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Fire department merger still raises concerns, questions among residents

BY MADELINE DOLBY
EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Residents continue to express concerns and raise questions about the City of Lexington's decision to enter into a temporary agreement with the Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department to provide administrative services to the Lexington Fire Department (LFD).

These types of mergers are designed to enhance service delivery, improve response times and create long-term efficiencies through shared personnel and resources. The interim nature of the agreement will allow Lexington to evaluate long-term service delivery while immediately enhancing public safety capabilities.

For more than 70 years, the City of Lexington was served by the Lexington Fire Department.

At the city council meeting on April 16 Mayor Mike Murphy said the decision to disband the fire department was not made lightly. It was a result of extensive review conducted by the city council, personnel committee, city administration, the city's attorney and the city's finance director (see "Residents raise concerns about fire merger," Quad Community

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FILE

Honoring the fallen

The Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566 will host a Memorial Day ceremony and community picnic from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, May 25. The ceremony will honor the service members who have passed. Find a calendar of community events honoring those who have fallen on page 2.

The meaning of Memorial Day

One of history's most solemn days, Memorial Day is an American holiday that honors the men and women who died while serving in the United States military.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

In May 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, the commander-in-chief of the Union veterans' group known as the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a decree that May 30 should become a nationwide day of commemoration for the more than 620,000 soldiers who were killed in the Civil War. On Decoration Day, as Logan dubbed it, Americans should lay flowers and decorate the graves of the war dead "whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." According to legend, Logan chose May 30 because it was a rare day that didn't fall on the anniversary of a Civil War battle. Some historians believe the date was selected to ensure that flowers across the country would be in full bloom.

Today, Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday of May. The American flag should be hung at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to the top of the staff. In 2000, the U.S. Congress passed legislation that encouraged all Americans pause for a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time.

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Memorial Day Calendar

BLAINE

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

When: 2 p.m., Monday, May 25
Where: Veterans Memorial Park, 10802 Town Square Drive, Blaine
Details: Honor and remember the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Ceremony features keynote speaker Brigadier General Don Kerr, along with a special memorial bench dedication honoring United States Navy Lt. Junior Grade Stan Nelson, an Omaha Beach D-Day veteran.
Contact: www.blainemn.gov

FOREST LAKE

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

When: 9-10 a.m., Monday, May 25
Where: Lakeside Memorial Park, Veterans Memorial, 95 East Broadway Ave.
Details: Honor and remember those who gave everything for our freedom. Features keynote speaker and Center Sculpture Artist Linda Marsh, along with a paver presentation by the Forest Lake American Legion.
Contact: www.ci.forest-lake.mn.us

HUGO

CEMETERY TOUR

When: Monday, May 25
Where: Hugo American Legion Post 620, 5383 140th St. N.
Details: For the 80th consecutive year, American Legion Post 620 will visit cemeteries to conduct Memorial Day Services. Join the tour at any point in time. Meet at the Hugo American Legion at 6:45 a.m.; Walker Cemetery will be at 7:30 a.m.; Withrow Cemetery at 7:55 a.m.; return to American Legion Clubroom for coffee after Withrow Cemetery; Gethsemane Methodist Cemetery in Lino Lakes at 9 a.m.; Incarnation Lutheran Cemetery in Lino Lakes at 9:25 a.m.; St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Lino Lakes at 10 a.m.; Twitchell Cemetery in Lino Lakes at 10:30 a.m.; visit the Lino Lakes American Legion at 10:45 a.m.; St. Genevieve's Catholic Cemetery in Centerville at 11:25 a.m.; and end at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Hugo at 11:55 a.m.

51ST ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CAR SHOW

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, May 25
Where: Blacksmith Lounge, 17205 Forest Blvd. N
Details: Annual Memorial Day

Car Show presented by the North Star Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club. There will be a flag raising ceremony at noon. Dash plaques will be given to the first 250 cars, and 50 awards will be given out in addition to the Best in Show. Registration is required for cars; spectators are free.
Contact: www.northstarstudebakers.com or 612-839-2490

LINO LAKES

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND COMMUNITY PICNIC

When: 5 p.m., Monday, May 25
Where: Lino Lakes American Legion Post 566, 7731 Lino Drive
Details: Honor and remember those that gave their lives. Ceremony starts at 5 p.m., with a community dinner following.
Contact: linolakeslegion.com

STILLWATER

VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

When: 11:30 a.m., Monday, May 25
Where: Stillwater Veterans Memorial, 138 Pine St. W.
Details: The ceremony will include music by the Croix Chordsmen and the Stillwater Area High School band. A flag raising and flyover by the T-6

Thunder Flight Team is planned for noon. While some seating will be provided, attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs.

WHITE BEAR LAKE

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

When: Form at 9 a.m.; parade at 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 25
Where: Meet at White Bear Lake City Hall
Details: The parade will continue to Union Cemetery for the Memorial Day Ceremony

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

When: 10 a.m., Monday, May 25
Where: Union Cemetery, Second Ave., White Bear Lake
Details: Guests will include VFW Post 1782 leaders, American Legion Post 168 leaders, White Bear Lake Mayor Mary Nicklowske, various political leaders, the fire and police departments and more.

COMRADES LOST AT SEA CEREMONY

When: 2 p.m., Monday, May 25
Where: On the lake at VFW Post 1782, 4496 Lake Ave. S., White Bear Lake
Details: Ceremony to honor veterans who lost their lives at sea.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MERGER: 'The firefighters of Lexington are devastated'

FROM PAGE 1

Press, April 28).

The review, according to Murphy, focused on concerns regarding operational, staffing leadership and long-term sustainability issues within the city's fire department.

Lexington resident Heidi Haakenson said that a statement Murphy made at the April 16 city council meeting about the Lexington firefighters not being properly trained was false and "deeply insulting to your neighbors who got up in the middle of the night to serve this community." Haakenson served as a firefighter and EMT with LFD for six years.

"Everyone in the department either held EMT certification or was actively working on it," she said. "Lexington firefighters trained and operated under the authority and medical direction of Allina Health. If there had been legitimate safety concerns, Allina would have shut us down immediately."

She added personnel certifications were well-documented and accessible online. Pay classifications were verifiable through the city.

"The firefighters of Lexington are devastated, and many feel they cannot speak freely," Haakenson said. "Our department deserved to end



The Lexington Fire Department served the city for 70 years.

with dignity and this community deserved a voice in that decision."

Shoreview resident Julie Morris, who is looking to move to Lexington, brought up the city's statement that there were no qualified candidates within LFD to replace former Fire Chief Mike Mohler. It led them to appoint SBM as the interim administrative chief.

"Did you interview anybody at the (Lexington) Fire Department? Did you have any conversations with them? Did you go through proper HR procedures before you jumped to SBM?" she asked.

City Administrator Bill Petracek said if you looked at the overall experience of the people within the LFD, there wasn't anyone qualified to be fire chief. Petracek added he wished he could provide more information, but he couldn't due to Minnesota state laws governing personal privacy data.

Keith Harris, who resides in Lexington, said his questions stem from an article in the April 28 edition of the Quad Community Press. He disputed Murphy's claim in the article that nothing was happening "behind the community's back," noting that residents were not informed about the SBM changes until they were already in place.

"It's hard enough to hire firefighters the way it is. So now you've eliminated them, how are you going to get them back?" Harris asked. "I'm assuming you don't have a plan."

He also referenced concerns previously raised

about Mohler, stating that one of the city's criticisms was that he did not have a hiring plan. Harris disputed that claim.

"He developed a seven-year plan that you refused," he said.

Several residents raised concerns about Petracek. Lexington resident Jason Haakenson said Petracek is the "only consistent thing" about the fire department's problems.

Shoreview resident Maria Nelson, also looking to move to Lexington, asked what responsibility Petracek is taking for the collapse of the fire department.

"I take full responsibility for the fact that I recommended the hiring of Mike Mohler... I should've never done that," Petracek said. "I questioned it originally. At that time, when Erik Edwards retired, I felt at that point in time we needed to look at another fire department."

Petracek said he recommended the council should consider other options after the situation with Grote occurred.

The SBM Fire Department will be at the city council's meetings, scheduled for Thursday, May 21 and Thursday, June 4 to answer questions from the public. Both meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and take place at Lexington City Hall.

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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

HUGO SENIOR CITIZENS PLAY '500'

When: 12:45 p.m. Thursday May 21; every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month.
Where: Rice Lake Centre in Hugo, 6900 137th St. N.
Details: Games begin promptly at 12:45 p.m. Refreshments and coffee will be served.
Contact: Barb at 651-592-0369 or barbcconnolly1958@yahoo.com

CRIBBAGE

When: 1 p.m. Monday, May 25 and the 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



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BIRD WALK

When: 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 26
Where: Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park, 7373 Main St., Lino Lakes
Details: Bird watching walks allow participants to get outdoors, learn about some of the animals we see every day and get some exercise. A staff member will be along to point out birds, and other wildlife, that we see and hear along the way. All skill levels are welcome, and no bird knowledge is required. Sign up through Anoka County Parks.
Contact: www.anokacountyparks.com

CURRENT EVENTS

WHIMSICAL WIG WORKSHOP

When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19
Where: Centennial Library, Circle Pines
Details: Attend and create a beautiful yarn wig for a child who is battling cancer or experiencing hair loss. RSVP required.
Contact: Whimsicalwigsmn@gmail.com

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL BOOSTERS ANNUAL MEETING

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19
Where: Trapper's Bar & Grill, lower level, 6810 Lake Drive, Lino Lakes
Details: All members of the Centennial Baseball Boosters are welcome to attend and vote for the 206/2027 Board Members.
Contact: sites.google.com/view/centennial-high-school-baseball/home

DOG DAYS

When: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 23
Where: Washington St. and Railroad Park, Downtown White Bear Lake
Details: Meet dog rescue organizations, discover dog-loving local vendors and enjoy a day that's as fun for you as it is for your pup - all while giving back to the dogs who need it most.
Contact: downtownwhitebearlake.com

CONSTRUCTION BRIEF

Update: County Road J, I-35E interchange

County Road J and Otter Lake Road are fully open, along with all roads and ramps within the project area, to include the northbound exit ramp. Ramsey County encourages drivers to slow down and watch for workers as they are still working in the area. Detour signs are in place and businesses will remain open on County Road J during construction. Learn more about the project at tinyurl.com/kmnh8b9p.

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEF

Fire department hosts first aid class

The Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department will host a first aid class on Tuesday, May 26 at Station 3, located at 11920 Ulysses St. NE in Blaine. The class is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Classes are taught by certified instructors from the SBM Fire Department. For more information, or to sign up, visit www.sbmfire.org/event-details/heartsaver-first-aid-3.



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E-bike evolution

The electric bicycle (e-bike) phenomenon is taking over our streets and sidewalks. Every day I see kids in full-faced helmets zipping around on electric motocross-style motorcycles pulling wheelies and weaving between walkers and cars. These little rocket ships can reach a speed of more than 40 mph. They seen rip down the center of the streets or across sidewalks and parking lots. Heading up Highway 61 in my vehicle, I couldn't believe an e-bike style motorcycle was keeping up with me on the bike path next to the road.

E-bikes have three key classifications: class 1 is pedal assist up to 20 miles per hour; class 2 tops out at 20 mph but has a throttle; and level three is pedal assist with a throttle up to 28 miles per hour. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are the most common and are permitted to ride wherever traditional bicycles are allowed; class 3 e-bikes are prohibited on bike paths and trails, but can be ridden on roadways. E-bike riders are required to be at least 15 years of age.



Publisher's View
Carter Johnson

We purchased two entry-level e-bikes during the pandemic as a family Christmas gift. Our family has enjoyed riding them immensely. My son regularly takes them out with friends to explore local trails and ride to new destinations. He rides almost daily when he is home, and my wife and I have ridden to Stillwater on the Gateway Trail several times. On a recent trip to Colorado, we rented e-bikes, which allowed us to ride to an old gold-mining town in the mountains, something we wouldn't have been able to do on regular bikes. At our age and fitness level, the pedal assist provided by the e-bikes makes the ride more enjoyable and gives us the freedom to go a distance we wouldn't try on a regular bike. E-bikes are allowing bicycle enthusiasts to continue riding as they age. I'm a big fan.

For the most part it is the electric motocross/dirt bike style that is causing much of the fear and frustration in our communities. These are extremely quick and nimble units with no ability to pedal, and which can exceed speeds of 50 mph. They are not e-bikes, they are electric mopeds or motorcycles. And when the operators of these vehicles are weaving in and out through pedestrians on the trails and not following traffic laws, it's unsettling. I think these e-moto bikes look extremely fun. If I were a kid again, I would have loved to ride this kind of dirt bike. The new battery technology and brushless motors are offering the young people typically riding them an immense amount of freedom, but common sense and following the rules needs to prevail.

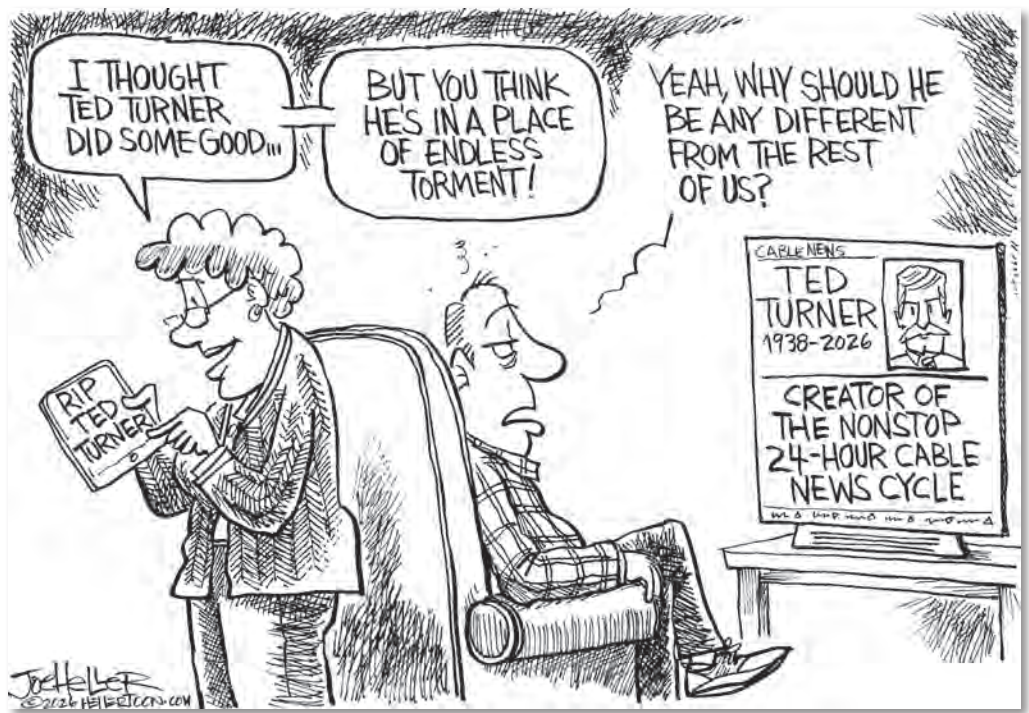
There is new legislation being proposed in Minnesota regarding e-motos that would reclassify them as motorcycles and restrict them from paths, along with requiring proper licenses, registration, insurance and helmets. It seems like the current law already prohibits this type of vehicle from riding on paths and trails.

Bike safety and compliance has been an issue on our roads long before the invention of e-bikes. Those who regularly walk or run on local paths have likely had a close call with a cyclist at some point. With our books full of laws, why can't we just enforce the same fundamental rules we already have for traditional pedal bikes and e-bikes? Any bike exceeding the speed limit on a path or a road should be pulled over and the rider should be given a ticket. If a rider is weaving through traffic and does not follow the rules, they should be pulled over and ticketed. I don't think we need more laws, we need better enforcement.

Maybe we should require a safety course and license for all bike riders like we have for boaters, hunters and snowmobile riders. I have been a proponent of requiring kayakers and paddlers to take a boater's safety course, and I think it would be good for cyclists, as well.

Our state needs to take action. Let's get back to some common sense practical ways and solutions to this problem.

Carter Johnson is publisher of Press Publications.



Soil testing: A quick review

The two most important factors in successful vegetable gardening are water and soil. The need for water is obvious for the health of plants because you can see them wither without sufficient water. But the soil, the habitat in which plants grow, is often taken for granted because you can't see what you've got.

When starting a new garden plot, gardeners should always test the soil to find out what's there.



Gardener's Grapevine
Jennifer Johnson

The Minnesota Extension Soil Testing Laboratory provides this service. The extension does not recommend home tests because they are not calibrated for Minnesota soils. The form for requesting soil analysis, found at z.umn.edu/soiltest, provides

information on how to conduct the sampling. Use a clean plastic container to mix the samples. I once used a cardboard box because it was handy, but cardboard is recycled and can contain various chemicals that contaminate the sample. A regular test, which costs \$22 in 2026, evaluates the most critical factors for healthy garden soil: Texture, organic matter, pH, phosphorus and potassium. The test report, which

is available a couple of weeks after submission, provides helpful information and recommendations.

With the test results you can make more informed decisions about your garden and whether and how to amend your soil. Knowing your soil's texture helps estimate drainage and the frequency of watering. Coarse soil contains more sand and is less able to hold water, thus it requires more watering. Fine soil has more clay that stays wet longer. The best pH for gardens is 6.5 with an acceptable range of 5.5-7 (slightly acidic to neutral). Although soil pH changes slowly, it can have a significant impact on your plants' intake of nutrients. Acidic soil is lower than 7 (lime raises pH for acidic soil). Basic soil is higher than 7 (sulfur lowers pH for basic soil). Some think coffee grounds raise pH, but the grounds are not acidic enough to alter pH. Coffee grounds may add a small amount of nitrogen.

Organic matter is an estimate of available nitrogen, which supports plant growth, and this estimate provides a basis for fertilizer recommendations. Phosphorus supports photosynthesis and root and seed development. The tests (Olsen and Bray) will depend on the pH of the soil. Potassium also supports photosynthesis among other things. The Lab will make recommendations concerning both phosphorus and potassium.

Urban soil can be contaminated due to proximity to industry

and transportation. One example is lead, which is potentially toxic. Soil testing for lead can be requested at an additional cost. Soils with lead levels above 7-20 parts per million are considered contaminated, resulting primarily from auto emissions and paint chips from older fences and buildings. Lead persists for a long time. The greatest risk to gardeners is through contact with the soil, (ingestion or inhalation) rather than lead concentrations in the vegetables/fruits grown in that soil. The Extension and the Department of Health offer tips on what to do to reduce the risk.

Be informed about your soil to safely grow healthy plants.

Resources:

1. "Healthy Soil, Healthy Plants," Dr. Anne Sawyer.
2. Soil Testing Laboratory: How to sample-lawn and garden. This site includes links/tabs to the soil test request form and information on interpreting the test results, nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium), and an article under resources about urban gardens and soil contaminants.
3. What does Phosphorus do for soil and plants. Science Insights.
4. "Busting common soil and garden myths," Dr. Joe Storlien, Professor at St. John's University, Lecture at HGLF, 3-28-26.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Centennial Community Backpack Program kicks off 31st year

The Centennial Community Backpack Program (CCBP) is proud to launch its 31st year of support for the students in the community! As an all-volunteer, non-profit community organization, sponsored by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the mission is "to provide students in need with the supplies to succeed."

With the help of many individuals, businesses and organizations in the community, more than 475 Centennial students received the school supplies they needed to start school this year with confidence and dignity. Additionally, in the past 18 years, more than 6,775 students have received support through this program.

While this school year is winding down, CCBP is gearing up to ensure students in the Centennial district are equipped with the tools they need to learn, grow and thrive as they start school this fall.

You can help continue this important effort by:

1. Adopting a backpack!
To donate one or more

backpacks with supplies, go to centennialbackpack.org and click on the link for the registration form.

2. Making a tax-exempt donation that will be used to purchase backpacks and supplies.
 - a. Go to oursaviorsonline.org/give to make an online donation (click on the green button labeled OSLC: Give Online, then select Backpack/school supplies in the first drop down).
 - b. Write a check payable to Our Savior's Lutheran Church with "Backpack" written on the memo line. Mail it to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 9185 Lexington Avenue, Circle Pines, MN 55014.

Please contact centennialbackpack@gmail.com with any questions.

Your generosity strengthens the entire community and ensures no student is left behind because of financial hardship.

Juli Smith, co-coordinator of the Centennial Community Backpack Program
Lino Lakes

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BRIEF

State parks offer recreational opportunities over Memorial Day weekend

In preparation for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is highlighting recreation opportunities across the state parks and trail systems.

"Memorial Day weekend is a meaningful time for people to spend time together outdoors, reflect and recharge," said Ann Pierce, director of the DNR's Parks and Trails Division. "Minnesota's state parks, recreation areas and trails offer places for people of all ages to experience nature, share outdoor traditions with family and friends, and make lasting memories. We invite everyone to get outside and enjoy the restorative benefits of time in nature."

Fish, birds, bogs and more

Many state parks and recreation areas offer events and programs led by naturalists. Participants can learn about wildlife, plants, outdoor skills and more. There are more than 70 programs currently scheduled during the holiday weekend. Check the online events calendar at mndnr.gov/ptcalendar for a full list of programming.

Walk, pedal, roll and ride

Minnesota offers more than 1,500 miles of state trails. Many are paved, making them a great option for bikers, in-line skaters or people using wheelchairs or strollers. Some state trails are open to motorized use or

horseback riding. Find trail maps at mndnr.gov/trails.

Borrow equipment to try a new activity

Most state parks and recreation areas offer free loaner equipment so visitors can try a new activity before purchasing their own gear. Fishing kits, birding kits, kids' discovery kits and GPS units are available on a first come, first served basis at select ranger stations. More information is available at mndnr.gov/state_parks/loaner.html.

Enjoy the water

Thirty-two state parks offer rental canoes, kayaks or stand-up paddleboards. Life jackets are included with rentals. In addition, state parks are home to hundreds of lakes and many swimming beaches perfect for a day of play or relaxation. To find state parks with swimming beaches and rentals, use the ParkFinder tool, at mndnr.gov/parkfinder.

Take a tour

Visitors can visit a cave, a bison range or an underground mine on state park tours. Memorial Day weekend is the opening of the summer tour season. Visitors can make tour reservations in advance. All tours have an accessible option for visitors with mobility disabilities. Learn more or reserve a spot at mndnr.gov/tours.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION 26-05**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LEXINGTON, MINNESOTA, APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, April 2, 2026, the City Council adopted ORDINANCE NO. 26-01, AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE CHAPTER 5 - LAWFUL GAMBLING.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lexington, due to the lengthy nature of Ordinance 26-01, has directed that this title and summary be prepared for publication pursuant to Minn. Stat. 412.191, Subd. 4

The Council finds that the following text clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of Ordinance 26-01, and hereby approves the following summary text, in quotation marks, for publication:

"SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE 26-01.

AN ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 5 LAWFUL GAMBLING, was approved by the Lexington City Council on April 2, 2026.

This Ordinance updated the standards for managers who operate lawful gambling in the City.

NOTICE: the full text of Ordinance 26-01 is available for public inspection at Lexington City Hall located at 9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN 55014, during regular office hours."

WHEREAS, the Council has by at least 4/5 vote approved this public notice on the 7th day of May 2026.

Michael Murphy, Mayor

Attest: Bill Petracek, City Administrator

Published one time in the Quad Community Press on May 19, 2026.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bids for the construction of the Otter Lake Road Extension will be received online through QuestCDN vBid™ until **Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 10:00 am** 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 301.715.8592 and entering Meeting ID 952 0631 8711 and Passcode 503603. The as-read online Bid results will be available at www.questcdn.com following the Bid opening.

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35,000	L F	Striping

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 #10205156 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: May 12, 2026

BY THE ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

s/s Michael Grochala

Community Development Director, Lino Lakes, MN

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ANOKA
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DISTRICT COURT**

COURT FILE NO. 02-PR-26-270

CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re The Estate of Harvey Almon Boomer a/k/a Harvey A. Boomer, III a/k/a Harvey A. Boomer, Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated February 25, 2026 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Ryan D Gordon

5901 Merold Drive

Edina MN 55436

Grady C Boomer

63 Bear Circle

PO Box 2472

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as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

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

Attorney for Personal Representative

PAUL DAY FUNKE

Attorney License No.: 395366

Funke Law

3820 Cleveland Avenue North, Suite 500

Saint Paul MN 55112

Telephone: 651-332-8700

E-Mail: Paul@funkelawoffice.com

Pamela Kreier, Probate Registrar

H. Ann Basta, Court Administrator

Date: May 4, 2026

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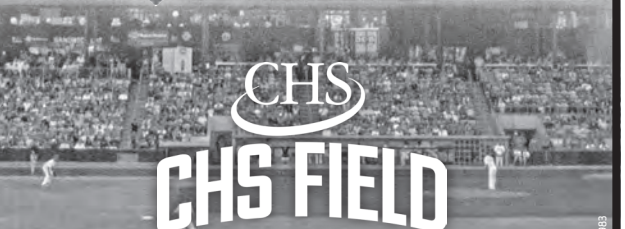


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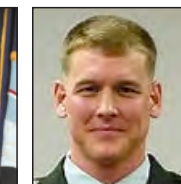
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POLICE REPORTS

The Centennial Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- Police responded May 6 to a report of a domestic incident in the 3900 block of Restwood Road in Lexington.
- Officers initiated a traffic stop May 6 in the area of Lake Drive and Lexington Avenue in Lexington. The driver was arrested and the vehicle was towed from the scene.
- Officers responded May 7 to a property damage accident in the area of Lexington Avenue and Lake Drive in Circle Pines.
- Police were dispatched May 7 to a personal injury accident in the area of Liberty Lane and North Highway Drive in Lexington.
- Police were dispatched May 8 to a phone call report regarding road rage in the area of Main Street and Brian Drive in Centerville.
- Officers responded May 9 to a traffic complaint in the 7200 block of Brian Drive in Centerville.
- Officers responded May 9 to a noise complaint in the area of Robin Lane South and 20th Avenue in Centerville.
- Officers responded May 9 to a harassment report in the 7000 block of Centerville Road in Centerville.
- Officers responded May 9 to a report of damage to city property in the 9100 block of Hamline Avenue in Lexington.
- Officers were dispatched May 10 to a motor vehicle accident in the 9000 block of Griggs Avenue in Lexington.
- Officers initiated a traffic stop May 10 in the area of Restwood Road and Syndicate Avenue in Lexington after observing an intoxicated person driving. The person was subsequently arrested for DWI.

- Officers initiated a traffic stop May 10 in the area of Restwood Road and South Highway Drive in Lexington after observing multiple violations. The driver was cited and released from the scene.
- Officers initiated a traffic stop May 10 in the area of Lake Drive and Woodlan Road in Lexington after observing a violation. The driver was given a written warning for the offense. One passenger was cited for another offense discovered in the course of the stop.
- Officers observed suspicious activity May 12 in the area of North Highway Drive and Dunlap Avenue.

The Lino Lakes Police Department reported the following selected incidents:

- An officer responded May 4 to a suspicious activity report in the 6500 block of White Oak Road involving online messages. The officer investigated and determined no crime occurred.
- An officer responded May 4 to a fraud report in the 2000 block of Diamond Lane. The complainant did not suffer a financial loss and the incident was documented.
- An officer responded May 4 to a report of a juvenile riding an electric bike on a trail in the 7600 block of Village Drive at excessive speeds. The officer located the juvenile and educated them and a parent on electric bike laws.
- While on patrol May 5, an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 6200 block of 20th Avenue. The driver was arrested for driving after cancellation, inimical to public safety, and booked at jail.
- An officer responded May 5 to a disorderly conduct report in the 800 block of Orange Street. The officer investigated and issued a citation to an adult female for disorderly conduct.

- While on patrol May 5, an officer stopped a vehicle in the area of Interstate 35W and Sunset Avenue because the driver had multiple outstanding warrants. The female driver was arrested and booked at jail.
- An officer responded May 5 to a theft at a local store in the 700 block of Apollo Drive. The investigation is ongoing.
- Officers responded May 5 to a residence in the 6400 block of Tomahawk Trail for an assault report. Officers investigated and issued citations for disorderly conduct to two people.
- Officers responded May 6 to a single vehicle property damage crash that occurred in the area of Town Center Parkway and Village Drive. No injuries were reported and the driver was cited for a violation.
- Officers responded May 7 to a personal injury accident in the area of Elm Street and Gray Heron Drive. The incident was investigated and the injured party was taken to the hospital via ambulance.
- While on patrol May 7, an officer stopped a vehicle in the area of Interstate 35W and Lake Drive. The male driver was arrested and booked at jail for an outstanding warrant.
- While on patrol May 7, an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 7500 block of Main Street. After an investigation, the driver was arrested for fourth-degree DWI.
- An officer located a vehicle May 7 in a park in the 7800 block of Lake Drive after hours. The officer warned them of the violation and released them at the scene.
- An officer stopped a suspicious vehicle May 8 in the 600 block of Apollo Drive. The driver was arrested for second-degree DWI and booked in jail.
- An officer responded May 8 to a

- two-vehicle property damage crash in the area of Sunset Avenue and North Road. No injuries were reported and a driver was cited for a violation. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.
- An officer responded May 8 to a barking dog disturbance in the 7100 block of Gray Heron Drive. The officer contacted the homeowner and advised them of city ordinances that regulate barking dogs.
- Officers responded May 9 to a report of an unwanted party at a residence in the 6200 block of Otter Lake Road. An adult female was arrested for violation of a domestic abuse no contact order and booked in jail.
- While on patrol May 9, an officer stopped a vehicle in the area of Lake Drive and Town Center Parkway that was improperly displaying a temporary license. The driver was cited for having an open package of marijuana and released from the scene.
- An officer responded May 9 to a report of juveniles ding-dong ditching in the 6500 block of Killdeer Drive. The officer located the juveniles and spoke with their parents about the complaint.
- While on patrol May 9, an officer conducted a traffic stop in the 2200 block of Main Street on a vehicle for a traffic violation. The male driver was arrested for fourth-degree DWI and booked in jail.
- Officers responded May 10 to a report of shots fired near a neighborhood in the 7800 block of Gotland Lane. The officers investigated and were unable to locate evidence of any shots fired.
- Officers responded May 10 to a possible theft at a construction site in the area of Marilyn Drive and 77th Street. Officers investigated and determined no crime had been committed.

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LINO LAKES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• Lino Lakes resident Jeff Johnson will host karaoke in the park events. Johnson said the events will take place on Tuesday nights, starting May 19, from 5-8 p.m., weather permitting. They will take place in the field across from city hall, located at 600 Town Center Parkway.

• Lino Lakes resident Jacob Stein asked the council to consider changing city code to allow residents to keep chickens and other fowl in residential zoning districts. Stein said he believes being able to raise chickens would help teach his children valuable life skills they may not receive in the home or the classroom. According to Stein, the neighboring cities of Shoreview, Arden Hills, Circle Pines, Lexington, Blaine and White Bear Lake allow residents to have four to six hens per residential lot with varied regulations.

• My Taco Shop has been granted an on-sale and Sunday sales liquor license following council approval. The new restaurant, located at 7997 Lake Drive, will be taking over the site of the former Mama Mia Mexican Grill. All conditions of the license will be required to be met prior to issuance of the license.

• The council approved multiple business license renewals for 2026. The licensing period for liquor, tobacco and massage therapist licenses in the city is one year, commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30 the following year.

• St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church has been granted a special

event permit and a temporary on-sale liquor license for its annual summer festival following council approval. The festival is scheduled to take place on August 8 and August 9 of this year.

• The Lino Lakes Police Department will assist the Blaine Police Department with security services for the 2026 PGA 3M Golf Open, after the council approved a cooperative agreement with the city of Blaine. Under the proposed agreement, Lino Lakes would provide licensed officers who are in good standing and properly trained for the event. In return, Blaine will reimburse the city for services at a rate not to exceed \$135 per hour. Additionally, a law enforcement liability insurance policy has been secured to provide coverage for claims involving Lino Lakes officers during their participation in this special event. Lino Lakes previously entered into a cooperative agreement for this event in 2019.

• Ryan Calhoun will join the Lino Lakes Police Department following council's approval of his appointment to the position. Calhoun has seven years of experience with the Minneapolis Police Department. The starting wage for Calhoun will be \$50.49 per hour, which is step four in a seven-step wage scale for the position. Calhoun is scheduled to start on June 2.

• The council has approved a fourth round of amendments to be made to the planned unit development (PUD) for Lyngblomsten at Lino

Lakes. Lyngblomsten at Lino Lakes is looking to construct a four-story mixed-use building at the southeast corner of the site (see "Lyngblomsten requests 4th round of amendments to preliminary plat," Quad Community Press, April 15). The first floor will be used for commercial use, and the other three floors will include 59 market-rate independent living units for residents 55 and older.

• The council has rejected the bids for the 2026 Birch Street Sewer Crossing project and have approved the authorization for rebidding. The project includes boring or jacking a 24-inch diameter casing pipe and installing a 12-inch diameter sanitary sewer pipe from the north side to the south side of Birch Street. Bids were received for the project on Thursday, April 30. Two bids were received and checked for mathematical accuracy and tabulated. According to City Engineer Diane Hankee, the low bid was 42% higher than the engineer's estimate and over the project's budget. The total project budget was \$495,000. Hankee said after reviewing bids with contractors, allowing for an extended schedule will result in lower bids. Funding for the project is to be from the Area and Trunk Unit fund. After the project is rebid, the project funding will be evaluated.

• The second big package for the city's public works building has been approved by the council. This package, according to Community Development Director Michael

Grochala, contained 24 bid categories and 16 quote categories. The overall bid package award value is approximately \$15.31 million. No bids or quotes were received for specialty testing and inspections, casework and millwork, appliances and equipment and vehicle wash equipment. City staff and RJM Construction have retained an allowance for the items in the project budget, according to Grochala, and will resolicit bids or quotes as applicable from qualified vendors. Council Member Randy Rennaker abstained from voting due to his employment at the Miner Corporation. The Miner Corporation's bid of \$346,000 was accepted by the council for the sectional and specialist doors category of the project.

• The council has approved a construction manager agent contract with RJM Construction. Also included was an amendment to the contract with Oertel Architects to retain Design Tree as a subconsultant to complete civil engineering and surveying services for the proposed public works building. The vote was 4-1 (Council Member Chris Lyden opposed).

The next city council work session will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, followed by a regular city council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at city hall.

Madeline Dolby

LEXINGTON CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• Kelli Pote will join city staff as an administrative assistant/permit technician, following the council's approval of her appointment to the position. Pote will be paid \$24.52 an hour.

• The council approved Ace Solid Waste's request for a solicitors/peddler license after it completed a successful background check.

• Two future meetings on May 21 and June 4 are set aside to discuss the dissolution of the Lexington Fire Department, with Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View (SBM) Fire Department overseeing operations. Despite this, Mayor Mike Murphy allowed the citizens forum to be utilized to express opinions about the merger within the confines of a three-minute statement per person. He emphasized the council would not be answering questions at this time. Multiple residents from Lexington and Shoreview expressed concerns about the merger (see full story in this week's issue).

The next city council meeting will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 21 at Lexington City Hall.

Hannah Testa

CIRCLE PINES CITY COUNCIL SNIPPETS

• Glen Oaks Dental has been renamed Centennial Family Dentistry, according to Mayor Matt Percy, and is under new ownership. Percy recently attended a ribbon cutting, hosted by the Centennial Area Chamber of Commerce, to welcome the new owners. He added many of the staff will remain with the practice.

• City Administrator Patrick Antonen said the park remodel projects for Baldwin Park and Carl Eck Park are about 30% completed. The city's park board will have another

meeting in approximately two months at the 60% plan phase, according to Antonen. He added the city will request bids for the projects in August of this year.

• In 2026, the city's annual sealcoating program will transition from a previous Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the City of Coon Rapids to an independently managed project. The JPA, according to Antonen, concluded in 2025. It required the city to establish a new delivery

approach for pavement maintenance activities. WSB will assist with the transition following council approval. WSB will help with bid preparation, contractor coordination and construction observation. The sealcoating project will now be a part of the city's ongoing street maintenance program.

The next city council meeting will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, at Circle Pines City Hall.

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Math Corps provides learning pathways for Centerville Elementary

The Math Corps, a program offered through ServeMinnesota, is providing pathways to learning for Centerville Elementary students.

Centerville Elementary has a Math Corps member providing tutoring for K-5 grade students, helping them build math skills based on state educational standards. Tutors are assigned a school-based staff member as a coach, who provides tutors with day-to-day support, teaching tools and feedback on student progress.

"Students that are not meeting all of the math standards are getting an extra boost every week in a small group setting. This helps with their confidence, fills in gaps with their math knowledge, and helps them work on specific skills they need to improve," says Angie Anderson,

Math Corps coach at Centerville Elementary. "It also gives students another adult in the building that they can build a relationship with."

Since the start of the school year, the CenterPoint Energy Foundation's \$100,000 grant to Math Corps has supported the placement of 150 tutors in nearly 60 school districts and charter schools within CenterPoint's Minnesota service area.

Over the last four years, Math Corps has received \$300,000 in grant funding from the CenterPoint Energy Foundation to help elementary and middle school students build foundational skills.

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Calvin Coppersmith flies toward second base, along with the throw from the catcher. He was safe with one of his 29 stolen bases.

Cougars nip Blaine to wrap NWSC title during 5-0 week

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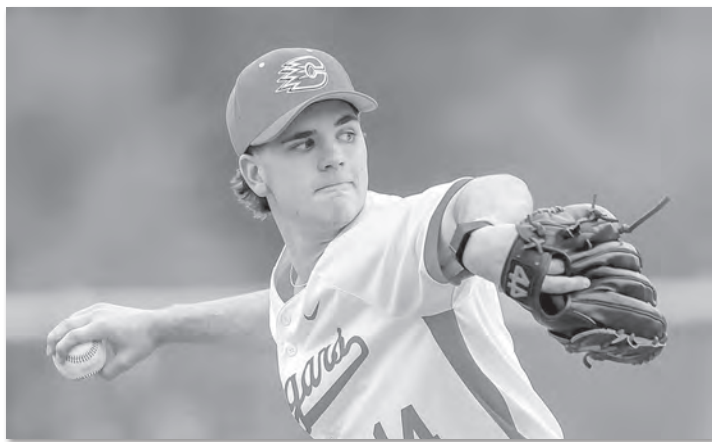
The Centennial Cougars secured the conference baseball championship with a 3-2 win over Blaine on Tuesday, then won four non-conference games, improving to 18-4 overall.

Centennial finished 9-2 in the 12-team Northwest Suburban Conference (NWSC), followed by Anoka at 8-3 and Blaine and Spring Lake Park, each 7-4. The Cougars have two non-conference games left.

"It is extremely exciting for this team. Centennial has had a lot of good teams, especially the 2009 and 2010 teams, and it is cool to see this team having some of the same successes," Coach Robert Little said.

"We are a really deep team, where it seems like a different player steps up each day to win us a game. We have battled injuries and faced adversity, and someone just steps up for us every time. It is truly a team that is having success."

Against Blaine, the



Jake Williamson blanked St. Thomas Academy on two hits, winning 4-0.

Cougars, down 2-0, pulled even in the sixth with Nolan Border's RBI single and another run scoring on a wild pitch. Calvin Coppersmith got the game-winner in the seventh as he singled, stole second and went to third and home on wild pitches. Tommy Meyer gave up two runs in the first and blanked Blaine the rest of the way, allowing four hits and four walks, striking out eight players. Calvin Coppersmith was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Jake Williamson shut

down St. Thomas Academy (12-8) by 4-0, giving up just two hits and no walks, striking out four players. Logan Mielke had a double and three RBI's.

In a 10-8 win over White Bear Lake, Centennial collected 10 hits, 11 walks and three hit-by-pitches. Cooper Sanders was 3-for-5 with a two-run homer. Mielke had three RBI's on a solo homer, sac fly and a walk, and pitched 5 2/3 innings (four runs, eight strikeouts) to get the win, Casey Morris was 2-for-3

(two runs) and Border had an RBI single.

Centennial defeated North St. Paul 17-2 and Mankato East 4-3 on Saturday at White Bear Lake. Against North, Morris knocked in four runs with a triple and single and Tanner Dittrich was 3-for-5 with a triple. Jack Mielke (three scoreless innings) and Isaiah Gerrits pitched. Against Mankato, Morris pitched five innings (one run) and Jack Waller got the win in relief. Mielke and Morris had RBI hits.

The Cougars have a deep pitching staff with Williamson notching four wins, Jaden Anderson three, Meyer three, Logan Mielke three and Morris two. They've got five starters hitting over .300 led by Cooper Sanders with .371 and three homers. Coppersmith is hitting .349 with 21 runs and is 29-for-31 on steals. RBI leaders are Mielke with 16, Tripp Stensrud and Coppersmith 12 each and Sanders 11.

Walk-off hit clinches 2nd place for Cougar softball

Centennial finished runner-up in the Northwest Suburban Conference (NWSC) after edging Blaine 7-6 Thursday with Bella Thomas driving home the game-winner.

The Cougars (12-7 overall) also beat St. Anthony Village (SAV) and North/Tartan while losing to Stillwater last week in non-conference games. Seeded No. 3, they will host Osseo on Tuesday in the Section 5AAAA opener.

In the NWSC, Rogers was champion at 9-0, followed by the Cougars and Andover, each 7-2, among 12 teams.

Blaine took a 6-0 lead against Kendall Saffert in the first inning. The big blow was their pitcher Paige Dahlman's three-run double with two outs. Saffert blanked them after that and the Cougars chipped away with nine hits, four walks and six Blaine errors.

It was 6-6 in the seventh when Thomas, with bases loaded and two outs ripped a ground ball single to right field. Khloe Waldner went 3-for-3, Grace Lien 3-for-4 (RBI, two runs) and Gracie Nickle 2-for-4 (two runs).

Brooklyn Springman pitched the wins over SAV 7-1 (one-hitter, one walk and eight strikeouts) and North/Tartan 6-0 (two-hitter, 12 strikeouts). Against SAV, Kendall Cochran hit a two-run homer, Khloe Waldemar was 3-for-4 (two runs, RBI) and Denver Hogberg 3-for-3 (two runs, RBI). Against North/Tartan, Cochran knocked in three runs with two doubles and Khloe Waldner was 2-for-3 (double, RBI).

Stillwater blanked the Cougars 2-0 as Ella Weiser and Natalie Stangl combined for a two-hitter with nine strikeouts. Saffert took the loss.

Bruce Strand

SPORTS BRIEFS

BOYS GOLF

Centennial placed sixth of 12 teams in a Northwest Suburban Conference meet Tuesday at Loggers Trail. Totino-Grace won with 293 and had the medalist, Ben Appelhof with 71. Centennial totaled 328. Cooper Daikawa placed fifth with 75. Caleb Lounsbrough shot 83, Owen Van Loon 83 and Aiden Rome 87. On Thursday, the Cougars were sixth of 15 teams in the Tips at Vic tournament at Victory Links. Waconia and Brainerd tied for first with 302. Brandan Yabandith of Rogers was medalist with 71. Centennial totaled 312. Lounsbrough placed fourth with 74. Brady Zins shot 78, Matthew Dexter 79 and Daikawa 81.

BOYS LACROSSE

Centennial is 7-3 after pummeling Robbinsdale Armstrong 23-7 and Andover 18-6 last week, then losing to Hill-Murray 11-9. Gavin Cunningham had seven goals, Kasey Burgwald had four goals and Landon Raskow

had three goals against Armstrong. Logan Orlett won 14 ground balls. Cunningham had five goals and three assists against Andover and Isaak Adams four goals and three assists.

GIRLS GOLF

Centennial placed sixth of 12 teams in a Northwest Suburban Conference meet Tuesday at Victory Links. Totino-Grace won with 322 and had the medalist, Grace Raich with 72. For the Cougars, Taylor Thor shot 81, Cailyn Setterholm 96, Giatta Rueter 99 and Lauren Setterholm 101. The previous week, the Cougars placed fifth at Northfork with Thor in a four-way tie for low score with 79. Setterholm had 97, Rueter 101 and Charlye Weymann 102. On Thursday, the Cougars shot 395 for 22nd place of 24 in the Andover Invitational.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Centennial is 5-5 after losing to

Robbinsdale Armstrong 12-11 in overtime and beating Andover 6-5 last week. The Cougars have two

conference games left.

Bruce Strand



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Logan Mielke

Centennial Baseball

May 19, 2026

Logan Mielke is one of the top contributors to Centennial's 18-4, conference championship baseball team. The junior pitcher/outfielder is hitting .344 with two homers, 16 runs-batted-in (tops on the team) and 13 runs. On the mound, the 5-foot-10, 185-pound athlete has a 3-0 record and one save with a 1.71 earned run average and 21 strikeouts in 16.33 innings. Mielke had a pair of three-RBI games and one pitching win during the team's 5-0 run last week.



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1. Members of the Centennial Lakes Police Department hosted a Coffee with a Cop event at The Rusty Cow in Circle Pines. — **Centennial Lakes Police Department, contributed**
2. Firefighters with the Lino Lakes Fire Department participated in a helicopter training session with Life Link III and the Lino Lakes Police Department at Lino Lakes Fire Station 2 earlier this month. — **Lino Lakes Fire Department, contributed**
3. The Lino Lakes Ambassadors, Ella Friedman, Delilah LeClair and Sofia Taylor, helped clean up the roads with the Centerville Lions. — **Contributed**

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