

LINO LAKES AMBASSADORS: Program ‘empowers young women’

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speech — I’ve never had experience in those types of settings. This program introduced me to it, and now I feel like I have the confidence to go into these different kinds of places,” Schuette noted. “I know that I did it before, so I can do it again.”

Something that will likely not happen to Frechette again, however, is having a birthday fall on a coronation. “Honestly, my feelings were very high in general,” Frechette laughed. “What a super-crazy birthday present.”

More valuable to Frechette, though, are the relationships she made with fellow candidates. “All of the candidates grew such a great friendship, and we were honestly all sad it was ending,” Frechette said. “You make so many friends and there are so many good opportunities and ways to grow in this program.”

As ambassador, Frechette is looking forward to events at The Rookery Activity Center. She has also enjoyed Blue Heron Days. “I love little kids, and I’m also into painting and art,” she said. “The Rookery’s the gym I go to, so ... to connect with all the young kids there, it (was) super fun.”

Segner and Schuette are looking forward to Halloween, when the ambassadors will go to Anoka in a themed costume they will put together.



The new ambassadors pose together on coronation night.

While all three ambassadors are enjoying the experience, Frechette and Segner would not have even applied if not for last year’s ambassador Delilah Leclair. “I’d been following the Instagram for around two years, but Delilah was

actually the person who helped me build up my courage to join,” Segner recalled. Now Segner is the one encouraging girls to apply for the program next year. “The introvert in me really wanted



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED
The ambassadors interact with visitors to the Food Truck and Fun Festival during Blue Heron Days.

to stay home and not do it,” Segner said. “You might be nervous about getting out of your comfort zone, but the team and the coordinators and all the candidates, they become your family, and they will support you through it.”

Schuette believes that the support received in turn supports Lino Lakes. “So many people are talking to me about it. I didn’t know it had such an impact,” she said. “I think it’s so important to have something in our community because it empowers young women so that they can do what they want.”

COMMUNITY BRIEF

New shell egg law allows greater food donations

As of Aug. 1, 2026, charitable food assistance programs in Minnesota that receive donated eggs from retailers are now allowed to distribute them to end consumers up to 30 days past their quality assurance date.

Gov. Tim Walz signed the Shell Egg Bill (SF3891) into law on May 26, 2026. For eggs, a “best by...” or quality assurance date represents the guarantee of maintaining grade (usually AA or A).

It is not an indicator of food safety. Therefore eggs with a past-quality-assurance date may still be safe to consume, provided they have been stored and handled appropriately.

To be donated, the eggs must be:

- Contained in original packaging (repackaging is not permitted)
- Previously candled and graded
- Not more than 30 days past the original quality assurance date
- Continuously refrigerated

On the receiving end, food assistance programs

must apply a new label to the eggs with:

- Name of the food shelf
- “Distribute within 30 days of carton date” OR “Distribute by ‘date’”
- “Donated Eggs – Not for Resale”

Eggs that have not been distributed to consumers by the end of 30 days past the original quality assurance date must be discarded. For more information, contact the MDA Meat, Poultry and Egg Inspection program at 651-201-6300 or MDA.MeatPoultryEgg@state.mn.us



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LINO LAKES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• Lino Lakes resident Kevin Stanton said that in 2017 he was arrested on a warrant without cause. According to Stanton, the warrant was not filed, yet the police still acted upon it. Since then, he has submitted complaints for judicial review, lawyer review and the post boards. Stanton added the audio transcript was deleted and court records were falsified. He said if they find the audio transcript, it would be known he claimed the whistleblower status during the initial claim. Stanton said since his arrest he has been dealing with defamation claims throughout the community and cannot get any help. Stanton has asked the City Council to submit his case to the FBI for investigation.

• The council approved property owner agreements for water service connections as part of the city’s water service connection project. The city recently completed the 2025 street reconstruction project, which included extending the municipal water system to serve adjacent properties and allow for future utility extensions. As part of the city’s agreement with WSB, the water service connection project was put out for bid. Bids will be

presented to the council on Aug. 24. Staff is working to reduce the project’s cost and remove properties that plan to complete their connections through their own contractors.

• A water tower lease agreement between the city and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC has been approved by the council. New Cingular Wireless PCS will be responsible for the installation and operation of wireless communications equipment at the George Watch Lake Tower located at 7470 Fourth Ave.

• The final plat for the Lyngblomsten at Lino Lakes Second Addition has been approved by the council in a 5-0 majority vote. The new addition will contain a four-story mixed-use building at the southeast corner of the site. The first floor will be used as commercial space and a resident amenity center. The other three floors will be 59 market-rate independent living units for residents aged 55 and older.

• WSB and the city have entered into a contract that will allow WSB to prepare engineering studies and plans required as part of the 2050 Comprehensive Plan Update. The city’s 2050 Comprehensive Plan is required

to be completed by Dec. 31, 2028, to meet the requirements of the Metropolitan Land Planning Act. The plan includes multiple engineering sections and supplemental studies that are required by state law. As part of the plan update, the city will complete two supplementary plans, including the Water Supply Plan and the Local Water Management Plan Update. Both plans will be incorporated into the city’s 2050 Comprehensive Plan, according to the city staff report. The total project proposal is \$198,846. Proposed funding for this portion of the project, including a 5% contingency, includes multiple sources including the general fund, Metropolitan Council, area and united fund and the surface water management fund. The city is eligible for a \$40,000 grant from the Metropolitan Council for the comprehensive plan update, of which \$25,000 is proposed to be allocated to the WSB portion of the project.

The next City Council work session will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, followed by a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Madeline Dolby

ONGOING EVENTS

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

GET A CLUE TRIVIA NIGHT
When: 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays
Where: Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566, 7731 Lake Drive
Details: Live, hosted trivia — no limit on team size. Top three teams will win a prize.
Contact: 651-783-0055 or officepost566@gmail.com

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

TRI YOUR WAY CHALLENGE
When: Aug. 13-Sept. 20
Where: The Rookery Activity Center, 7690 Village Drive, Lino Lakes
Details: Tri Your Way is a triathlon-style fitness challenge open to everyone — members and non-members alike. Swim, bike and run your way to the finish line on your own schedule and complete your miles at your own pace. Cross the finish line and earn your spot in the prize drawings.
Contact: 651-982-2468

LUNCH AND LEARN: BEYOND NETWORKING — FINDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP RHYTHM
When: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20
Where: Lino Lakes Conference Center, 7455 Village Drive, Lino Lakes
Details: Too often, we treat networking like a task to complete. In this interactive Lunch and Learn, you'll explore a different perspective on relationship building with Angela Obert, the franchise owner and community facilitator of Network in Action Minnesota.
Contact: president@centennialareachamber.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 Corey Rae White, a musician with 30 years of experience, who brings a vibrant mix of classic country, soft rock, blues and funk to every performance.
Contact: 763-204-8091 or lexingtonboulevard@gmail.com

CENTENNIAL BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS
When: 6:45-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24
Where: Anoka County Library, Centennial Branch, Centennial Community Room, 100 Civic Heights Circle, Circle Pines
Details: Interested in trying out a new book group? Join us for the Centennial Book Club. Drop in for a favorite book discussion or become a regular member. Our book for August is the Andrea Bartz novel “We Were Never Here.”
Contact: 763-324-1540 or acoref@anokacountymn.gov

MEMORY LOSS CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP
When: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25
Where: Lyngblomsten, 6070 Blanchard Blvd., Lino Lakes



TRILOGY TRIBUTE FEST
When: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21
Where: The Outskirts, 15201 Running Aces Blvd., Columbus
Details: Travel back in time and witness three epic bands. Experience an authentic reproduction of The Doors, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission will be charged.
Contact: 651-927-2717 or theoutskirtsmn.com

Details: Family and friends who are caring for someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease or a related type of dementia are welcome to participate in this support group. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.
Contact: 651.632.5320 or caregiving@lyngblomsten.org

details are online.
Contact: circlepinesmn.gov/cleanup-day

BIRDING BY BOAT
When: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27
Where: Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park, 7373 Main St., Lino Lakes
Details: Anoka County Parks is home to several exceptional areas for bird watching. As birds fly overhead, we'll be in canoes and kayaks on the water. This leisurely paddle will allow everyone to observe birds, and other wildlife. No birding or paddling experience is required. Admission will be charged.
Contact: anokacountyparks.com/activities-events or 763-324-3300

CURRENT EVENTS

CIRCLE PINES RECYCLE/CLEAN UP DAY
When: 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 22
Where: 760 Civic Heights Drive, Circle Pines
Details: Residents of Circle Pines who show a valid ID can bring in all materials disposed of on regular garbage days with the exception of curbside recyclables, hazardous waste and yard waste. A service will be present to shred residential documents. Electronics, appliances, automotive items and more can be dropped off for a small fee. Full

CORRECTION

In the Aug. 4 edition of Quad Community Press, quotes were attributed to an incorrect name in the article “Centennial School Board looks to add

policy around service animals.” The correct name is Mark Grossklaus. We apologize for the error.

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Another summer wasted?

Of all the media I consumed this summer, no moment cut me to the quick so much as the sirens' song in "The Odyssey." Odysseus, played by Matt Damon, describes the song, in part, as follows:

"All the things you want it to be. Then all the things you wish you never wished for. It ... told you what you most want is what you most can't have. And what you most can't have is what you already had. And lost."

During my first job out of college, I rented out a relative's basement. One night in late August, as I went to get him for dinner, I notice he had a tired look on his face. I asked if he was OK. After a long draw from his e-cigarette and a desolate sigh, he responded, "Another summer... wasted."

Little did I know that, while working that job, I would fall ill with multiple health conditions, including a rare sleep disorder that only 100,000 people in the country have. This year, after 15 years of struggle and effort, my health team told me they are confident my conditions are well-managed. Relieved, I felt I could finally resume the race of life.

But I'm 15 years behind. Fifteen summers, not to mention the summer of my youth, wasted.

I feel extra guilty when people tell me they're proud of me, or worse, that I should be proud of myself. My parents and siblings tell me I'm such a hard worker—but I was always a hard worker, so if this health stuff never happened to me, imagine how well I'd be doing.

I confided this to a close friend recently. He told me that, when he was growing up, his parent had a different health condition, and he wished that parent had spent 15 years of their life understanding and managing it instead of trying to live a "normal life." Intellectually, I knew my friend was right, but emotionally, all I felt was a bitterness in my heart — grief at what could have been.

A coworker helped me break through this murk. She's younger than I am, about the age I was when my health started deteriorating. At lunch, she told me about a promising guy she met while she went out after work.

Envious, I said, "I wish I could just have someone relationship-worthy fall into my lap."

"Why, what are you doing this weekend?" She asked.

"I'm catching up with a dozen or so friends I haven't seen in a while," I responded.

"Wow, I wish I had 12 friends," she said.

How foolish have I been? Had I not moved back home 15 years ago, I would not have such strong relationships with my family. I would not have the joyous time I've spent with my friends. I would not be writing a column at a workplace that supports me, for communities that I cherish.

I have not been wasting time; I have been investing it.

Watching "The Odyssey," I realized that a great many people feel the way that I felt. We beat ourselves up for not using our time wisely, but using time is what makes us wise.

I wish I knew this lesson 15 years ago so that I could tell my relative to cut himself a break. The reason he was so tired was because he was recovering from a heart attack. He used to smoke a pack of cigarettes a day. That summer, he used e-cigarettes to wean himself off the habit—hardly a waste of time.

Don't worry, I'll tell him how I feel next time I call, and I'll be kind to myself for not doing it sooner.

I won't fall for that siren song again.

Logan Gion is Staff Writer at Press Publications.



Looking Out with Logan Logan Gion



Help keep summer blood supply stable

Summer travel, cabin trips and severe weather are making it more difficult to maintain a stable blood supply. The American Red Cross is urging people to schedule blood or platelet donation appointments now so hospitals can continue helping patients without delay.

We're in the business of saving lives, and, unfortunately, only 3% of the American population contributes to the blood supply that is necessary. Every two seconds, somebody needs a pint of blood. So our main goal here, and why we do blood drives throughout our metropolitan area is to make it as easy as possible for people to donate, because it is absolutely necessary.

Every blood type is what we're looking for. O negative is elevated because it can be donated to anyone of any blood type. If we have an O negative on the shelf in a trauma situation, whoever is on that table can receive that blood. For more intricate procedures, we match up other types, so we need all of them.

Donating is really easy — you come in, answer some questions, sit down and that's it. You have to put no effort in to get us the blood, except for sit there. It's the easiest way in the world to save a life. Each donation can save up to three lives.

Every every single time anyone donates with the Red Cross, they will always be given some sort of incentive. We're going to make sure that by giving something to us and humanity, you're going to receive something back.

People can also do Power Red donations. Those donations specifically go to trauma victims — people who suffer accidents, motorcycles, ATVs, car accidents, gunshot wounds — where somebody's losing blood, and they need it immediately. We take what would normally be a regular donation, and we cycle out the plasma in the platelets, and we give them back to the donor. But we take double the red cells. Those donors actually typically feel better than regular whole blood donors, because we are giving back the plasma in the platelets. O's can do the Power Red and A- and B- can also donate. There are also height and weight restrictions. A five-foot-three, 110-pound woman, for instance, we're not going to a double-red-cell donation because of the total amount of blood she

has in her.

There are other restrictions for blood donation, but every single year, they become less and less as we learn more and more in the medical industry. No longer are you deferred if you lived in England during the Mad Cow outbreak. Sexual orientation plays no part whatsoever in deferral any longer. If you've had a tattoo, as long as it's from a licensed location in Minnesota, you can donate the same day.

A person can do a whole-blood, or traditional, donation every 56 days, a Power Red every 112 days. This is 30 minutes out of your day every couple of months — a grand total of two-and-a-half-hours a year — to save up to 15 lives. I think that's worth it.

For a list of eligibility requirements, visit redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/eligibility-requirements.

Two opportunities to give blood are in your area soon. First, St. Genevieve's is hosting a drive from 11a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, 6995 Centerville Road. Second, St. Joseph of the Lakes is holding a blood drive from noon-6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, 171 Elm St. Lino Lakes.

Joshua Russell is the American Red Cross account manager for the metropolitan area.



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- To submit a letter, email news@presspubs.com or mail/deliver it to Press Publications.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAID LETTER

Bringing accountability to Minnesota Government

I’m running for the Minnesota Senate in District 36 because I believe government should operate with the same discipline and accountability we expect from Minnesota families and businesses. I’m honored to be the Republican-endorsed candidate.

Before beginning my career in health care, I competed professionally in the figure division of natural, drug-tested bodybuilding and earned my pro card in 2011. The sport taught me that success comes from consistently doing the unglamorous work, even when no one is watching. Government accountability requires that same discipline.

Today, I negotiate contracts with health plans and national fitness brands at American Specialty Health. Over the past decade, I have helped grow a national fitness network serving Medicare Advantage and commercial health plan members to more than 26,000 locations.

My experience serving on the governor-appointed Minnesota Task Force on Priority Admissions to State-Operated Mental Health Treatment Programs showed me that St. Paul needs leaders focused on lasting solutions. Working with agency leaders, providers and patient advocates, I drew on my corporate experience to help build consensus around complex problems instead of simply managing crises.

My signature proposal, the Minnesota Integrity in Government Act, would bring stronger accountability to state agencies and nonprofits receiving taxpayer dollars. It would require fraud-

prevention plans before money is spent, personal certification of internal controls by agency heads, public reporting of audit failures within 30 days, and stronger whistleblower protections. We should prevent fraud before the check is cut, not investigate after the money is gone.

As a Centerville resident, wife to Mike, and mom in a blended family of seven, I know families are feeling the pressure of rising housing costs, property taxes, energy prices and health care expenses. I support reviewing regulations through an affordability lens and expanding targeted property tax relief for seniors on fixed incomes. No one should be taxed out of a home they have already paid for.

I’m running because I want Minnesota to be a state where families can afford to live, taxpayer dollars are protected and our children can thrive. I would be honored to earn your vote.

Heidi Heino,
Centerville

PAID LETTER

Invitation to Town Hall with Doug Chapin

I would like to invite area residents to the Town Hall with Doug Chapin from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, at the Centennial Library.

Doug Chapin is running for Congress in our 6th Congressional District. This in-person Town Hall event is a great opportunity to ask Doug the tough questions that we need our elected officials to answer regarding the economy, election law, immigration and wars on foreign soil — just to

name a few of the topics that I hear neighbors concerned about.

I first met Doug at a community picnic last summer. He was poised, articulate and knowledgeable about the issues we face, and he expressed opinions that reflect my values. I can easily see Doug Chapin speaking with authority on the floor of Congress in Washington, D.C., and having the respect of other elected officials at our nation’s Capitol.

I have seen Doug at many events this spring and summer. What impresses me is how well he listens to others. He is respectful of the opinions of others and yet able to have a frank exchange of ideas. All of this is in stark contrast to the incumbent Tom Emmer, who has been in this office for far too long and has completely abdicated his role as “representative.” My experience with having written letters and sent emails to his office is that I received canned, copy/paste replies that never addressed the issues I was raising. And Emmer’s idea of a town hall is taking pre-screened phone calls with soft questions. His website indicates he has not even held one of these prescreened telephone events since June 2025.

The Town Hall with Doug Chapin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, is not a “preach to the choir” event only for those who support Doug. This is for all voters regardless of party affiliation. Please bring your hard questions and ask them respectfully. You will find Doug’s answers to be informed, articulate and civil. I hope to see you there.

Renee Dietz
Circle Pines

LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

- During the citizens’ forum, Lexington resident Sheldon Roberts asked if the city’s mowing schedule could be changed due to excessive noise. City officials said they would look into it.
- The results of the 2025 financial audit were discussed. No abnormalities were found.
- Council approved a proclamation to observe Sept. 17 through Sept. 23 as Constitution Week to mark the 239th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution.
- Council approved a special event

- permit for the Centennial Blue Line Club to hold its 8th annual Pig Out with the Cougars event at Boulevard Bar & Grille on Sept. 12.
- Council approved a business license renewal for Curbside Waste.
 - Council approved new business licenses for Sora Motors LLC and Mainstreet Repair LLC, pending successful background checks.

Hannah Testa

POLITICAL BRIEF

State Senate seat races set for general election

Now that the primary election has taken place, the northeast metro will vote for state senators in the general election on Nov. 3.

In District 32, Republican Michael

Kruen, incumbent, will face off against Democrat Chris Ford.

In District 33, Republican Karin Housley, incumbent, will run against Democrat Nat Smith.

In District 36, Democrat Heather Gustafson, incumbent, will compete with Republican Heidi Heino.

In District 40, Democrat John Marty, incumbent, will vie with Republican Rachel Japuntich.

Voters may obtain a sample ballot with all general election races as well as proposed measures or amendments at sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot.

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CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 12
4707 NORTH ROAD, CIRCLE PINES, MN 55014
PUBLISHED ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Centennial School District 12, is soliciting sealed bids for building envelope improvements. Sealed bids shall be received until: 2:00 pm, September 24th, 2026 at the District Office, 4707 North Road, Circle Pines, MN 55014 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids sent via FAX will not be accepted. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids as it deems to be in the best interest of Centennial School District 12. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for: September 3rd, 2026 @ 10:00 am at the Blue Heron Elementary School, 405 Elm Street, Lino Lakes, MN 55014.

Bidding documents and specifications will be available at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting. Sealed envelopes must be marked on the front: 2027 Building Envelope Improvements.

The name and address of the bidder must be placed on the envelope and submitted to:

Centennial School District 12
4707 North Road
Circle Pines, MN 55014
ATTN: Buildings and Grounds

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10:00AM local time. Immediately following expiration of the time for receiving bids, representatives of the City of Lino Lakes will publicly view Bids at an online Bid opening meeting. Those interested in viewing the online Bid opening are welcome to join the meeting by logging on to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling 646.931.3860 and entering Meeting ID 949 3983 0470 and Passcode 239520. The as-read online Bid results will be available at www.questcdn.com following the Bid opening.

The Project includes the furnishing of all labor and materials for the construction complete in-place of the production well via dual reverse rotary or cable tool drilling method (no substitutions), regrading prior to drilling, and pitless unit. Substantial completion of the production well is desired on or before February 26, 2027, and substantial completion of the pitless unit is desired on or before April 30, 2027.

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

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at www.questcdn.com. Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the website for a nonrefundable fee of \$55 by inputting Quest project #10283277 on the website’s Project Search page.

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

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

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

For all further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications,

procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

DATED: July 13, 2026

BY THE ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Michael Grochala
Community Development Director
Lino Lakes, MN

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RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET, LEVY AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT CHARGES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Rice Creek Watershed District Board of Managers has scheduled a public hearing regarding Proposed 2027 Budget, Levy and Water Management District charges, on **Monday, August 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Mounds View City Council Chambers, 2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, MN.** The purpose of this public hearing is to present and receive comments on the District’s 2027 proposed budget and levy, which include Water Management District (WMD) local charges for the Anoka County Ditch 53-62 and Anoka Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1 WMDs. The proposed 2027 budget is \$15,118,735. The proposed total levy for the District is \$6,143,782. The Anoka County Ditch 53-62 WMD proposes to collect charges of \$78,524 and Anoka Ramsey Judicial Ditch 1 WMD proposes to collect charges of \$487,181.

The public may *monitor* meetings remotely using Zoom. Instructions can be found at www.ricecreek.org or contact ehurley@ricecreek.org. Individuals may timely engage the District office to request reasonable accommodation. RCWD, 4325 Pheasant Ridge Drive, Suite 611, Blaine, MN 55449. 763-398-3070.

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POLICE REPORTS

The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Aug. 5, officers were advised of a walk-in report at base. Officers took information from the complainant regarding suspicious activity in the 200 block of Aurora Lane.
- On Aug. 5 in the 200 block of Galaxy Drive, officers responded to a property damage call. The case is closed.
- On Aug. 5 in the 9200 block of Lexington Avenue, officers responded to a hit-and-run property damage call. The case is closed.
- On Aug. 5 at the intersection of Lexington Avenue and Lake Drive, officers responded to report of damage to property due to a motor vehicle accident.
- On Aug. 6 in the 6800 block of 21st Avenue South, officers collected a firearm for safekeeping.
- On Aug. 6, officers were dispatched to the 10 block of Hillcrest Lane for a dog bite.
- On Aug. 6 in the 7100 block of Brian Drive, officers took information about a fraud report.
- On Aug. 8 in the 9000 block of Griggs Avenue, officers observed a male driving with a cancelled license. They arrested him for the offense.
- On Aug. 10, officers were dispatched to the intersection of Lexington Avenue and Lovell Road to respond to a two-vehicle accident.
- On Aug. 11, an officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Forest Drive for an ordinance violation complaint.

The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- On Aug. 3 at the intersection of Lacasse Court and Lacasse Drive, an officer responded to a noise complaint involving construction equipment. The officer advised the company of city ordinance that regulates the activity, and the company agreed to halt construction until the permitted time.
- On Aug. 4 in the 6400 block of Langer Lane, an officer responded to an identity theft report. The investigation is ongoing.
- On Aug. 4 at the intersection of Whippoorwill Lane and Elm Street, an officer responded to a report of a dog at large with no collar. The dog was taken to a local animal care center.
- On Aug. 4 in the 400 block of Ash Street, an officer provided assistance with and documented a motor vehicle crash.
- On Aug. 4 in the 900 block of James Street, an officer responded to a report of found property. The officer took custody of the property and notified the owner.
- On both Aug. 4 and Aug. 5 in the 1000 block of Lantern Lane, an officer responded to a call regarding concerns about a person's welfare. The officer documented the information as it was related to an ongoing case.
- On Aug. 5 at the intersection of Lake Drive and Apollo Drive, an officer responded to a littering complaint. The incident was documented and the patrol unit was advised so additional patrols could be conducted. Later that day, an officer observed a littering violation at the intersection

- and issued a citation.
- On Aug. 5 at the intersection of Lake Drive and Apollo Drive, an officer observed a person solicit business from the roadway and issued a citation.
- On Aug. 5 in the 7800 block of Century Trail, an officer provided assistance with and documented a motor vehicle crash.
- On Aug. 5 in the 7400 block of 20th Avenue, an officer witnessed a male dumping dirt at a construction site. The officer spoke with the male and gave him a verbal warning for the violation.
- On Aug. 6 in the 200 block of Cherry Lane, an officer responded to a report involving possible drug activity. The investigation is ongoing.
- On Aug. 7 in the 1300 block of Interstate 35W, an officer on patrol stopped a vehicle for multiple traffic violations. The male driver was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- On Aug. 7 at the intersection of Birch Street and Fawn Lane, officers responded to a two-vehicle personal injury crash. One driver had minor injuries.
- On Aug. 7 in the 100 block of Smoketree Lane, an officer responded to a report of lost property. The officer documented the information.
- On Aug. 8 in the 6900 block of Black Duck Drive, an officer responded to a report of suspicious persons. The officer determined the individuals were preparing to install fiber optic cable in the neighborhood, and there were no problems.
- On Aug. 9 in the 7000 block of 20th Avenue, officers located an intoxicated male sleeping on the sidewalk and arranged a way for him to get home.

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

Lino Lakes correctional officer accused of criminal sexual conduct with inmate

A criminal complainant filed in Hennepin County submits that Department of Corrections Officer Melissa Kay Dill engaged in sexual conduct with an individual on supervised release. According to the complaint, while the victim was incarcerated at Minnesota Correctional Facility Lino Lakes, he met Dill, who was a correctional officer at the facility.

According to Minnesota statute, this is a prohibited occupational relationship. Therefore, the state is bringing a charge of third-degree criminal sexual conduct against Dill. Investigators with DOC became aware of the possible situation on May 22, 2026. Dill reportedly told investigators that the relationship became romantic after the victim's release from prison, starting in November 2025. Dill is due in Hennepin County court on Aug. 19.

Lino Lakes Police Department responds to suicide

On Aug. 12 at the Peltier Lake boat launch, Lino Lakes police officers responded to a report of a suicide. Officers found a deceased male and are investigating the case with neighboring agencies.



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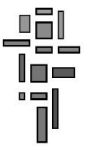
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BRANDY FULTON:

Post 566’s new commander

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Fulton said that she began working with Beyond the Yellow Ribbon — a support network for veterans, service members and families. Because the organization collaborates with the Legion, Fulton began volunteering there as well, eventually becoming Post 566’s adjutant, or chief administrative officer.

As commander, Fulton plans to keep the post’s annual events vibrant.

“You can do the same old thing all over, every year, but people want to freshen (things) up,” Fulton said. “So with any activities or events we’re doing, we’re looking for new ideas.”

Another area Fulton wants to bolster is customer service, making members, as well as members of the public, feel welcome and included from their first visit and beyond.

“We service the veterans, the veterans’ families and our community. Lino Lakes, Blaine, Circle Pines, Lexington: That’s our people,” said Fulton, adding that this invitation to the public includes food, drinks and community events.

Those community events — the Memorial Day service, the annual Corn Roast, the Blue Heron Days carnival and dozens more — connects members of the military with civilians.

“People in the community, they don’t know much about being in the military, so it’s nice to tell your story,” said Fulton. She also explained that many civilians can join the American Legion as an auxiliary member.

“The auxiliary are members who have spouses, (parents) or grandparents who were in the military,” she said. For traditional membership, a person must have served or currently be serving on active duty for at least one day. For past service, a person must also have received an honorable discharge.

“‘Well, I might (have served), but I never did boots on the ground. We were never in war.’ ... You almost feel like their service is greater than yours,” Fulton gave as an example of something she hears frequently from veterans and service members. “We’re all collaborating together for one mission, and that’s important to keep in mind. Everyone’s important.”

For questions and details on American Legion membership, Fulton noted that residents can email her at commander566@gmail.com. The best way for those curious to learn more, Fulton encouraged, is to stop by Post 566 at 7731 Lake Drive, Lino Lakes.

Wild rice season opens soon; harvesters

must ensure rice is ripe

As the 2026 wild rice season approaches, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds harvesters that while Aug. 15 is the earliest possible legal harvest date, rice stands must also be ripe before they can be harvested legally.

“While Aug. 15 is the official opening date, most rice waters aren’t ripe by that date,” said Ann Geisen, Minnesota DNR wildlife lake specialist. “Trying to harvest rice before it’s ripe can damage the plants. Damaged plants mean fewer grains for harvesters, wildlife, and fewer grains to grow rice plants next year. We remind harvesters to respect the resource and make sure the kernels are ready.”

People interested in harvesting need to know the regulations and can check out the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/wildlife/shallowlakes/wildrice.html) and newsletter for wild rice conditions this year, tips on harvesting and other important information to know before heading out.

Harvesters are allowed to take ripe wild rice during the harvesting season that runs from Aug. 15 through Sept. 30, but Minnesota’s green rice law makes it illegal to harvest unripe or “green” rice, even within the dates of the harvest season. So, although rice beds might look like they are ready, ricers must make sure rice is ripe before attempting to harvest it.

According to Geisen, there are a few things to look for to know if rice is ready:

- The bottom part of the plant has started to turn brown. When rice kernels are ripe, the rest of the plant starts to die back for the season. If the bottom part of the

stems and leaves are starting to turn brown, this is a sign that the kernels might be ready.

- The inside of the kernels are firm, not soft or milky. As the kernel develops inside the hull, it starts out soft and milky. As it gets ripe, the inside of the kernel becomes firm, with no liquid present. If you break a kernel and it snaps instead of bends, that means the kernel is ripe.
- When the plant is gently shaken, the kernels easily fall off the plant. This is the most important sign that the rice is ripe. If the kernels are not falling easily, the rice is not ripe. If the kernels are not falling easily, some people hit the plant harder. This is what damages the plants.

Harvesters are required to be licensed unless they are residents under 18 years of age and accompanied by a licensed harvester. Tribal members who possess a valid Tribal identification card from a federally recognized Tribe located in Minnesota do not need a state wild rice harvesting license.

Harvesters also need to know where rice harvesting may be restricted, including national parks, national wildlife refuges, scientific and natural areas and American Indian reservations. Details about these restrictions and other regulations are available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/regulations/wildrice).

Minnesota DNR wildlife staff compile a wild rice harvesting outlook report each year. The report will be available by Aug. 17 on the Minnesota DNR’s wild rice management webpage (mndnr.gov/wildlife/shallowlakes/wildrice.html) along with

license, regulation and safety information, and DNR contacts for more information about local conditions.

Early reports from Minnesota DNR and Tribal biologists indicate favorable conditions across central and northern Minnesota, with individual waters ranging from fair to great.

“With drought conditions throughout much of Minnesota, water levels on lakes and rivers are lower than normal. Some rice waters may not be accessible by canoe,” Geisen said. “Harvesters definitely need to scout ricing waters to ensure access.”

The Minnesota DNR sends out periodic newsletters about rice harvesting topics. People can sign up to receive the email newsletters on the Minnesota DNR homepage (mndnr.gov) by finding the “get email updates” box, entering an email address and selecting the “go” button. Then in the subscription list, check the box for “wild rice harvesting.”

Since wild rice is ripening at the same time as Minnesota’s early waterfowl hunting seasons, over-water waterfowl hunters are urged to be aware of wild ricers nearby no matter where they hunt. Those who plan to hunt the early teal season on the Leech Lake, White Earth or Mille Lacs reservations should be aware of hunting restrictions on or near wild rice waters. Important information about these restrictions is available on page 48 of the Minnesota Hunting Regulations available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting).

2026 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

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

CONSTRUCTION BRIEFS

Otter Lake Road and 20th Avenue reopen early, east-bound County Road J closes

Construction on County Road J from Centerville Road to Otter Lake Road, including the I-35 E interchange continues. According to Ramsey County, Otter Lake Road and 20th Avenue have reopened ahead of schedule. Now, eastbound County Road J and the southbound I-35E entrance ramp will close. During this closure, the entrance to the theater shops and Holiday will be closed though access will

remain open from Centerville Road. The county encourages travelers to follow the posted detours.

I-35E to close during last weekend in August

Interstate 35E will be closed in both directions between County Road 96 in White Bear Lake and Main Street in Centerville and Hugo from 10 p.m., Friday, Aug. 28, to 5 a.m., Monday, Aug. 31. This closure allows for the demolition of the old County Road J bridge.

Mia Sutch skates for Team USA against Canada

BY BRUCE STRAND
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Mia Sutch is going into her junior year at Centennial, her sports resume padded with quite the accomplishment: She was a member of the Team USA 18-and-under squad competing against Canada in a three-game series last week in Vancouver, British Columbia. Team USA lost the first two games to Canada, 5-2 and 5-1, but won the finale 5-2. Sutch made the national team a week prior to the Canada series. Twenty-five players, 10 of them Minnesotans, were picked from 46 entrants.



Mia Sutch



Mia Sutch, in her Team USA red white and blue.

"It's such a great honor to represent your country," Sutch said about

wearing the red, white and blue, "along with your home state and your community. And have everybody cheering for us."

Sean Molin, Cougar coach, described Sutch as an "incredibly dedicated player with a high hockey IQ." He added, "She is ... one of the most athletic players I have ever coached. Her vision on the ice and work ethic really set her apart, and she is constantly looking for ways to improve her game."

Sutch, who is 5-foot-10 and plays wing and center, logged 25 goals and 35 assists last season for the state-runner-up Cougars, who had nine players with 25 points or more. In three seasons, she has totaled 74 goals and 65 assists.

Sutch verbally committed to the Gophers in early July. She had other suitors but Minnesota was an easy pick. "The coaches really wanted me, and the players were so friendly. It felt like home being there."

While many Division I recruits are

one-sport specialists, Sutch also plays goalie in soccer and performs both long and triple jump for track-and-field.

"I like being on a team all three season," she said, "to keep my connection to the school and to make more friends. Most of my friendships come from sports."

O'Neil is Chomonix champ again; Lund wins seniors

Nick O'Neil captured the Chomonix Golf Club championship for the sixth time this weekend by a margin of six strokes.

O'Neil shot 74 on Saturday and 73 on Sunday for a 147 total, nabbing his third straight title. Carter Korkowski was second with 76-77-153, Brandon Lee third with 81-79-160 and Carter Anderson fourth with 79-82-161.

John Lund repeated as seniors champion with 78-81-159. Craig Jurchisin was second with 78-82-160.

City of Blaine breaks ground on The Farm development

Bader Companies, Elevage and the city of Blaine are announcing a new 70-acre development, named The Farm, near the National Sports Center that will feature a baseball and event stadium as well as retail, dining and hospitality. Blaine anticipates The Farm, now under construction, to open in 2028.

According to The Farm's website, the location's agricultural roots inspired The Farm's name, and its developers envision it to be "a place where community and athletes can grow."

"The Farm was inspired by a vision to build on Blaine's strong sports legacy and create a destination that delivers lasting value for the community," said Co-Developers Bader Companies and Elevage. "We see The Farm as more than a development. It's an opportunity to create a landmark destination that attracts visitors, drives investment, supports local businesses and contributes to Blaine's continued growth and vitality for years to come."

"The Farm represents one of the most significant private investments in Blaine's history and reflects the confidence developers have in our community's future," said Mayor Tim Sanders. "This transformative project will create jobs, attract new businesses and visitors, expand entertainment and dining options, and build on Blaine's reputation as a



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Bader Companies, Elevage and the city of Blaine break ground on The Farm, a 70-acre development site that will feature a baseball and event stadium as well as retail, dining and hospitality.

premier destination for sports and recreation. We are excited to see this vision take shape and the lasting impact it will have on our community for generations to come."

Highlights of the development include the second SCHEELS location in the Twin Cities metro, an indoor Ferris wheel, a 16,000-gallon saltwater aquarium with over 600 fish and a state-of-the-art baseball and event stadium. The stadium will become the home for Minnesota's newest professional team, from the American Association of Professional Baseball.

"The addition of Blaine, Minnesota, is the latest

step in our strategic growth as a league," said Josh Schaub, Commissioner of the American Association of Professional Baseball. "We welcome Robb Bader, TWAN, Corey Burstad and their team, and most importantly, the fans of Minnesota, to the American Association in a community and business partnership that, like many of our other franchises, goes well beyond the baseball diamond."

For project updates and announcements, visit TheFarmNSC.com.

SPORTS BRIEF

Lino Lakes water skiers win at nationals

At the 84th Goode Water Ski National Championships, held at Trophy Lakes Estates III in Center City, MN, multiple Lino Lakes residents placed highly in their divisions and events.

In slalom, George Lindy of Lino Lakes placed first in the Men 9 division, ages 75-79. He ran past one buoy with a boat speed of 30 mph at "35 off," a rope length 35 feet shorter than standard, beginning 75-foot rope. Jordan Poppe placed 13th in the Men 1 division, ages 18-24. He ran past three buoys at 36 mph, 32 off. At the state level tournament slalom event, also held at Trophy Lakes Estates III, Gerald Linder placed third in Men 7 division, ages 65-69, passing two buoys at 32 mph, 22 off. Then, in the midwest regional tournament, also at Trophy Lakes Estates III, Linder placed 15th, passing four buoys at 30 mph, 22 off.

In tricks at nationals, David Poppe placed second in Men 5, ages 55-59, with 2,380 points. Mikayla Poppe placed sixth in Women 1, ages 18-24, with 1,080 points. At the midwest regional tournament, Mikayla placed 11th with 1,210 points.

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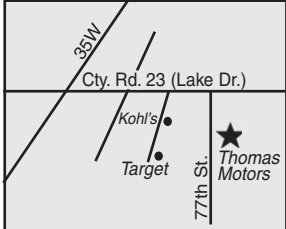
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Stagehands put up a stage on their own in Columbus

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

Adam Senarighi, owner and director of operations for Hay Creek Entertainment, has been in entertainment labor and event production for decades — setting up the stage for White Bear Township Day, assembling video walls for White Bear Lake High School’s Performing Arts Center, providing tech support for Boston Scientific’s annual employee recognition program in Arden Hills and managing audio and video for much of the 3M Open in Blaine.

“Stagehands, engineers, technicians — a venue will call and say, ‘Hey, we’ve got so-and-so coming. They need 20 stagehands.’ OK, no problem. We’ll provide the stagehands,” Senarighi said. “We are breaking into more and more production. Then we decided, about a year and a half ago, let’s do a venue (of our own).”

This year, Hay Creek Entertainment opened The Outskirts, an outdoor entertainment venue next to Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack in Columbus. On Fridays and Saturdays, audiences can attend concerts and “Pull-up Pictures,” movie marathons shown on a 120-panel LED video wall. Viewers can pull up a lawn chair or a vehicle, drive-in style.



A concert at The Outskirts. Owner Adam Senarighi believes the venue will provide families with unforgettable yet affordable entertainment.

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Though the venue is locally owned, the setup is state of the art. Senarighi and Willey have used their experience to design a clean space with utility, tech and security capabilities tucked out of sight. Not a single cable runs aboveground.

In addition to safety and design, Senarighi noted that location and affordability make The Outskirts a major draw for nearby residents.

“People do not want to go to Minneapolis for entertainment anymore,” Senarighi said. “It’s just not worth it: drive down there, parking, waiting to find parking, walking three or four blocks to the venue, going through security. Then, the concert’s over — now, the mass exodus; now, you’re waiting in traffic or a parking ramp for an hour to get out.”

By contrast, The Outskirts can comfortably hold 4,000 people for a concert or 50 cars plus lawn-chair seating for a movie night. Attendees can park in the Running Aces lot and easily access Interstate 35 on the way out. Because Hay Creek Entertainment is a local company,

visitors can skip many of the fees associated with tickets, concessions and merchandise, making Hay



Creek’s events reasonably priced for couples, families or friend groups. “People need affordability, especially these

days,” said Jeff Willey, Hay Creek Entertainment’s production manager. “We want it to be a full experience, but we don’t want to break the bank ... We can give a little piece of happiness to the community by offering something that’s a little bit more affordable.”

The Outskirts hosts events mainly on Fridays and Saturdays, 15201 Running Aces Blvd., Columbus, next to Running Aces Casino, Hotel and Racetrack. For more information, scan the QR code or visit theoutskirtsmn.com.

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