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## Regional trail: Public invited to open house

BY SHANNON GRANHOLM  
MANAGING EDITOR

A major regional trail project continues to move forward. Once a one-mile extension is complete, there will be continuity from Ramsey County up to Chisago County.

The Hardwood Creek Regional Trail is a 10-mile multiuse trail that runs through Forest Lake and Hugo, generally following the Burlington Northern Railroad corridor alongside Highway 61. It extends from the Chisago County border in the north to 140th Street in Hugo, where the developed

segment currently ends.

The trail also connects to a broader regional network, including links to Anoka County via the Central Anoka County Regional Trail. The trail provides a continuous route between Lino Lakes and Centerville, primarily serving the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve area.

A one-mile gap remains in the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail where the rail line is still active.

“By extending the trail south from 130th Street N to 120th Street N, the gap will be addressed, and the trail will have continuity from Ramsey County

up to Chisago County,” explained Erin Blaylock, Washington County design engineer/business liaison.

A master plan was approved for the trail nearly a decade ago (2013), and the city of Hugo undertook a preliminary feasibility study for the corridor in 2019. The county also performed a feasibility study for the project in 2022. At the time, the council approved a letter of support for the final extension of the trail and has since supported grant applications for funding.

Washington County has secured a \$1,244,000 grant through the state’s Environment and Natural Resources

Trust Fund. The grant funding has kick-started the design phase of the project, but Blaylock noted the funding award for the project is subject to the approval of the 2026 state Legislature.

“We are excited to hit the ground running with the design phase,” Blaylock said.

Community engagement, preliminary design, data collection and analysis and environmental documentation are all planned for 2026. Final design and project bidding would follow in 2027, and construction would also start that year.

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## Egg hunts take place throughout Quad community

Kids from around the Quad community participate in an Easter egg hunt at Golden Lake Park in Circle Pines. This year, the egg hunt at Golden Lake Park will take place on Saturday, April 4, beginning at 11 a.m. On that same Saturday, Chain of Lakes Church, in Blaine, will host an egg hunt starting at 9:30 a.m. See pages 2 and 3 for more information.

## Families invited to egg hunt at St. Joseph

BY MADELINE DOLBY  
EDITOR

LINO LAKES — Families and kids in the Quad area should get their Easter baskets ready, because St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic will hold an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4.

“It’s a fun family event. We love hosting it here at St. Joseph’s,” said elementary, middle school and second grade Sacramento Director Sara Knoll. Knoll is responsible for planning the egg hunt, as she has done for the last five years.

The event is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and take place outside. Kids ages 1 through 12 years are encouraged to participate. Knoll said children will be split up into three different age groups for the egg hunt. Each group has its own separate start time, 10 minutes apart.

While participating children wait to hunt for some eggs, there will be activities for them to do in the church’s



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St. Joseph of the Lakes will hold an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4.

Great Hall. Activities include crafts and coloring pages. Kids can also partake in these activities after their scheduled egg hunt has commenced.

The first hunt is scheduled to begin at 9:40 a.m. for kids 1 to 4 years old. At 9:50 a.m., those 5 to 8 years old will have a chance to search for eggs; at 10 a.m. kids 9 to 12 years old will have their egg hunt.

Community members

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# Centurion team member wins FIRST Leadership Award

Isaac Cavegn, a student at Centennial High School and member of the Centurions robotics team, has won the FIRST Leadership Award. Due to his achievement, Cavegn has been named a finalist for the award at the world championships in Houston.

“He demonstrates strong leadership skills, but what stands out most to me is his humility; he leads by example and without ego. Isaac consistently gives to his classmates and is never focused on taking, making his accomplishments all the more admirable,” Centurions Head Coach Ken Mechtel said.

Cavegn was nominated for the award by his coaches in recognition of his continued commitment and leadership on the robotics team. In addition to his dedication to the robotics design team, Cavegn has taken on a full PSEO course load.

This is the second year in a row a Centennial student has won the award. Last year’s winner was Andrew Abraham. Mechtel said it’s been an honor for the team to win the award two years in a row.

“It is a testament to the dedication of our mentors and coaches. We work hard to stay in the background and allow our students to lead the way. That isn’t always easy, but it makes this recognition all the more meaningful,” Mechtel added.

Madeline Dolby



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Centennial High School student and Centurions robotics team member Isaac Cavegn has won the FIRST Leadership Award. Here he is pictured with his award.

## LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

- Mayor Mike Murphy held a moment of silence in memory of Deputy City Clerk Mary Vinzant as well as Jennifer Marsaw and her son, Marzai Dawson.
- Murphy also read a proclamation recognizing the recent passing of Vinzant and her two decades of service. The proclamation ordered U.S. flags and all other flags be flown at half-mast beginning March 7, ending on the day of Vinzant’s funeral.
- Brenda Beaudet has been promoted to deputy city clerk following council approval. Beaudet will be paid \$33.29 an hour.
- The council accepted a quote from NEO Electrical Systems in the amount of no more than \$16,540 to install sprinklers in Lexington Park.
- The council also accepted a quote submitted by Allied Generators in the amount of \$33,540 for a public works generator.
- The Circle Pines/Lexington Lions Club will be able to hold its farmers market once again this summer after the council approved the business license application. The farmers market begins June 10 and runs through Oct. 7.

The next City Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at City Hall.

Hannah Testa



## CHURCH BRIEF

### Chain of Lakes Church hosts Easter egg hunt

The Chain of Lakes Church, in Blaine, will hold an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4. Kids and their families can enjoy a morning of games, prizes and photos with the Easter bunny.

Chain of Lakes Church is located at 2650 125th Ave. NE. For more information, visit [colpres.org/easter-blaine-mn](http://colpres.org/easter-blaine-mn).



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Children can participate in an Easter egg hunt and various activities with their families at Chain of Lakes Church on Saturday, April 4.

## CONSTRUCTION BRIEF

### Construction continues at County Road J, I-35E interchange

Construction on the County Road J and I-35E interchange is well underway. Additional work is scheduled to begin the first week in April. This work includes the construction of a new bridge deck. Also, contractors will begin to remove soil on the existing on and off ramps.

The interchange, led by Ramsey County, is in partnership with

MnDOT, Anoka County, White Bear Township, North Oaks and Lino Lakes. According to Ramsey County, planned improvements will complete missing freeway connections by adding access to and from southbound I-35E, enhance pedestrian and bicycle facilities along County Road J (Ash Street), replace the bridge over I-35E and improve stormwater management with new stormwater ponds.

More information about the project can be found online at [tinyurl.com/kmnh8b9p](http://tinyurl.com/kmnh8b9p).



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**GOOD FRIDAY, April 3**  
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm Reading of the Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

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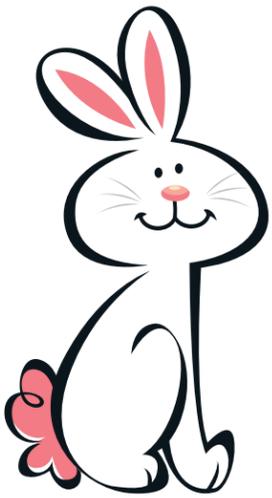
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In this issue of the Quad Community Press

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## ONGOING EVENTS

### LIVE TRIVIA

**When:** 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Where:** Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566, 7731 Lake Drive  
**Details:** General knowledge trivia. No limit on team sizes.  
**Contact:** 651-783-0055

### LINO LAKES TOASTMASTERS CLUB

**When:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Where:** Zoom  
**Details:** Develop your communication and leadership skills.  
**Contact:** Phyllis Moore: 763-268-9366

### CRIBBAGE

**When:** 1 p.m. Monday, April 5; 1st and 4th Monday of every month  
**Where:** Rice Lake Centre, 6900 137th St. N., Hugo  
**Details:** Senior citizens from Hugo and surrounding area are invited to an afternoon of cribbage. Coffee and refreshments served.  
**Contact:** 651-429-4413

County Parks.  
**Contact:** anokacountyparks.com

### NATURE PLAY: SPRING PLANTS

**When:** 10-11 a.m. Thursday, April 2  
**Where:** Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes  
**Details:** Experience the wonders of nature with your child through outdoor exploration, play and stories in this parent-child program. Be prepared for the weather. Register through Anoka County Parks.  
**Contact:** anokacountyparks.com

### TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH: MITCHELL HALL AND THE TENNESSEE TRIO

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4  
**Where:** Hanifl Performing Arts Center, 4941 Long Ave., White Bear Lake  
**Details:** Tribute to the legacy of Johnny Cash.  
**Contact:** 651-478-7427 or lakeshoreplayers.org

### EASTER EGG HUNT

**When:** 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 4  
**Where:** St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church  
**Details:** Annual egg hunt. Register online at mystjoes.me.  
**Contact:** www.mystjoes.me

### GUIDED FILLEBROWN HOUSE TOUR

**When:** 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 4  
**Where:** Fillebrown House, 4735 Lake Ave., White Bear Lake  
**Details:** Visit the quaint 1879 lakeside cottage and learn about life in the resort era. Ticket information online.  
**Contact:** whitebearhistory.org



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### LADIES NIGHT EGG HUNT

**When:** 3-7 p.m. Thursday, April 2  
**Where:** Humble Roots Boutique, 7095 Centerville Road, Centerville  
**Details:** Ladies night egg hunt. Find an egg, bring it to the checkout and see what you won. Light refreshments will be available.  
**Contact:** humble-roots.com

### WHIMSICAL WIGS CRAFTER AND CROCHETERS NIGHT

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7  
**Where:** Centennial Library, Circle Pines  
**Details:** Crochet, decorate envelopes, silk flowers and wig packaging. RSVP required.  
**Contact:** whimsicalwigsmn@gmail.com

**Where:** Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes

**Details:** Step into a world where imagination knows no bounds as a storyteller takes you on nature adventures through stories, songs, and crafts. Registration is encouraged through Anoka County Parks to ensure there are enough craft supplies for all attending.  
**Contact:** anokacountyparks.com

### ONCE UPON A STORY TIME

**When:** 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, April 7

## CURRENT EVENTS

### LUNCH WITH A NATURALIST: BE A BETTER BIRDER

**When:** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, April 1  
**Where:** Wargo Nature Center, 7701 Main St., Lino Lakes  
**Details:** Bring your lunch and learn. Listen to a naturalist present on a local natural or cultural history topic and possibly go on a relaxing stroll on the trails. Register through Anoka

## WEEKLY WAG

Timothee is a happy, playful pup, and he will bring an abundance of fun, joy and energy to you and your family. He is an American Staffordshire terrier/yellow Labrador retriever mix. Timothee is 4 months old, and he already weighs 43 pounds. He is social with other dogs and with cats, and he is friendly to everyone he meets. Timothee would do really well in his new forever home as an "addition" with another confident, friendly, playful companion dog. Timothee is crate-trained, leash-trained, and he is already house-trained. He has a high energy level but like any growing pup, Timothee plays hard and then he sleeps hard. He especially likes to play and romp around with his foster companion dog. Timothee is curious and intelligent, and he learns quickly. Timothee is a wonderful pup and he will be a great companion. He is eager to please, and will bring joy to a loving forever family. If you are interested in learning more about Timothee or adopting him, 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.



## CITY BRIEF

### City of Lino Lakes warns residents of scam

The city of Lino Lakes is warning residents of a scam where criminals are impersonating city and county officials in emails for planning and zoning

permits to solicit fraudulent payments. According to the city, the criminals leverage publicly available permit information to identify potential victims and increase the legitimacy of the scam.

To help protect against recent fraud and phishing scams, residents and

contractors should verify that any Building Department email requesting permit payment is sent from [noreply@bsacloud.com](mailto:noreply@bsacloud.com), with [building@linolakes.us](mailto:building@linolakes.us) copied. Emails from other addresses should be treated with caution and verified before taking action.



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**Publisher's View**  
Carter Johnson

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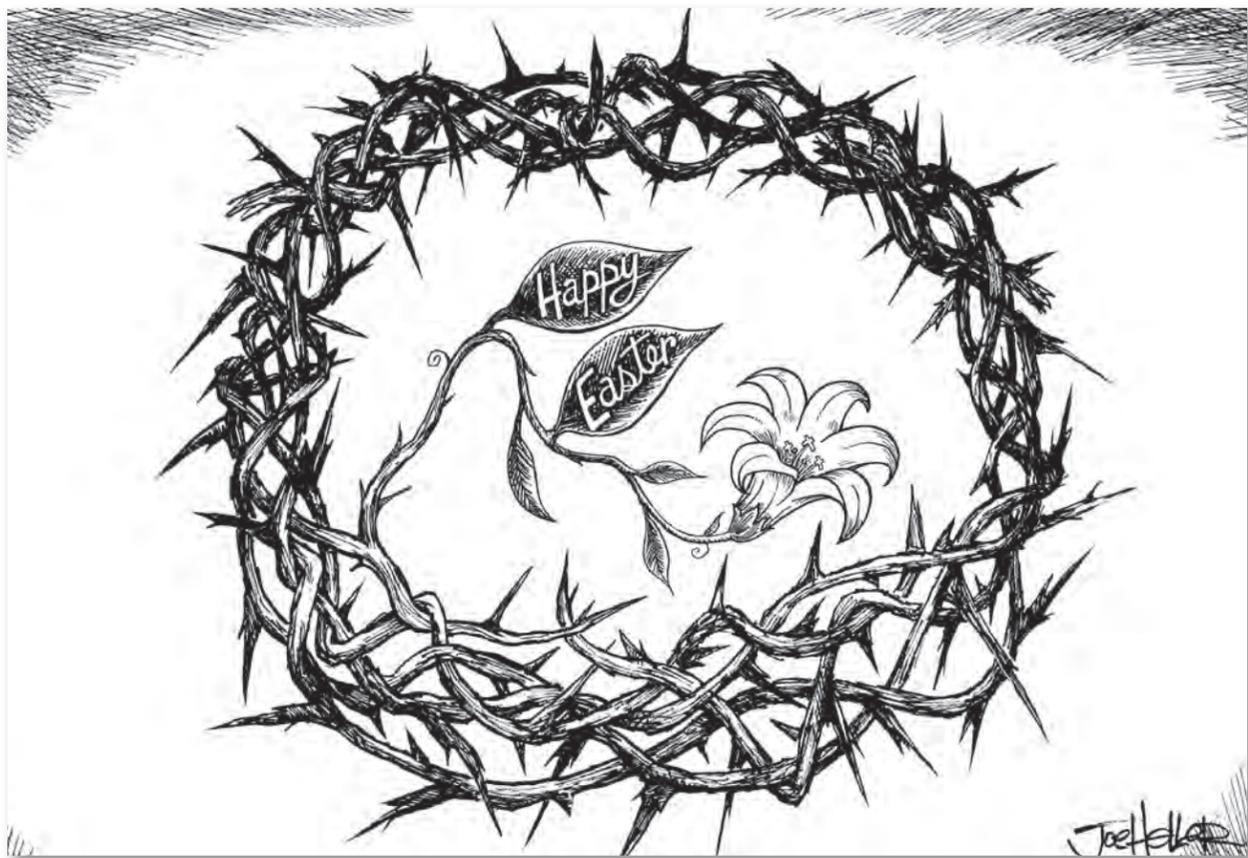
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## How today's schools are different than we remember

**I**n my February column, I shared insights from a demographic study showing how the Centennial community is changing over time. That information provides important context. It also raises a natural follow-up question: What do those changes mean for our schools today?



**Movers & Shakers**  
Dr. Jeff Holmberg

For many in our community, memories of school include rows of desks, textbooks and a focus on core subjects like reading, writing and math. While those fundamentals remain essential, today's schools look and operate differently than they did a generation ago.

Over time, what schools are asked to do and how they do it have evolved significantly to support both student learning and well-being.

One of the biggest shifts is in how students are supported. Today's students bring a range of learning needs and life experiences, just as they always have.

What has changed is our understanding of those needs and how schools respond to them. More individualized approaches are used to support students at all levels, whether they need extra help, additional challenge, or different ways of learning. There is also greater attention to helping every student stay focused, supported, and ready to learn. These efforts help ensure all students have the opportunity to succeed, but they also require additional staff, space and resources.

Teaching and learning have changed as well. Classrooms today emphasize collaboration, critical thinking and real-world problem-solving alongside traditional instruction. These skills align with the expectations of today's workforce. Walk into our classrooms, and you will see students working in groups, using technology as a tool for learning, and applying their knowledge in hands-on ways. These approaches often require learning environments that are more flexible than traditional classrooms.

Safety expectations have also evolved. Today's schools are designed and operated with a strong focus on student and staff safety, including secure entrances, updated communication sys-

tems, and building features that support a safe and welcoming environment.

Beyond the school day, buildings serve a broader role in the community. They are used for early childhood programs, student activities and community classes and events that bring people together. This expanded use means facilities must support a wider range of needs than in the past.

All of this is happening as districts work to meet growing expectations while navigating rising costs and limited resources. Planning for the future requires balancing these realities while continuing to provide high-quality opportunities for students.

While the core mission of education remains the same, the way it is delivered continues to evolve. Understanding these changes is an important part of long-range planning and ensuring our schools are equipped to meet today's expectations and those of the future.

Learn more about the district's long-range planning efforts at [isd12.org/centennial-forward](http://isd12.org/centennial-forward).

*Dr. Jeff Holmberg is the superintendent of Centennial Schools*

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# When Heaven breaks in to the chaos

We live in a world that often feels deeply divided. It shows up in the sharpness of our conversations, in the distance between neighbors and in the quiet ways we carry hurt and misunderstanding. It can feel as though everything is pulling apart — relationships, communities, even our own sense of peace. Beneath it all is a deeper truth: our world is still marked by brokenness.



**Pastor's Ponderings**  
Ivy Huston

And yet, Easter speaks a different word.

The story of Easter does not begin in perfection or clarity. It begins in grief, confusion and fear. The women come to the tomb expecting death

to have the final word. Instead, they find the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. In that moment, everything changes. God has acted — not far away, not someday — but right there, in the middle of human sorrow and uncertainty.

Easter reminds us that we are not yet on the other side of heaven, but heaven is already breaking into our lives. In Jesus, God enters fully into our broken world and refuses to abandon it. The resurrection is not just a promise of life after death — it is a declaration that new life is already beginning, even now.

This means that God is present in the very places we might least expect. In the midst of division, God is working toward reconciliation. In the midst of chaos, God is creating steadiness. In the midst of misunderstanding, God is inviting us into deeper truth and compassion. The risen Christ meets us not when everything is resolved, but right in the middle of the tension- right in the

middle of our confusion, fear and wondering.

We see signs of this resurrection life in small but powerful ways. Each time we choose to listen instead of reacting, to forgive instead of holding on to resentment, to seek understanding instead of widening the divide, something new is springing forth. These moments may seem ordinary, but they are glimpses of God's kingdom breaking through into our everyday lives.

Easter also reminds us that God's love is not reserved for the perfect or the put-together. God loves broken people — people who struggle, who doubt, who carry wounds both seen and unseen. The risen Christ meets us in all of it: in the dark and in the light, in the hard and in the hopeful places of our lives. There is no part of our story that is beyond the reach of God's grace.

So even in a world that feels fractured, we are invited to live as resurrection people. We are called to notice where God is already at work and to join in—bringing kindness where there is harshness, healing where there is hurt, and hope where there is despair.

The good news of Easter is this: Christ is risen, and God is still at work among us. The tomb is empty. Love is stronger than death. And even now, heaven is breaking in.

Let us pray...Risen Christ, meet us in our broken places. Bring your healing where there is division, your peace where there is unrest, and your life where we feel weary. Open our eyes to see your kingdom breaking in around us and guide us to live as people of your resurrection.

Amen.

*Ivy Huston is a pastor at Living Waters Lutheran (ECLA) Church in Lino Lakes.*

## CIRCLE PINES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• Multiple businesses were recognized by the City Council for the number of years they have been in business in 2025. Those businesses included the Estate Clear, five years; Rusty Cow, 10 years; Renovation Counseling, 10 years; Inspire Architects, 20 years; and Circle Pines Dental, 45 years.

• Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department (SBM) Assistant Fire Chief Matt Montain presented the 2025 Anoka County Hazard Mitigation Plan to the council. The plan includes hazard education, such as the protocol for how tornado and fire sirens operate, as well as ways to reduce or eliminate natural or technological disasters. The council ultimately decided to adopt the plan (See "Disaster: It's not a matter of if, but when," Quad Community Press, March 24).

• Updates will be made to the city's drug and alcohol testing policy now that council has approved the changes. These updates will ensure the policy complies with federal regulations under the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). According to City Administrator Patrick

Antonen, this update is necessary due to the closure of the city's previous third-party testing provider, TCS. Staff have transitioned to a new provider, USDI, to administer required drug and alcohol testing services. The revised policy reflects updated procedures, reporting protocols and administrative processes associated with USDI, while maintaining all required federal compliance standards.

• LB Carlson will complete the city's 2025 audit report once again, now that council approved the appointment. LB Carlson has been working with the city for over 20 years.

• Mayor Matt Percy announced that the Circle Pines Lexington Lions, in partnership with the SBM Fire Department, will hold their annual egg hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at Golden Lake Park. Percy said there will also be fire trucks on site. Antonen added there will be face painting, hot cocoa for participants and an appearance from the Easter bunny.

The next City Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at City Hall.

*Madeline Dolby*



## LINO LAKES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church will not be required to submit a gambling permit application after the council approved its request for an event on Aug. 9, 2026. According to a staff report, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division issues exempt permits to nonprofit organizations that conduct lawful gambling on five or fewer days per year and award less than \$50,000 in prizes annually. Unlike a standard gambling permit, which requires a City Council resolution, this exempt permit only requires the city to either acknowledge it without a waiting period, impose a 30-day waiting period or deny the application. The council ultimately voted to acknowledge and approve the application for the exempt and excluded gambling permit as presented with no waiting period.

• Keith Dahl, senior municipal advisor at Ehlers and Associates, walked the council through the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, series 2026A to help finance a portion of the Otter Lake Road extension project. According to city Finance Director Tracy Thoma, the proposed issuance is bifurcated: it involves a utility revenue portion to finance water and sanitary sewer improvements and a tax abatement portion to finance street and stormwater improvements. Dahl said the proposed issue amount for the tax abatement bond would be around \$4.87 million, which would be secured by property taxes over 10 years. He added the city intends to write down the annual abatement and state aid funds. The utility revenue bond is estimated to be approximately \$3.48 million and will be paid from utility revenues in a term of 15 years. The proposed aggregate principal amount for the bond is approximately \$8.35 million. A tax abatement public hearing will be held on Monday, April 13. Dahl said the sale of the bonds would take place the morning of Monday, April 27, and the council would award the sale of the bonds at the

City Council meeting scheduled for that evening. The estimated closing date would be Monday, May 18. The council ultimately approved the issuance and sale in a 5-0 vote.

• Dahl also presented the issuance and sale of lease revenue bonds, series 2026a, to help finance a portion of the city's new Public Works Facility. Pursuant to a lease agreement, the city will provide lease payments to the Economic Development Authority in an amount sufficient to pay debt service from annually appropriated utility revenues and ad valorem property taxes. According to Dahl, the proposed aggregate principal amount of the bonds is approximately \$27.44 million. The council ultimately approved the issuance and sale of the bonds in a 5-0 vote.

• The city will enter into a professional service agreement with WSB for preparation of the trunk utility plans and specifications included with the Anoka County Sunset Avenue reconstruction project following council approval. The project will reconstruct Sunset Avenue from Apollo Drive to Main Street. According to the agreement, WSB will complete the plans and specifications on an hourly basis, not to exceed \$116,100. Funds for the project will come from the area and unit trunk fund.

• The council awarded multiple construction contracts for the new Public Works Facility. Northland Concrete & Masonry Company will be responsible for the cast-in-place concrete after the council accepted its bid of approximately \$1.85 million. Molin Concrete Products of Lino Lakes will fabricate the precast concrete for the project in the amount of approximately \$4.1 million. Northern Lights Steel Fabrication of North Branch will take on the steel fabrication after its bid of \$1.17 million was accepted. J&L Steel Erectors will be responsible for the steel erection after the council accepted its bid of \$420,000. The overall bid award, according to the staff report, is approximately \$7.54 million and is slightly more than the preliminary estimate of \$7.44 million but within the city's overall budget scope.

The next City Council work session will be at 6 p.m. Monday, April 6. The next regular City Council meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, at City Hall.

*Madeline Dolby*

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# EGG HUNT: Hoppy fun

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**Kids ages 1 through 12 years can participate in the egg hunt.**

and parishioners can drop off pre-wrapped candy at the church's Main Office leading up to the egg hunt. Knoll said a group of five or 10 people stuff the eggs with candy, little toys and trinkets, such as stickers and tattoos.

Knoll also said all egg hunt participants can find a golden egg.

"They're hidden throughout the rest of the eggs," she added. "Each kid will be able to find a golden egg, and they'll be able to turn that in for a special prize ... They're pretty excited about finding that golden egg."

It depends on how many eggs are put out for the hunt, according to Knoll. She explained that if 100 children are signed up and each is allowed to collect 15 to 20 eggs, then about 3,000 eggs will need to be placed.

Knoll's favorite part about the egg hunt is the gathering of families from the community and surrounding neighbors together for a fun event.

"Seeing all of the little kids' excitement as they're looking and grabbing the eggs ... even opening the eggs and seeing what's inside them," Knoll added. "It's just so fun to see."

St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church is located at 171 Elm St., Lino Lakes. To sign up for the egg hunt, visit [www.mystjoes.me](http://www.mystjoes.me).

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# REGIONAL TRAIL: Provides connection to Lino Lakes, Centerville

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"There are many moving parts anticipated during the design phase ... the timing (construction start) may change. We will continue to work with city staff as details are figured out," Blaylock said.

Hugo Mayor Tom Weidt said, "I'm looking forward to this getting done. The sooner the better, and it looks like we are finally on the glide path to get it done. Hopefully, nothing derails it and we can keep going and get to that construction (start). That would be great to see."

An open house is planned for April 8 (see pullout for more information). Those who cannot attend the open house can review open house materials and provide feedback online via the project website from April 8-30. Visit [www.washingtoncountymn.gov/HardwoodCreekExtension](http://www.washingtoncountymn.gov/HardwoodCreekExtension) for more information.

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### IF YOU GO:

**What:** Hardwood Creek Regional Trail open house

**When:** 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 8

**Where:** Oneka Room at Hugo City Hall

**Details:** Learn about the project's design process and the project schedule, and meet the project team. Attendees can provide feedback and share ideas for the project.

**Contact:** Erin Blaylock, project manager: [erin.blaylock@washingtoncountymn.gov](mailto:erin.blaylock@washingtoncountymn.gov) or 651-430-4384.



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This map shows the location of the proposed Hardwood Creek Trail connection. It is approximately one-mile long.



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## POLICE REPORTS

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

- Police received a delayed report of mail theft March 19 in the 9000 block of Griggs Avenue in Lexington.
- Officers were dispatched March 19 to a delayed report of an accident that occurred in the area of Lexington Avenue and Village Parkway in Circle Pines.
- Police conducted a traffic stop March 21 in the area of Main Street and Lakeland Circle in Centerville for a violation.
- Officers responded March 22 to a delayed report of theft in the 1900 block of Main Street in Centerville.
- Police were dispatched March 22 to a harassment report in the 3800 block of Patriot Lane in Lexington.
- Officers observed a vehicle March 23 in the area of Lake Drive and Lexington Avenue in Lexington being driven by a driver who had a warrant. Officers initiated a traffic stop and the driver was ultimately arrested. The vehicle was towed.

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

- Officers took a phone call March 16 regarding a harassment complaint. Officers gathered information and evidence for an investigation.
- An officer responded March 16 to a report of two dogs running loose in the area of Main Street and

Lake Drive. The dogs were safely secured and returned to their owner.

- An officer was dispatched March 17 to a residence in the 7500 block of Norway Lane regarding suspicious noises outside of the home. The officer investigated but was unable to locate what caused the noise.
- An officer responded March 17 to a parking complaint at a restaurant in the 8000 block of Lake Drive. The vehicle was gone when the officer arrived, and management was made aware of the complaint.
- An officer was dispatched March 18 to a residence in the 6400 block of Hokah Drive for a verbal domestic between an adult male and female. The officer mediated the situation and both parties agreed to stay separated for the night.
- An officer responded March 18 to a theft at a business in the 700 block of Apollo Drive. The officer cited an adult female for theft and trespassed her from the property.
- While on patrol March 18, an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 7500 block of Interstate 35E. The driver was arrested and booked in jail for not complying with their driving restrictions.
- Officers responded March 19 to a residence in the 2200 block of Woodchuck Court for a burglary report. The case is under investigation.
- An officer received a delayed report of assault March 19 that occurred in the 300 block of Elm Street. The investigation is ongoing.
- While on patrol March 20, an officer stopped a vehicle for a registration violation in the 2200 block of Main Street. After an investigation, an adult male was arrested and booked in jail for gross misdemeanor tax evasion and expired registration.
- An officer took a theft report March 20 from a construction site in the 6000 block of 20th Avenue. The case was documented and there is no suspect information as of press time.
- An officer responded March 20 to a driving complaint in the area of Otter Lake Road and Lacasse Drive. The suspect vehicle was located and driving conduct was monitored by the officer. There were no driving offenses observed.
- An officer responded March 20 to a report of a suspicious vehicle driving past a residence in the 6000 block of Foxtail Drive several times. The vehicle was gone prior to the officer's arrival.
- While on patrol March 20, an officer stopped a vehicle for an improperly displayed license plate in the area of Lake Drive and Main Street. After an investigation, the female driver was arrested for driving with a cancelled license.
- While on patrol March 31, an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 800 block of Main Street and issued a citation. The officer then located the same vehicle driving again and placed the driver under arrest for the repeated offense.
- While patrol March 21, an officer stopped a vehicle in the 1400 block of Ash Street for expired registration and a driver's license

violation. The adult male driver was arrested and booked in jail for multiple offenses.

- While on patrol March 21, an officer stopped a vehicle for multiple violations in the area of Main Street and I-35E. An adult male was cited for displaying a plate issued to another vehicle and for a seat belt violation.
- An officer spoke with a resident in the 200 block of Plum Lane by phone March 21 who was concerned about a text message she received that was an attempted scam. The caller did not suffer any monetary loss.
- An officer stopped a vehicle March 22 for a traffic violation in the 11800 block of I-35E. The driver was arrested and booked in jail for careless driving, driving after revocation and several failures to appear in court.
- An officer was dispatched March 22 to a report of an impaired driver in the area of Bald Eagle Boulevard West and Woodchuck Drive. After an investigation, an adult male was arrested for fourth-degree DWI and booked in jail.
- An officer was dispatched March 22 to a report of an illegal fire in the 7400 block of Lake Drive. The officer issued citations to two people for ordinance violations.
- An officer stopped a vehicle March 22 for an equipment violation in the 7200 block of 20th Avenue. The adult male driver was subsequently arrested for an ignition interlock violation.

## PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEF

### Minnesota State Rep. Elliott Engen arrested on suspicion of DUI

Minnesota State Rep. Elliott Engen (District 36A), who is running for state auditor, has been charged with fourth-degree DWI following a traffic stop in White Bear Lake.

The evening before the arrest, Engen was scheduled to attend a "Eyes on Fraud" fundraiser at The Minnesotan in downtown White Bear Lake.

According to the White Bear Lake Police Department, at approximately 1:51 a.m. Friday, March 27, the

agency conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of Fourth Street and Otter Lake Road in White Bear Lake for observed traffic violations, including speeding, expired registration and an inoperable headlight. The driver, a 27-year-old male from Lino Lakes identified as Engen, was arrested for suspicion of driving while impaired.

Engen was transported to the White Bear Lake Police Department, where a breath test reportedly indicated a blood alcohol concentration of 0.13. He was subsequently booked into the Ramsey County Adult Detention Center on a charge of fourth-degree DWI and later released from custody.

As of press time, the case had been forwarded to White Bear Lake's prosecuting attorney for processing.



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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BRIEF**

**New webinar series offered this spring**

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**Upcoming topics include:**

- Wednesday, April 8: Turkeys
- Wednesday, April 22: Native fish
- Wednesday, May 6: Walleye
- Wednesday, May 20: Yellow bass

Preregistration is required to participate in live events. The DNR posts recordings of each episode online for those who cannot attend live. Registration is not required to view recordings.

For more information, or to register, visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishwildlife/outreach/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishwildlife/outreach/index.html).

**COMMUNITY BRIEF**

**American Legion collects food for veterans**

Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566 will collect food donations for the Minnesota Veterans Food Pantry through Saturday, May 2. Can openers and nonperishable, unexpired food items in cans, boxes or plastic containers can be dropped off at the American Legion.

The Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566 is located at 7731 Lake Drive.

**BUSINESS BRIEF**

**Humble Roots expands to downtown White Bear Lake**

Humble Roots Boutique is expanding. The boutique will open a second location in downtown White Bear Lake and share a space with Oak & Iron. Currently, the store has another location in Centerville located at 7095 Centerville Road.

The business will begin moving items into its new space this week. As of press time, it was not known when the second location will officially open.

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**GYMNASTICS**

Four Centennial gymnasts earned All-Northwest Suburban Conference honors — senior Amelya Gannon; juniors Belle Brunn and Elsa Hjelmlnd; and seventh-grader Addison Baker. Brunn was a state qualifier, placing fourth on vault in the section meet. Getting honorable mentions were juniors Lily Kissick and Grace Zimmerman and freshman Alexandra Sindt. The Cougars were 5-4 in conference for fifth place among 12 teams.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Centennial had three all-conference selections after a 15-13 season including 11-4 in the Northwest Suburban. They are Amelia Delmedico, Sydney Schmitz and Kate Lee. Getting honorable mentions were Kaylin Green, Ava Taylor and Addy Sears. Schmitz got the team's offensive player award and Delmedico got the defensive award. Anjali Patel got the Cougar Spirit Award. Schmitz was the scoring leader with 12.7 points per game, followed by Delmedico 9.1, Sears 9.0, Lee 8.6 and Green 6.7.

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## COUGARS // CENTENNIAL GIRLS GOLF

The Cougars had a solid 2025 season and return nine of 13 players who rotated through the lineup. They were 5-1 in conference duals against North teams, seventh of 14 teams in the overall Northwest Suburban Conference meet and had top-four finishes in four tournaments.

The lineup is headed by junior Taylor Thor, an all-conference and state-qualifying player entering her fourth varsity season. Thor is co-captain with Tatum Knox.

"I'm excited to see what Thor does this year," Coach Nicole Christensen said. "We made a lot of progress throughout the season last year and she's put in a lot of work into her swing."

There are 30 athletes on the team, Christensen said, and anywhere from six to 14 have a shot to letter, depending on their consistency.

"Our team is young, with 13 eighth graders and just eight juniors and seniors," noted Christensen. Also the volleyball team, she is pleased to have numerous multi-sport girls on the links.

"Eleven have played volleyball through the high school program, six have played hockey and we have a few past softball, tennis



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### Taylor Thor

and soccer players. We are excited to have that athleticism on the team."

The coaches are "focused on making sure every player gets something out of every day, to have continuous growth for the next two and a half months," she said. Knox and Thor, she added, are excellent examples for the young squad.

First three meets — 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, conference at Bunker

Hills; 9 a.m. Thursday, April 9, invitational at Shamrock; 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, conference at Elk River

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Dated: January 1, 2026  
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## CITY OF LINO LAKES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lino Lakes, Minnesota will hold a public hearing on April 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, Minnesota, to consider the following:

- Drainage & Utility Easement Vacation
  - Property Address: 24 Century Trail
  - PID #07-31-22-32-0047
- For further information regarding the above item, please contact City Engineer, Diane Hanke, at 651-982-2430.

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

Roberta Colotti, CMC  
 City Clerk  
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## STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ANOKA DISTRICT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION COURT FILE NO. 02-PR-26-143

### NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (WITHOUT A WILL)

In Re The Estate Of Mark David McLaughlin A/k/a Mark D. McLaughlin, Decedent

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**  
 Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Probate Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:  
 David Mark McLaughlin  
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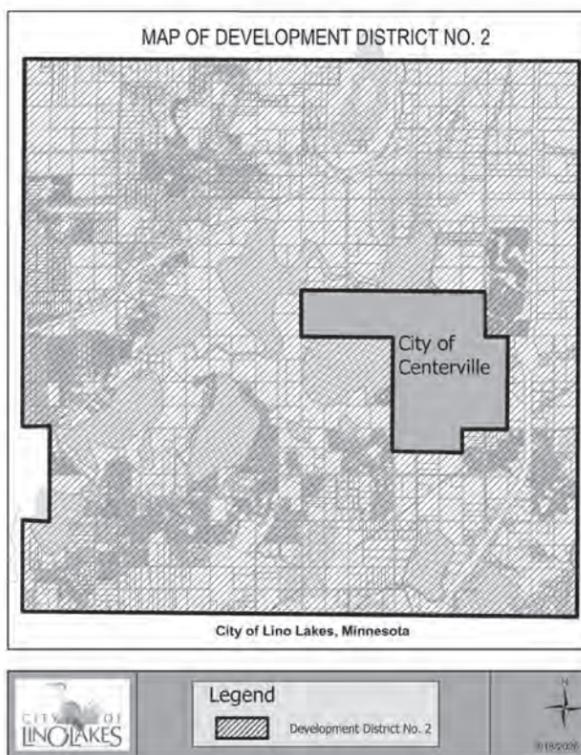
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## LINO LAKES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 2

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the Lino Lakes Economic Development Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 13, 2026, at or after 7:00 p.m. at Lino Lakes City Hall, located at 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, Minnesota, relating to the proposed establishment of Development District No. 2 (the "Development District"), pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 469.090 through 469.1082, as amended. The boundaries of the proposed Development District are coterminous with the boundaries of the City of Lino Lakes, Minnesota (the "City") and are as shown in the map below.

The purpose of this proposed action is to establish an economic development district in the City within which the Authority may carry out its purposes to facilitate various economic development and redevelopment projects throughout the City, including without limitation the construction of a new public works building or other public facilities to promote development in cooperation with the City. A draft copy of the economic development program for the Development District will be available at the public hearing or prior thereto upon request at the office of the Executive Director of the Authority at City Hall during regular business hours.

At the time and place fixed for the public hearing, the Board will give all persons who appear at the hearing an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposal. In addition, interested persons may direct any questions or file written comments respecting the proposal with the Executive Director of the Authority, at or prior to said public hearing.



Dated: March 31, 2026  
 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE LINO LAKES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
 /s/ Karen Anderson  
 Executive Director  
 Lino Lakes Economic Development Authority  
 Published one time in the Quad Community Press on March 31, 2026.

## CITY OF LINO LAKES ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

<b>Project:</b> Lino Lakes Public Works 1189 Main St, Lino Lakes, MN 55014	<b>Architect:</b> Oertel Architects 1795 St. Clair Avenue St. Paul, MN 55105
<b>Owner:</b> City of Lino Lakes 600 Town Center Parkway Lino Lakes, MN 55014	<b>Construction Manager:</b> RJM Construction 830 Boone Avenue North Golden Valley, MN 55427

NOTICE TO QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS – Notice is hereby given

that the City of Lino Lakes will receive sealed bids for Bid Package #2 from qualified bidders until 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 20th, 2026 at Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014.

The project work scope consists of a new public works facility for the City of Lino Lakes. Bid Package No. 2 consists of Building Demolition, Earthwork, Utilities, Site furnishings, MEPs, and interior and exterior finishes.

A bid security in the amount of 5% of the base bid will be required to accompany bids. Bids received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

Sealed bids will be received at the Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Parkway, Lino Lakes, MN 55014 until 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 20th, 2026 at which time bids will be publicly opened, reviewed, and read aloud. Envelopes containing bids must be sealed, marked **City of Lino Lakes Public Works Facility – Bid Package #2** and the **Bid Category No.** being bid with attention to Michael Grochala – Community Development Director. The name and address of the Bidder must be shown on the outside of the envelope. The date and time of the bid is to be noted on the label. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

Bidding documents including the Proposal Form, Drawings and Specifications will be on file at the office of the Construction Manager:

RJM Construction  
 830 Boone Avenue North  
 Golden Valley, MN 55427  
 952-837-8600

**A pre-bid meeting will be conducted at the existing Lino Lakes Public Works Facility, 1189 Main St, Lino Lakes, MN 55014, on April 13th, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the meeting, we do ask that you pre-register via email with nick.driessen@rjmconstruction.com by EOD April 9th, 2026.**

**HOW TO GET PLANS:**  
 Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for \$15.00 by inputting project #10040972 on the website's Project Search page. Paper Bidding Documents may also be viewed at RJM Construction, 830 Boone Avenue N, Golden Valley MN 55427 or can be purchased from National Reprographics by calling 651-779-8000. Complete set(s) of hard copy Bidding Documents can be obtained through National Reprographics as noted in AIA Document A701, Article 1. A digital download of the documents will be available for purchase with check made payable to National Reprographics. They are also available at any of the building exchanges. Plans will be available on or about February 20th, 2026.

Make Bids in duplicate in exact accordance with the proposal form in the Project Manual, and sign in long-hand. No oral, telegraphic or fax bids will be accepted or considered.

Combined bids including multiple bid categories will be accepted. However, in order to be considered bidders must also submit separate individual bids in addition to the combined bid. Combined bids will not be accepted if individual bids are not submitted. Each separate bid or combined bid must appear alone on a bid form and submitted in separate envelopes.

Submit with each bid a certified check, bank money order or acceptable bidders bond issued by a surety meeting city requirements payable to the City of Lino Lakes in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. For requirements, please reference specification section 00 21 00 – Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.

All bids will be evaluated by the Owner, the Architect and the Construction Manager. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding. Successful bidders will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, Performance Bond, and Certificates of Insurance and a signed contract within 10 days of award of contract. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for at least 60 days after the scheduled bid opening.

The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes a false statement under oath verifying compliance with the minimum criteria will be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project and the submission of a false statement may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits the false statement. A prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Before execution of a construction contract, a prime contractor shall submit a supplemental verification under oath confirming that all subcontractors and motor carriers that the prime contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the prime contractor, through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer, that they meet the minimum criteria for a responsible contractor.

The schedule for the project is to commence work May 2026 with substantial completion scheduled for July 2027. Work will be completed according to the preliminary project construction schedule issued in the Bid Documents.

Please direct all inquiries to Nick Driessen, RJM Construction at 612-615-5965.

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COUGARS // CENTENNIAL BOYS LACROSSE



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Isaak Adams

Centennial expects a strong 2026 season with most of last year's 10-4 team, conference runners-up, returning.

All-conference players back are Gavin Cunningham, Dave Moran, Matthew Frost and Isaak Adams. Making all-section were Frost, Cunningham, Moran and Kellen Searles.

"We are returning the bulk of our starting lineup including our goal, two attack men and 62 percent of our scoring," Coach Konnor Kapitan assessed. "My honest expectation is to go undefeated in (the) conference ... This is a goal that our team and my staff all agree is well within our reach."

Returning lettermen are:

Seniors — Gavin Cunningham (attack), Kasey Burgwald (attack), Kellen Searles (long stick mid), Traxton Becker (long stick mid), Ethan Robinson (defender), Noah Shearen-Jarombek (defender), Zachary Taylor (defender) and Caden Clarys (goalie).

Juniors — Rocco Scarrella (attack), Isaak Adams (midfield), Braden Erickson (midfield), David Moran (midfield), Noah Olson (midfield), Nolan Larson (SSDM), Garrett Schneider (SSDM), Matthew Frost (defender) and Eli Hansen (defender).

Sophomores — Macin Hehir (midfield) and Logan Orlett (face-off).

They're in a different section this year so "expectations are a little up in the air" but the goal, Kapitan said, is the state tournament. "We are strong enough, deep enough, and experienced enough to do that."

First three games — 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, at Elk River; 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, Champlin Park; 6 p.m. Monday, April 20

COUGARS // CENTENNIAL SOFTBALL

Three returning all-conference players lead a Centennial team that's coming off a conference championship season. The Cougars, coached

by Rick Thomas, were 10-1 in the Northwest Suburban Conference and 17-8 overall, with a section runner-up finish behind Rogers.

They are senior catcher Lilly Renslow, junior shortstop Kendall Cochran (committed to the University of St. Thomas) and junior first baseman Gracie Nichols. Two other returning starters are junior second baseman Denver Hogberg and sophomore pitcher/outfielder Kendal Saffert. Another letter winner is sophomore pitcher/outfielder Regan Wallschlaeger.

First three games — 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2, Blaine; 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, Stillwater; 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at Andover



Kendall Cochran

COUGARS // CENTENNIAL BASEBALL

A deep pitching staff will be counted on to lead a Cougar team hoping to improve from last year's 11-12 ledger, 6-7 in conference record.

"We should be really strong on the mound," Coach Robert Lynch stated. "We are bringing back our three starting pitchers and have a lot of depth in the bullpen."

Returning all-conference players are pitcher Tommy Meyer and center fielder Calvin Coppersmith, along with conference honorable mention pitcher/first base Jaden Anderson.

Other regulars back are pitcher/right fielder Matthew Siegler, catcher Tripp Stensrud, outfielder Tanner Dittrich, catcher Joey Hemr, second baseman Nolan Border, shortstop Ben Fedor, pitcher/third base Steele Johnson, pitcher/first base Cooper Sanders, pitcher/left fielder Logan Mielke and third baseman Ethan Lewis,

"We were really young last year," Lynch said, "so that experience should show this year. We are a battle tested team that should be really good if we can use that experience to take the next step."

Goals are to finish top-three in the 14-team Northwest Suburban Conference and make a run at state — "although there are other teams fighting for the same goal."

First three games — 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at Andover; 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, Mpls. Roosevelt/Heritage Academy; 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, Osseo

COUGARS // CENTENNIAL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Last year the Cougars boys finished 11th out of 14 teams in the conference. They have a larger roster this year and aim to move up a few notches.

Returning state qualifiers are junior Owen Carter, who placed sixth in discus; Tristan Hanson, 11th in high jump; and senior Liban Ahmed from the 4x400 relay.

Ahmed and senior Noah Berg both ran 1:57's in the 800 and section, one second off the school record. Ahmed placed third in the conference.

Also in throws are senior Owen Leiter, juniors Joey Winker, Pike Wold and Brayden Boesch; and sophomore Drew Russell. In the jumps are junior Caleb Tran (high), junior Max Rome (long, triple), junior Omegio Wreh (triple, high) and junior Edwin Ekah (long jump, seventh in section).

Another distance leader is sophomore Kyler Nelson (1600). Top hurdler is senior Gavin MacLeod, backed by sophomore Levi Peterson and junior Seth Fream. Top sprinters are seniors Hamado Gelgelu, Blake Dorweiler and Gamada Bullo. Top pole vaulters are senior Evan Sikkink and junior Charly Hayes.

"There are a few football players transitioning to track this year with hopes of making an impact on the sprints team as well as hurdles," said Coach Steve Thomson.

"Many upperclassmen are coming off state appearances in football, wrestling and hockey which we hope will to carry over into track. We seem to be much more balanced this year and with new additions to the team, our depth has grown significantly."

First three meets — 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Forest Lake, 3:30; 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at Rogers; 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, at St. Louis Park

COUGARS // CENTENNIAL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD



Reginae Tandoh and Mia Sutch

Lauren Klein and Reginae Tandoh are standouts on the Cougar girls track and field team that placed fourth of 14 team in the Northwest Suburban Conference last year and should be strong again.

Klein, a senior, is a three-time state qualifier in the 800. Committed to Wisconsin, she also runs the 400 and 4x400 and holds four school records. Tandoh, a junior, placed third in the state in the 200 and ninth in the 100 last year. Both were conference champs.

Another state qualifier is sophomore Hailey Peterson in high jump. She's also does triple jump and pole vault.

Other field event leaders are sophomore Mia Sutch (discus, triple jump), junior Deb Timothy (shot, disc); freshman Eva Fream (discus) and eighth-grader Faith Freeman (shot).

The sprint corps includes sophomore Natalie

Launger, who ran on the conference champion 4-by-400 team, along with sophomores Grace Baumgartner and Eloise Johnson and freshman Angelle Young.

Event leaders include senior pole vaulter Makena Latcham, junior high jumper JoJo Wreh, and, in the 400 to 1600, senior Anna Swanson and sophomores Emma Delf, Launger and Klhove Reker.

"We have a large number of freshmen and sophomores. The best way to build the future of any team to start early and with large numbers of underclassman," said Steve Thomson, head coach for both boys and girls.

"We currently have the largest number of athletes signed up to start a season in our team's history. We hope to accomplish big things this year and set the stage for the years to come."

First three meets — 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at Forest Lake; 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, at St. Louis Park; 3 p.m. Friday, May 1, at Coon Rapids

COUGARS // CENTENNIAL BOYS GOLF

Five lettermen return from a team that placed seventh of 14 teams in the Northwest Suburban Conference, headed by senior Cooper Daikawa, who was all-conference last year and placed second in the state as a sophomore.

Also back are seniors Colton Lange and Brady Zins, and sophomores Caleb Lounsbrough and Owen VanLoon.

Coach Tim Schlugel said the team's goals are to place in the top four in the conference and action. "We have four golfers who played varsity all year last year. We should be able to use that experience to help be successful," he assessed. "These four golfers will show the rest of the team what it takes to improve."

First three meets — 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, invitational at Troy Burns; 9 a.m. Thursday, April 9, invitational at Bunker Hills; Noon Thursday, April 16, conference at Links at Northfork

COUGARS // CENTENNIAL BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Heading into the second year of MSHSL boys volleyball, Centennial has seven returning lettermen from a team that finished last in the conference in 2025.

"Our team is returning quite a few varsity players, so the team chemistry is looking quite good," Coach Aaron Stack said. "As we look to this season we are just looking to continually grow and improve as a team."

The veteran players are seniors Sky Xiong (setter), Kyle Her (outside hitter), Andrew Narwid (libero/defense specialist), Jesse Nason (settler) and Aidan Schulze (middle/outside hitter), along with juniors Skye Moua (outside hitter) and Jackson Juetten (middle hitter).

Bruce Strand

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Advertisement for Jimmy John's featuring a sandwich and award medals.

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# SPOTTED AROUND TOWN



1. Lino Lakes City Council Members Julia Nelson and Chris Lyden met with Sen. Heather Gustafson this week. The League of Minnesota Cities sponsored the 2026 City Day at the Hill, which included a panel discussion with Minnesota House and Senate members, Republican and Democratic leadership, a presentation by Gov. Walz and a state budget outlook presentation by State Budget Director Ahna Minge of the Minnesota Management and Budget Office. — **City of Lino Lakes, contributed**
2. Spring is always a fun time to see who might stop by. Lino Lakes resident LeAnn Michael spots a few blue winged teal ducks. — **LeAnn Michael, contributed**
3. Lino Lakes Ambassadors Delilah LeClair and Ella Friedman attended the Big Lake Ambassador Program Ladies in Leadership event. — **Lino Lakes Ambassadors Program, contributed**



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