in front of Centennial High School. They will crown their successors on August 7.**

## IF YOU GO:

**What:** Lino Lakes Ambassador Coronation  
**When:** 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 7  
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- City Council Members at Large (2) – 4 Year Seats
- Special City Council Member at Large – 2 Year Seat

Teresa Bender, City Clerk

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Questions regarding the City's election system and testing procedures can be directed to the City Clerk's office at Clerk@linolakes.us or 651-982-2406.

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# USAV NATIONALS: Centennial Volleyball Club competes

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Kansas City regional tournament, where they placed in the top two out of 128 teams in their division. This year's championship was at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis from June 25-July 3

"It's a huge honor and a huge accomplishment because of that," said CVC Club Director Christina Glasgow. "They have a high volleyball IQ ... They're smart, and they're always reading what the situation is."

"Just recently, this year and last year, we've started to strive to be a really strong club," said Clara Sander, the team's captain and middle blocker. "Even though we're not the biggest, nationals put our name out there and showed that ... actually, we're good."

"Nationals helped me realize that we can compete at a higher level," added Helena Luke, the team's setter. "I think we also learned from watching the top teams, so I have an idea of what next year's going to be like."

Stute explained that the 14-1 team initially struggled during the national tournament because they were used to winning in smaller venues. The 96-team division at nationals, conversely, consisted of the



Libero Tennley Peterson receives midair at USAV nationals.

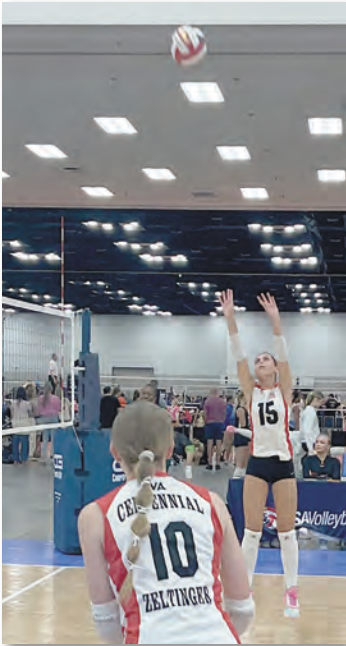
highest caliber teams in the country. She noted that her team's mental resiliency helped them adapt and improve over the course of the competition.

Though the 14-1 team placed near the bottom of their bracket for match wins, their overall percentage was better than teams 20 places higher. This means that, while CVC's

team did not beat many teams, they often lost by a thin margin, taking many of their opponents to tie-breaking sets.

Tennley Peterson, the team's Libero, added, "As the days progressed, we kept gelling together. We knew that we could win."

Finally, on the last day of the tournament, the 14-1 team scored their first



Setter Helena Luke cues up a spike for her teammates.

match victory.

"Instead of falling apart, they came together tighter and tighter, and they played harder and harder for each other," Stute said. The coach added that she got emotional after the final match.

"The final time, we called out our team motto, and Clara, as a captain was like, 'I think we should end the season telling each other what we appreciate about them the most,'" Stute said. "I really do think that shows just how special these girls were."

# DATA CENTER DISCUSSION: Pros and cons

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back with their findings for continued discussion.

Community Development Director Michael Grochala said data centers are becoming more numerous within the Twin Cities area, and that it is important for the council and staff to understand them.

"I think it's important first for us to understand ... what are the impacts. What are the pros, the cons, and then go forward and identify what we need to do within the (city's) ordinances to meet our end goal," Grochala added.

"I think having the information, and bringing it to (our) attention, is excellent," Rafferty said. "But having more information related to it is the key ingredient."

After discussion, staff members will collect more information on data centers and present their findings to the council at a later date.

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POLICE REPORTS

*The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:*

- Officers responded to a driving complaint in the 600 block of Town Center Parkway June 29.
- Officers responded to a dog complaint in the 6700 block of Teal Court June 29.
- Officers responded to a complaint about juveniles on mini bikes June 29 in the area of Lilac Street and Palomino Lane, but the juveniles were not located.
- Officers responded to a civil dispute in the 2000 block of Chestnut Street June 29.
- An attempted scam was reported in the 6700 block of Clearwater Creek Drive June 29.
- Officers responded to a verbal domestic incident in the 100 block of Morgan Lane June 29.
- Property damage was reported in the 600 block of Arlo Lane June 30.
- A male driver was arrested for driving after cancellation, inimical to public safety, after being stopped for multiple traffic violations June 30 on Interstate 35E.
- A suspect was cited for theft at a business in the 700 block of Apollo Drive June 30.
- Officers responding to a family disagreement in the 100 block of Morgan Lane provided transport for an adult to diffuse the situation June 30.
- Harassment was reported at an assisted living facility in the 700 block of Town Center Parkway June 30, and two parties were encouraged to stay away from each other.

- A driver on 35E was arrested for DWI during a traffic stop July 1.
- Fraud was reported in the 6300 block of Fawn Lane July 1.
- Officers responded to civil disputes July 1 in the 7900 block of Sheila Avenue and the 100 block of Red Clover Lane.
- A protection order was served in the 100 block of Shetland Lane July 1.
- An odor of gas at a business in the 7100 block of Otter Lake Road did not show up on gas readings July 1.
- Officers warned a homeowner in the 200 block of Carl Street about an illegal fire July 1.
- A man was arrested on a homicide warrant in the 6500 block of Ware Road following a traffic stop July 2.
- Identity theft was reported in the 6400 block of Lakota Trail July 2.
- Officers responded to a medical incident where life saving measures were performed unsuccessfully in the 400 block of Apollo Drive July 2.
- A driver was arrested for driving with a canceled license, iminical to public safety, following a traffic stop for multiple violations in the 7900 block of Main Street July 2.
- Officers responded to a family dispute in the 100 block of Gladstone Circle July 2.
- Juveniles were trespassed from a business in the 700 block of Apollo Drive July 2.
- Damage to property was reported July 3 at a hotel in the 500 block of Apollo Drive and the 2300 block of Tart Lake Road.
- A person was transported to the hospital by ambulance following an accident between a vehicle and

- bicyclist July 3 at Main Street and Interstate 35E.
- Suspects were charged with theft at a business in the 700 block of Apollo Drive July 3.
- A driver was arrested for DWI July 4 following a traffic stop in the 8100 block of Lake Drive.
- Officers responding to a report of juveniles causing damage to a tree in a park in the 7600 block of Mustang Lane July 4 found no issues.
- Residents in the 100 block of Marcia Lane were warned following a fireworks complaint July 4.
- Officers assisted in freeing a dog trapped under a deck in the 800 block of Orange Street July 4.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 6200 block of Red Maple Lane July 4.
- A driver was arrested for a license restriction after being stopped for a moving violation in the 1200 block of Birch Street July 5.
- A man was arrested for a hit-and-run accident in the area of Ash Street and Hodgson Road July 5.
- Burnt food set off a fire alarm at a business in the 6600 block of Chestnut Street July 5.

*The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:*

- Officers responded to an unwanted person in the 3800 block of Patriot Lane in Lexington July 1.
- A disorderly person was reported in the 200 block of Pine Drive in Circle Pines July 1.
- Officers responded to an animal

- call July 1 in the 200 block of Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines.
- Officers responded to a domestic incident July 2 in the 3800 block of Edgewood Drive, Lexington.
- A gas drive-off was reported July 2 in the 1800 block of Main Street, Centerville.
- Officers responded to a domestic incident in the 200 block of Stardust Boulevard. in Circle Pines July 2.
- A suspicious person was reported July 2 in the 6900 block of LaMotte Drive, Centerville.
- A driver was arrested for DWI and test refusal July 4 in the 2000 block of Main Street, Centerville.
- Officers responded to a neighbor dispute in the 2000 block of Willow Circle in Centerville July 4.
- Officers responded to a domestic incident in the 9100 block of Jackson Avenue in Lexington July 4.
- Suspicious activity was reported July 4 in the 800 block of Civic Heights Drive, Circle Pines.
- Officers responded to a noise complaint in the 8900 block of Hamline Avenue in Lexington July 4.
- A dog bite was reported July 5 in the 7300 block of Main Street, Centerville, but officers were unable to locate the suspect.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9400 block of Lexington Avenue, Lexington July 5.
- A dog-at-large was reported July 5 in the 8800 block of Syndicate Avenue and taken into custody.
- Officers responded to a person yelling for help in the 1700 block of Sorel Street in Centerville July 6 and helped the victim, who had fallen.

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

Lino police respond to bicycle, pedestrian accident

At approximately 11:10 a.m. Friday, July 3, the Lino Lakes Police Department was dispatched to a personal injury accident between a vehicle and a bicyclist on the off-ramp to northbound I-35E to eastbound Main Street.

The call indicated that the female on the bicycle was injured, with a possible broken arm. When the officer arrived on scene, he observed the 64-year-old female lying near the crosswalk at the top of the exit ramp from northbound I-35E to eastbound Main Street. The victim was being treated by a

firefighter as well as motorists that had stopped. The involved motor vehicle was parked just south of the victim. As additional emergency vehicles arrived, they were assigned blocking positions to make a safe area to treat the victim.

Fireworks turn fatal at former TCAAP site

On Sunday, July 5, first responders from Lake Johanna Fire Department, Ramsey County Sheriff's Department and Allina Medical Transport responded to a report of a male in his 20s who had a firework explode in his hand. The male, identified as 23-year-old Yaseen Abumayyaleh, was on the rooftop of the

abandoned Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant.

Deputies arrived on scene and confirmed the patient was unconscious on the roof. The stairs, however, were not usable for rescue. The fire department was able to use a 101-foot articulating aerial platform to access the roof, place Abumayyaleh in a Stokes basket, or cage-like stretcher, and remove him from the building.

Allina Paramedics and two firefighters transported the Abumayyaleh to HCMC in Minneapolis. The hospital rushed Abumayyaleh into surgery, but he passed away from his injuries.

Lake Johanna Fire Department later learned that Abumayyaleh was holding a mortar tube with a 2-inch firework when it exploded in front of a group of 15-20 people. The incident remains under investigation by multiple state and local agencies.

The fire department expressed its deepest sympathies to the victim's friends and family members.

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# Muscles and faith: Timmy Ball thrives as Bethel athlete

BY BRUCE STRAND  
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Blessed with strength and agility, powered by determination, and inspired by faith, Timmy Ball has emerged as one of the top track-and-field athletes in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC).

The Bethel University junior-to-be and Centennial alumni also plays football for the Royals, although he missed last season due to an injury.

At this year's MIAC outdoor meet, Ball placed first in discus, with a throw of 172 feet, 5 inches; placed third in shot put, with a throw of 52 feet, 9.25 inches; and placed fifth in hammer throw, with a throw of 168 feet, 11 inches. He qualified for Division III nationals, where he placed 10th in discus, with a throw of 162 feet, 11 inches.

When Ball was a college freshman, MIAC awarded him Field Athlete of the Year along with Rookie of the Year after he won shot put with a 51-foot-10-inch throw and discus with a 168-foot-1-inch throw. He helped Bethel win both its second and third straight MIAC team titles.

"I'm incredibly proud of what I've been able to accomplish. Competing in both football and track has brought me a lot of joy, but the friendships I've built with my teammates and coaches are what mean the most to me," Ball said. "We've always pushed each other to become better athletes, better friends and better followers of Christ, and I know these relationships will benefit me for the rest of my life."

Ball's personal, college bests in are 53 feet in shot put; 175 feet, 9.5 inches discus; 171 feet, 4 inches hammer throw; and 54 feet, 8.5 inches in weight



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**Representing Bethel University, Timmy Ball has placed first two times in discus as well as first and third in shot put at MIAC track meets.**

throw. In the 2024 AAA MSHSL State Track and Field Championships, Ball placed second in discus, with 177 feet, 8 inches, and fourth in shot put, with 56 feet, 8.25 inches—though implements are lighter in high school than in college.

As a high school senior, Ball played linebacker for the Cougars, then defensive end and offensive line, contributing to Centennial's 2023 state football championship.

Ball continued his football career as a freshman at Bethel, earning playing time midway through the season before suffering a fractured rib and torn

PCL in the season's sixth game. He returned to play special teams in the Royal's playoff game.

An Achilles injury in July 2025 knocked him out of football, threatening his track season, too.

"There was also a good chance I would miss most of the track season," Ball said. "By God's grace, I had a speedy recovery and tried not to waste a second of (the season), pouring everything I had into track."

No matter where he placed or how far he threw, he would have considered this season a success just to be able to compete. Family, friends and coaches, he said, "continually encouraged me to lean on Jesus throughout the process."

Bethel track coach Andrew Rock was elated to have Ball back.

"Timmy has been blessed with a great athletic ability," said Rock, praising Ball's power and strength, "that completely transfers to how far he is throwing right now ... (Ball) works incredibly hard and is fully committed to reaching his potential. Without this key component, I do not think you would see Timmy excelling like he is."

Ball is majoring in psychology, with the goal of becoming a firefighter and paramedic. He is spending this summer working in landscaping with a football teammate and lifting weights to prepare for his return to football.

When asked about goals for his last two years of college, the 6-foot-1, 230-pound thrower stated, "My athletic goal is to win a national championship in one of my events. I always want to push myself to be the best I can be. More importantly, though, my goal is to be the best follower of Christ I can be. I hope that when people at Bethel remember me, they remember me for the way I treated others."

## SPOTTED AROUND TOWN



1. Centennial Community Education hosted "Wheels Day" for their Kids Club Summer C.A.M.P. — **Contributed**
2. Centennial Lakes Fastpitch 18U Extreme team held a "Hannah Montana" themed birthday party for their coach, Montana Miller — **Contributed**
3. CLPD officers break out dance moves during Salsa del Soul's performance at Golden Lake Park. — **Contributed**
4. Lino Lakes Fire Department puts their volunteer and paid on-call members through their hook-a-hydrant training. — **Contributed**

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## LINO LAKES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• Community Development Director Michael Grochala presented the city's Economic Development Strategic Plan to the council for its review. As part of the city's economic development efforts, the Economic Development Authority Committee (EDAC) is responsible for the preparation of the city's five-year strategic plan, which was last updated in 2021. The 2026-2030 plan identifies six priorities that include street projects, the redevelopment of areas and updating the city's marketing materials (see full story in this week's issue).

• The council and city staff discussed whether the city had an interest in exploring policy options related to data centers within the city's commercial and industrial zoning districts (see full story in this week's issue).

• The council will consider reducing the administrative fee for the issuance of private activity tax-exempt financing bonds for Lyngblomsten. Minnesota statutes Sections 469.152 to 469.1651, also known as the Industrial Development Act, and Chapter 462C, known as the Housing Act, authorize cities to issue revenue bonds to finance eligible private development projects. These tools may be used for private activities that provide community benefits such as

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• Council members provided a mid-year report regarding the local organizations and committees they sit on. The council has representation on the North Metro Telecommunications Committee, Vadnais Lake Watershed District, Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council, Anoka County Fire Protection Council, Twin Cities Gateway and Anoka County/Blaine Airport Advisory Council.

• The council entered into a special closed meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05 to discuss labor negotiations strategy.

The next City Council work session will be at 6 p.m. Monday, July 27, followed by a regular City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Madeline Dolby

# WILKINSON WATERS: New development targets walkable neighborhood

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Old English type of architecture,” Stalland said. “It’s going to be absolutely beautiful.” North Oaks Company President Mark Houge highlighted the development’s proximity to Interstate 35E. “We want a place where people can live close to their work and have some amenities that make it a desirable place to hang out, (with) the walkability factor ... more of a neighborhood feel,” he said.

Though literature for Wilkinson Waters uses phrases like “luxury apartments,” Houge added that their target tenants are working families. “It’s not an overly large apartment development, but it’s large enough so that we can offer a wide variety of housing options.”

Because all of the tenants will have access to the various amenities, Houge hopes that Wilkinson Waters will be attractive to people who work in a variety of industries.

Houge also underscored that the development will have an extensive trail system that borders Centerville Road and connects to Ash Street.

“There’s a very large open space to the west, almost 30 acres that looks towards Wilkinson Lake to the south,” Houge explained. “And that’s gonna be a really nice amenity for not only the residents there at Wilkinson Waters, but also the community.”

Representatives from Lino Lakes, White Bear Township and Anoka County expressed enthusiasm for the project as well during the groundbreaking ceremony.

“This design and this density for this location, with the access is, I think, the right project,” said Anoka County Commissioner Jeff Reinert. “And North Oaks Development ... it’s always quality.”



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**Mark Houge, president of North Oaks Company, shares an overview of the Wilkinson Waters project.**



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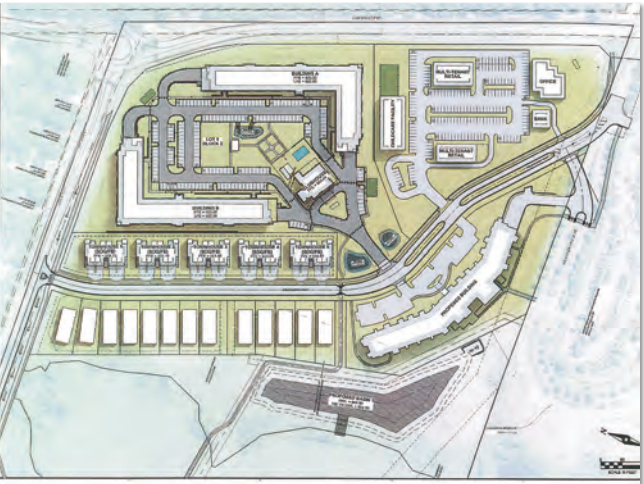
**A rendering of the Wilkinson Waters development, showing apartment and townhome rentals as well as a central clubhouse.**

“(North Oaks Company) is so good at restoring water quality,” said Lino Lakes Council Member Julia Nelson as she looked out at the building site, “All this farmland, while it was necessary ... it really impaired the water. So now, all they’ve done in the restoration work — to me? That’s the best.”

White Bear Township Supervisor Steve Ruzek noted that in order to provide Wilkinson Waters with water and sewer utilities, joint powers agreements needed to be hammered out between North Oaks, Lino Lakes and White Bear Township. Now that the agreements have been squared away, Ruzek is enthusiastic about what lies ahead.

“This is a wonderful joint project,” Ruzek said. “This was a corner that needed some development, so I’m happy.”

Stalland is also excited about Wilkinson Waters’ geographic location. “You can’t have a better location—the interstate exchange, the (Centerville Road and Otter Lake Road) roundabouts ... I think it’s a beautiful spot for the southeast corner entrance into Lino Lakes.”



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**The overall site plan of the Wilkinson Waters development.**

## PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS CONTINUED

### CLPD announces new chief of police

Centennial Lakes Police Department is appointing

Brian Goetzke as its new chief of police. Goetzke joined CLPD as a police officer in 2018 and became sergeant in 2020. CLPD commented that Goetzke has

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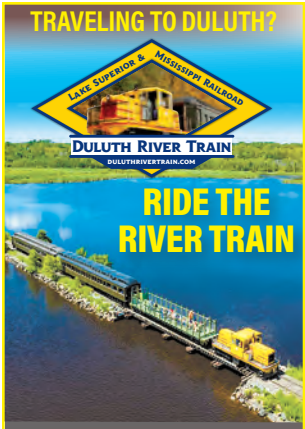
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