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HUGO: AT&T continues upgrades for high-speed connectivity **PAGE 2**

A new school year brings plenty to look forward to, and local kids have no shortage of answers. From reuniting with friends and meeting a new teacher to showing off a new backpack, decorating a locker and getting back on the ice for hockey season, students are ready for what's ahead. We asked local kids what they're most excited about this school year — here's what they had to say.

Ready, set, school



Bennett Selix, 8, third grade at Vadnais Elementary



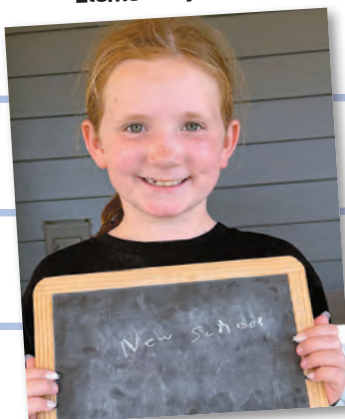
"New teacher"
Osa Johnson, 7 1/2, second grade at Birch Lake Elementary School



"Friends"
Connor Eriksen, 10, fifth grade at Matoska International



"Decorating my locker"
Rose Holvig, 11, sixth grade at Mariner Middle School



"New school"
Alaina Tristani, 8, third grade at O.H. Anderson Elementary School



"Hockey season"
Olive Holvig, 15, 10th grade at White Bear Lake High School

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M/I Homes asks for 'continuation' of The Shores of Oneka Lake

BY SHANNON GRANHOLM
MANAGING EDITOR

HUGO — Developer M/I Homes is requesting approval from the city for three items to continue its Shores of Oneka Lake development to the north.

The City Council will consider a comprehensive plan amendment, preliminary plat and planned unit development for a residential and commercial development on approximately 246 acres on Monday, Sept. 21.

The preliminary plat includes 408 residential lots, 145 townhomes and an 180-unit apartment to be known as The Shores of Oneka Lake North. The housing types are proposed to be a combination of single-family homes, villa homes, townhomes and an apartment building. The plat also includes commercial lots for future commercial development near the new Kwik Trip along 159th Street. The development also proposes a 5.5-acre park.

Community Development Director Rachel Juba explained that the property includes wetlands and a floodplain, for a total of 151 buildable acres. Due to the size of the project, an environmental assessment worksheet was required to identify potential environmental impacts of the development. Since an EAW was completed in 2006 for a similar proposal that was more dense, a new EAW was not required.

The proposed net density per land use is as follows:

- Low Density Residential: 3.27 units per net acre (between 3 to 4 units per acre allowed)
- Medium Density Residential: 3.69 units per acre (between 3 to 8 units per acre allowed)
- Mixed Use: 10.86 units per acre (between 10 and 60 units per acre allowed)

M/I Homes is asking the city for flexibility when it comes to lot widths, setbacks, impervious surface

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Superintendent looks ahead to Centennial Forward referendum

BY LOGAN GION
STAFF WRITER

When Centennial School District asked a design team made up of district staff and community stakeholders about long-range planning for ISD 12, the team identified \$225 million worth of project needs.

ISD 12 Executive Director of Business Services Patrick Chaffey explained that the district conducted multiple community surveys — first, to gather initial opinions; second, to assess whether the board was correctly prioritizing project needs.

After receiving feedback, the district decided to ask for a \$108 million

facilities bond, ISD 12 Superintendent Jeff Holmberg said.

"The difference between \$108 million and \$225 million — We've not forgotten about those (projects), but those are further down the line," Holmberg said in a recent interview. "(We) also recognize that there's a financial responsibility of what we

can ask our community to reasonably support with this request."

Meanwhile, the district is also asking the public for an operating levy increase of roughly \$2.5 million. Holmberg said that education funding has not kept pace with the district's

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AT&T continues upgrades

BY SHANNON GRANHOLM
MANAGING EDITOR

HUGO — Forged Fiber 37, an open-access wholesale fiber network platform owned by AT&T, plans to upgrade all of Century Link’s old lines to high-speed fiber throughout the entire city over the next four to five years.

Senior Engineering Technician Liz Finnegan said the city was first contacted by Fiber 37 last winter to let them know that they were going to be coming to town to upgrade the old fiber. Because of the ongoing expansion of fiber optics within the city and the amount of staff time required to manage the expansion projects, the city updated its right-of-way ordinance and related fees in March.

Key areas addressed in the update included:

- A requirement for communication with property owners, including local points of contact for the facility owner and contractor and advanced construction notification.
- Reference to the city municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) requirements and erosion control expectations.
- Traffic control requirements per the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- Winter season requirements to minimize right-of-way permit work during times of hazardous road conditions and low visibility.

“As long as they meet our right-of-way ordinance standards, they are allowed to work in that right-of-way,” she explained. “They do have an escrow on file with the city. If they didn’t do repairs, we would be able to use that money to restore



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An example of a door hanger that was hung on residents’ doors to provide more information on AT&T, or Forged Fiber 37, upgrading the old Century Link lines to high-speed fiber in the city of Hugo.

the boulevard.”

Right-of-way permits are approved administratively by city staff versus needing approval from City Council. On average, Finnegan says the city of Hugo on average receives more than 80 right-of-way permit requests a year from private utility companies doing work within the city’s rights-of-way.

The Citizen reached out to AT&T to learn more about the upgrades and was told, “we do not have any information to share at this time.”

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HUGO BITS AND PIECES

- The city has hired another seasonal public works employee to help this fall, as many seasonal employees head back to school. Bob Donahue has been hired to continue the maintenance of parks and other city-owned property until park grounds maintenance is through for the season.
- Mike Atkinson’s mining permit has been renewed for another two years for his property located on the south side of 147th Street, between Irish and Hyde Avenue. For the past several years, the site has been used to stockpile material, and no mining activity has taken place. When the permit was renewed in 2012, the council allowed Atkinson to move forward with the mining permit renewal process without all the conditions being met until the time mining operations began again, due to the cost of meeting those conditions. Those conditions are to biannually provide a topographic map of the site, a calculation of stockpiled material, an estimate of the amount of granular material left on site to be mined, and a reclamation plan. City staff has found very minimal activity on the site to require those conditions be met for the renewal of the permit, and recommend the council approve the permit renewal.
- The city continues to pay its bills for the Bald Eagle Industrial Park street improvement project. Most recently, it authorized payment No. 2 for \$479,761 to Bituminous Roadways Inc. Concrete work in Phase 2 has been completed, along with reclamation of the old multiuse trail along Fenway Blvd. Xcel Energy has begun the installation of the new streetlights.
- The council has amended a feasibility study for the 2027 Fable Hills street improvement project. City staff was contacted by the Fable Hill HOA president, who inquired about minor mill and overlay additions, specifically the addition of Fable Road Court North and Fable Hill Circle North. Public works and engineering staff evaluated the request and felt it is reasonable and can be easily accommodated with the original scope of the study. Erichson said the city has adequate funds to include these additions. City staff will notify residents/

businesses of this effort and coordinate a neighborhood meeting to inform residents about the proposed project along with efforts to replace the Fable Hill Bridge.

- The city will apply for a grant from the Washington County Community Development Agency predevelopment finance fund for a study on Elmcrest Avenue. In December 2025, the city entered a cooperative agreement with the cities of Columbus, Forest Lake and Lino Lakes, along with Anoka and Washington counties’ economic development authorities. The agreement indicated all parties would work together on developing a study for Elmcrest Avenue. Since that time, the cities and counties have selected WSB to conduct the study. The total cost of the project is anticipated to be \$112,000. Members of the cooperative have verbally agreed to a 50/50 split between the cities and counties. The 50% portion of Washington County can be wholly funded through the Washington County predevelopment finance fund. However, this will require Hugo and Forest Lake to apply for funding; each city’s grant will serve as a match to the other city.
- Sal’s Angus Grill is changing ownership and changing names. Katie Sell, who has worked there for over two decades, is taking over ownership and says the name will change to Sal’s Restaurant and Bar. As required due to the ownership change, the council recently conducted a public hearing regarding Sal’s new on-sale and Sunday liquor licenses. There was no public comment, and the licenses were approved. Sell said she plans to take over ownership within the next month.
- The council canceled its Sept. 7 meeting because it falls on Labor Day. The council will only have one meeting in September, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at City Hall.
- The new Kwik Trip located at 5950 159th St. is nearing completion. The business will host a grand opening ceremony at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Shannon Granholm



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25	Fri, Month Date
28	Mon, Month Date

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ONGOING EVENTS

HUGO SENIOR CITIZENS PLAY ‘500’
When: 12:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 and 17, and the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of every month
Where: Rice Lake Centre, 6900 137th St. N.
Details: Games begin at 12:45 p.m. Refreshments and coffee served. All senior citizens from the area invited.
Contact: 763-639-4756 or allenj4992@gmail.com

HUGO SENIOR CLUB
When: 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, and every 3rd Monday of every other month
Where: Rice Lake Centre, 6900 137th St. N.
Details: The meeting will include planning activities for future months and our monthly luncheons. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Games will be played after the meeting.
Contact: Jim at 763-639-4756 or allenj4992@gmail.com

CRIBBAGE
When: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8; usually the 1st and 4th Monday of every month
Where: Rice Lake Centre, 6900 137th St. N., Hugo
Details: Senior citizens from Hugo and the surrounding area are invited to an afternoon of cribbage. Coffee and refreshments served.
Contact: Alice at 651-429-4413

MAHTOMEDI AREA FARMERS MARKET
When: 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 26
Where: Veterans Memorial Park
Details: Local vendors offer fresh produce, honey, artisan breads, handmade crafts and much more.
Contact: mahtomedifarmersmarket@gmail.com

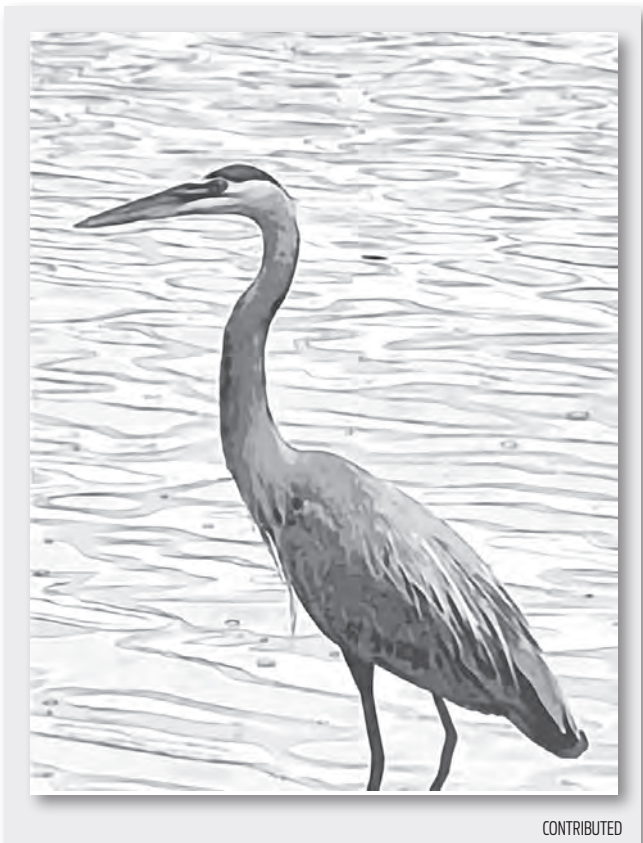
WHITE BEAR LAKE FARMERS MARKET
When: 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays
Where: Clark Avenue, between Second Street and Third Street
Details: A tradition since the 1970s, the farmers market features more than 50 vendors.
Contact: whitebearlake.org or 651-429-8526

‘DECLARATION 1776: THE BIG BANG OF MODERN DEMOCRACY’ POP-UP EXHIBIT
When: Sept. 7-Oct 2
Where: White Bear Lake Armory; 2228 Fourth St.
Details: In celebration of the United States’ 250th birthday, The White Bear Area Historical Society is bringing a new pop-up exhibit from The Gilder Lehrman Collection. The exhibition uses primary sources to illustrate how Americans and people across the world have been inspired by the Declaration in their pursuit of equality and self-determination.
Contact: whitebearhistory.org

FAMILY ART CART
When: 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Where: Hardwood Creek Library, 19955 Forest Road N., Forest Lake
Details: Create, imagine and explore with the Art Cart at Hardwood Creek Library. Try the suggested craft of the week or create something new. Each week, you’ll find a new self-guided craft in the children’s area with plenty of materials to spark imagination and hands-on fun. Crafts are intended for children ages three and up and their caregivers.

CURRENT EVENTS

FALL MIGRATION BIRD WALK
When: 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3
Where: Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park, 7373



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BALD EAGLE LAKE ART CRAWL
When: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: Various locations around Bald Eagle Lake
Details: A one-of-a-kind, outdoor art experience featuring 100 local artists, crafters, and musicians spread across nine host sites around Bald Eagle Lake. Free trolley rides between sites. Food trucks, and interactive art experiences for all ages.
Contact: www.belarts.org

Main St., Lino Lakes
Details: Bird watching allow participants to get outdoors, learn about some of the animals we see everyday and get some exercise. A staff member will accompany, pointing out birds and other wildlife that participants see and hear along the way. All skill levels are welcome, and no bird knowledge is required. Admission will be charged.
Contact: anokacountyparks.com/activities-events or 763-324-3300

SUMMER SIGNINGS
When: 10 a.m.-noon Friday, Sept. 4
Where: Lake Country Booksellers, 4766 Washington Square, White Bear Lake
Details: Mary Logue will sign the third Brigid Rardon mystery, “A Wasp in the Beehive;” Martha Harding and Gary Noren will sign their children’s book “Fam: The Remarkable Story of a Canada Goose Adopted by Sandhill Cranes;” and A.W. Powers will sign “Sacrificial Lamb;” the 12th book in the Psychic Guardian Angel series.
Contact: lakecountrybooksellers.com

PULL-UP PICTURES: ‘NOW YOU SEE ME’ TRILOGY
When: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4
Where: The Outskirts, 15201 Running Aces Blvd., Columbus
Details: Enjoy this triple feature under the stars. Pull up a lawn chair or your vehicle, drive-in style. Admission will be charged.
Contact: 651-927-2717 or theoutskirtsmn.com

25TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY CAR SHOW
When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 7
Where: Blacksmith Lounge, 17205 Forest Blvd N, Hugo
Details: The North Star Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club will host its 25th annual Labor Day Car Show. Gates open at 8 a.m., and awards will be presented at 2 p.m. There will be an admission fee for cars to enter the show, but there is no charge for spectators. Dash plaques will be given to the first 250 cars, and 50 awards will be given out, including Best of Show.
Contact: www.northstarstudebakers.com or 612-839-2490.

HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE WORKSHOP
When: 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10
Where: HealthPartners White Bear Lake Clinic, 1430 Highway 96 E.
Details: Workshop will help participants choose a health care agent, engage in conversation with family, and complete a Health Care Directive.
Contact: healthpartners.com/about/classes-events

NORTH SUBURBAN NEIGHBORS CLUB FALL COFFEE
When: 1-3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10
Where: Shoreview Library, Community Room, 4560 Victoria St. N., Shoreview
Details: NSNC, a nonprofit friendship organization for older women in the northern suburbs, invites prospective members to learn about the group’s daytime activities.
Contact: jeanne49th@yahoo.com or kddudding@yahoo.com

TASTE OF WHITE BEAR LAKE
When: 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: Pine Tree Apple Orchard, 450 Apple Orchard Road
Details: Sample food and beverages from local establishments while supporting White Bear Lake Rotary programs. Music, a silent auction, games and more.
Contact: tasteofwhitebearlake.com

CORNFEST 2026
When: 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: St. Jude of the Lake Church and School, 700 Mahtomedi Ave., Mahtomedi
Details: Annual community event featuring sweet corn and food, beverages, live music, kids activities, Bingo, bake sales and raffles.
Contact: stjudeofthelake.org/cornfest-2026

2.2 MILES: VETERAN SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK
When: 2:22 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12
Where: White Bear Lake VFW Post 1782, 4496 Lake Ave. S.
Details: Walk with members of the VFW and Auxiliary to Matoska Park and back in remembrance of veterans who die each day by suicide. Open to all.



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Change of season

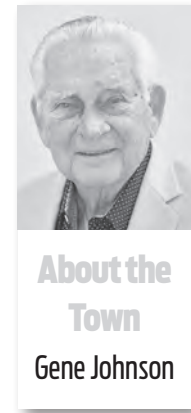
Brisk temperatures in the morning, leaves changing color and schools resuming classes are all indicators of a change of seasons.

Some children are starting the beginning of their education in public or private schools. High schools and colleges are underway, and for many people, continuing education is a lifelong priority.

The Boys Town newsletter this month mentioned, "School can mean different things to different students. For some it means being bullied and mistreated. For others it's a place of miracles."

Change is evident everywhere we look – in science, technology, medicine, health care, shopping, travel, space exploration and education.

Not every student needs a four-year college degree. Vocational schools have benefits also: predictable hours, apprentice programs, good salaries and job security. Skilled labor is currently in short supply.



Teachers count

Education is changing dramatically with artificial intelligence. Teachers continue to be challenged by demands of parents, society and cultures.

Teachers have been an important part of my life, and they continue to influence, correct and encourage. My wife, Kathy, with a background in music and elementary education, parenting, and proofreading my column, has been a great life partner in our 58 years of married life.

Planning ahead

Wherever you are in life's aging process you need to be planning ahead, part of which is goal setting. Every fall, both Kathy and I write our plans or goals for the coming year, whether it be education, travel, major purchases or evaluating our living situation. Then, we would take time together and compare our notes. Almost always, they were very similar. This gave us an important road map for the coming year. It brought about agreement regarding our resources and how they were to be used. Kathy always enjoyed researching and planning travel. We held the purse strings tight so that we would have savings and not spend more than we earned.

One of my philosophies was to find ways to have three sources of income.

Another philosophy of life is to say yes to opportunities.

Midterm elections

Voting is important, and elections are just around the corner. Get all the information you can to make an informed vote for whom you feel are qualified candidates. Before you believe everything you read online, be sure it comes from a trustworthy source. Our papers will provide candidate profiles in the Voters' Guide published in the coming weeks.

Gain wisdom

Many famous people have given us bits of wisdom about moving forward in life. Denzel Washington said, "Don't be afraid to fail. Be afraid not to try." Julia Child commented, "The only way you become a really good cook is by making every individual mistake possible." Maya Angelou said, "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have."

Gene Johnson is publisher emeritus of Press Publications



Back-to-school traffic: safety alert

As Minnesota students head back to school, drivers can expect heavier traffic and more activity around school zones throughout the state. From the Twin Cities metro to Greater Minnesota communities, the back-to-school commute creates one of the busiest and most unpredictable traffic environments of the year. Drivers should be prepared for:

- Heavier traffic around schools and neighborhoods
- Increased pedestrian activity, especially during morning and afternoon arrival and dismissal times
- School buses making frequent stops
- E-bike and e-scooter riders traveling to and from schools

School safety starts with drivers

AAA urges Minnesota drivers to slow down, eliminate distractions, and remain alert in school zones and residential neighborhoods. Children may cross unexpectedly, rush toward a bus stop, or emerge from between parked vehicles.

Drivers should:

- Obey posted school zone

speed limits

- Put phones away and eliminate distractions
- Watch for crossing guards and pedestrians
- Allow extra travel time to avoid rushing

Students are reminded to:

- Cross at marked crosswalks whenever possible
- Stay alert and avoid using phones when walking near traffic and crossing streets
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing a roadway
- Use designated crosswalks and bus loading areas
- Follow school safety rules for bicycles, e-bikes, and scooters

School bus safety remains critical

School buses are among the safest ways for students to travel, but the moments when children enter and exit the bus can be especially dangerous. In effect this April, Minnesota law now requires drivers to stop 20 feet from a school bus when they see red lights flashing, whether the stop arm is out or not.

Drivers should:

- Stop for school buses displaying flashing red lights, whether the stop arm is extended or not
- Remain stopped until children have safely cleared the roadway
- Watch carefully for students crossing near the bus

E-bikes and e-scooters require extra awareness

As e-bike and e-scooter use continues to grow across communities, more students are expected to use these devices for transportation to and from school. That makes it increasingly important for riders and motorists to understand how to safely share the road.

AAA encourages families to review safety information before students begin riding to school. As students prepare to ride, remind e-riders to:

- Know Minnesota and local community laws regarding e-bikes and e-scooters, including age requirements, helmet recommendations, and where they may be operated
- Wear a properly fitted helmet appropriate for the device being used
- Obey traffic signals, signs, and speed limits
- Use extra caution at intersections, crosswalks, and school zones

Whether traveling by bus, walking, biking, riding an e-bike or driving, everyone plays a role in keeping Minnesota students safe. As a new school year begins, AAA encourages all road users to stay alert, be patient, and make safety their top priority.

AAA-Auto Club Group

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- Election season is considered to be when filing first begins until the day of the election.
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 - Four weeks (or issues) must pass between publication of unpaid letters from the same writer. Exceptions may be made for rebuttal letters at the editor's discretion.
 - Submissions containing libelous or derogatory statements will not be published.
 - Letters by campaign managers or candidates designed to champion the candidate's position on a specific issue will be accepted as paid letters.
 - Letters reprinted as part of letter-writing campaigns are paid letters.
- All letters are subject to editing.
 - We reserve the right to not publish any letter.
 - The deadline to submit a letter is 5 p.m. Wednesday the week prior to publication.
 - The last batch of letters to be printed before the Nov. 3 election will be printed in the Oct. 29 issue and must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct.21.
 - To submit a letter, email news@presspubs.com or mail/deliver it to Press Publications.

CENTERVILLE TIDBITS

- When former City Administrator Mark Statz resigned his post to work in Forest Lake, Assistant City Administrator Athanasia Lewis moved up to become Centerville’s city administrator. But she was then without an assistant city administrator to help her get the city’s work done. Lewis recently announced that the city had selected a candidate to become the new assistant city administrator. After council unanimously approved the appointment (by a vote of 4-0; Council Member Kale Haluptzok was absent), the new assistant city administrator, if she accepts the position, will receive an annual salary of \$80,700. “I’m glad to see this hire — it’s been needed for a while,” said Council Member Anita Rios. “I’m excited to see full a full complement on city staff.” Council Member Russ Koski noted that there have been many changes (in city government) within the past 18 months.
- Did you know that the city of Centerville has approximately 160 pedestrian ramps? This important tidbit was gleaned during the city’s endeavor to create an inventory of its pedestrian ramps for future grant writing. Staff were provided with initial feedback regarding the city’s 2027 Proposed Trail Project Active Transportation

grant submitted to the Metropolitan Council in late July. The city provided a self-evaluation regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act report that was required as part of the grant’s scoring rubric. Lacking in that self-evaluation was a full pedestrian ramp inventory for the city’s sidewalk and trail system. An inventory report for the project is necessary to be considered for the grant funding. The city obtained three proposals from engineering firms; WSB provided a cost estimate of \$6,900 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$7,900 that would include a supplemental report in the scope of work. Council unanimously approved WSB’s proposal.

- The city has several parks available for private events through the permit system. Council approved the Parks & Recreation Committee recommendation for two permits in city parks for private parties in August.
- In her report, Lewis noted that the University of Minnesota Empowering Small Minnesota Communities is finalizing its report to present to council and are planning to hold a reception at a council meeting to talk with residents about their work in the community.

- Lewis also noted that 677 Centerville voters turned out for the Aug. 11 primary election. The city will start absentee voting 18 days before the November general election and not 46 days. The city will communicate updates to the public in the meantime.
- The outdoor hockey rink at Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park is being taken down to make way for a new hockey rink. The old rink structure is more than 25 years old, and its useful life has diminished to the point where much of the rink is rotten and unstable. Public Works employees scheduled to take this structure down during the week of Aug. 10. The decrepit dasher boards are now gone, and new ones are expected to be installed around Nov. 16. The construction of the new rink is expected to be done in time to make ice in the rink for the winter season, if weather cooperates. Anyone interested in a business sponsorship for the new rink may reach out to Public Works Director Charles L. Lehn by phone at 651-792-7943 or by email at clehn@centervillemn.com.

Loretta Harding

WASHINGTON COUNTY BRIEFS

Donate items for outdoor gear swap

Washington County is collecting gently used outdoor gear for a swap in September. Drop off items you no longer want or need at a county environmental center through Sept. 12.

Examples of items accepted include:

- Camping accessories
- Hiking accessories
- Fishing accessories (No lead items)
- Hunting accessories (No weapons or clothing)
- Bicycling accessories

Examples of items that will not be accepted include:

- Broken items
- Weapons

- Blankets or pillows
- Skis, snowboards, kayaks, canoes
- Clothing
- Helmets

The swap will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the North Environmental Center in Forest Lake and the South Environmental Center in Woodbury. There will be a limit of three items per person. Remaining items after the swap will be donated locally. For more information, visit washcorecycles.com/Reuse.

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County Board makes appointment to advisory board

The Washington County Board of Commissioners

has appointed Caroline Durham to a partial term as the public defender’s office representative on the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Durham was appointed as managing attorney for the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender’s Office in Washington County in August. Durham replaces Nathan Sosinski, who was appointed to a judgeship, in her new position and as a member of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

County Board recognizes employee resource group for equity work

Commissioners passed a resolution recognizing the

20th anniversary of the Anti-Racism Workgroup Employee Resource Group. Over the past two decades, members of the Anti-Racism Workgroup from across the organization have contributed their time, leadership, lived experiences and commitment to creating opportunities for dialogue, learning, support, cultural understanding and growth.

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HUGO POLICE REPORTS

The Washington County Sheriff’s Office reported the following calls for service in Hugo:

- Washington County Sheriff’s Office deputies conducted four traffic stops on July 12 and issued four citations for undisclosed violations. The first stop happened at 8:06 a.m. on 140th Street N. and Forest Blvd. N.; the second at 8:45 a.m. on Frenchman Road and Elmcrest Avenue N.; the third at 2:30 p.m. on Forest Blvd. N. and 170th Street N.; and the fourth at 3:39 p.m. on Egg Lake Road N. and Foxhill Avenue N.
- **Following a report of many e-bikers ripping up the mulch at Oneka Elementary School in the 4000 block of Heritage Parkway N. at 9:33 p.m. July 13, deputies found the bikers and retrieved their information in case the school district reported any damage. The parents of the e-bikers were informed as well. The e-bikers themselves were warned that the next time they were caught riding e-bikes on public land, they would be cited.**
 - A motorist on Frenchman Road at Oneka Parkway N. was arrested for DWI at 9:32 p.m. July 14 following a traffic stop for failure to display current registration. The subject refused to participate in portable breath testing and other forms of standardized field sobriety testing.
 - Deputies cited a motorist at 7:53 a.m. July 15 on 134th Street N. and Europa Court N. for a moving violation.
 - Deputies responding to a report of an escaped toddler at 8:36 a.m. July 15 in the 5000 block of Fairpoint Drive N. advised the parent to install childproof doorknobs to keep her 3-year-old in the house. The mom said they had moved in one week earlier and that she would take care of it.
 - A woman reported from the 15000 block of Homestead Avenue N. at 9:57 a.m. July 15 that she thought she lost her license plate at Tidal Wave and Spa July 12. The Lino Lakes Police Department advised her to report the matter to WSCO deputies, who gave her a case number.
 - A dog bite was reported at 3:07 p.m. July 15 in the 13000 block of Fiona Avenue N.
 - A motorist on Frenchman Road and Forest Blvd. N. was arrested at midnight July 16 following a traffic stop.
 - An attempted theft of \$36,000 from the U.S. Bank in the 14000 block of Forest Blvd. N. was reported at 12:27 p.m. July 16. The suspect used a fake Iowa personal driver’s license and Midwest One debit card as identification. The clerk sent a ping to the victim’s phone, to which the suspect had no access. The transaction then failed, and the suspect left the bank. A search warrant was needed to retrieve

- the video from U.S. Bank.
- Residents in the 4000 block of Fable Hill Way called deputies at 2:55 p.m. July 16 to come and take possession of their father’s old pistol. Deputies recommended the complainants take the handgun to a licensed dealer, who would give them money for the firearm, so that they wouldn’t have to give it away for free.
- Indecent exposure was reported in the 12000 block of Janero Avenue N. at 4:51 p.m. July 16.
- A driver going the wrong way on Forest Blvd. N. and 140th Street N. at 9:58 p.m. July 16 was cited for the violation.
- A motorist was cited for driving after revocation at 11:06 p.m. July 16 on Frenchman Road and Forest Blvd. N., following a traffic stop for equipment violation.
- In the Case of the Crossing Cow, a cow was reported on the roadway of 170th Street N. and Forest Blvd. N. at 6:52 p.m. July 17.

- **A complaint about kids riding bicycles in the street while unsupervised at 9:09 p.m. July 17 in the 4000 block of Emmitt Drive N. turned out to be two children riding on the street in front of their driveway while being supervised by more than three adults. When deputies advised the mother about the complaint, she said the children would get the proper equipment on their bikes and head in for the night.**
 - Drugs were reported found at 1:31 p.m. July 21 in the 13000 block of Homestead Avenue N.
 - A speeding motorist was cited at 4:50 p.m. July 21 on Frenchman Road and Everton Avenue following a traffic stop.
- **Washington County Sheriff’s Office deputies took a complaint from a neighborhood near 141st Street N. and Fondant Avenue N. at 8:32 a.m. July 21 about a vehicle parked outside a residence belonging to the complainant’s parents, disposing of trash, as part of an ongoing issue with the vehicle owner and their parents’ residence. When deputies arrived on scene, they found a legally parked vehicle and no trash.**
 - Deputies responded to a complaint about juveniles using Orbeez guns at 12:09 a.m. July 22 in the 4000 block of Rosemary Way and spoke to the mother of

- the youths.
- A motorist was pulled over at 4:02 a.m. July 22 on Forest Blvd. N. at 140th Street N. for expired registration and issued a citation.
- In the Case of the Front Porch Furball, deputies at 12:16 p.m. July 22 responded to a trespassing complaint in the 12000 block of Foxhill Court involving a raccoon on the front porch who refused to leave when asked politely to do so. On arrival, deputies didn’t issue a trespass notice but went straight to physically trespassing the raccoon and taking it somewhere else.
- Kids were reported on top of Hugo Elementary School in the 14000 block of Francesca Avenue N. at 8:57 p.m. July 22. Deputies arrived on scene and confronted the kids. All parties were identified and their parents notified.
- An employee of Eagle Brook Church phoned from the 13000 block of Fenway Blvd. Circle N. at 4:02 p.m. July 23 to complain about local residents parking their vehicles in the church lot instead of on the street, due to road construction. Deputies advised the complainant to install “No parking – Violators will be towed” signs and call the tow company to report violators.
- A motorist on 140th Street N. and Finale Avenue N. was arrested at 4:57 p.m. July 23 for multiple traffic violations, after deputies pulled the vehicle over for displaying fake up-to-date registration. The driver was also shown to have been driving on a revoked license.
- A motorcyclist was cited at 8:26 p.m. July 23 for speeding on 170th Street N. and 24th Avenue N.

- **Deputies received a report at 10:19 p.m. July 25 of two individuals fighting on the sidewalk between Elmcrest and the Kwik Trip in the 14000 block of Victor Hugo Blvd. N. They found the two people, thanks to an accurate description, but no black eyes, bloody noses or any marks were found on the individuals. Furthermore, neither party reported any violence. The parties were identified and dismissed.**
 - A cell phone was reported stolen from a motor vehicle in the 15000 block of Enfield Avenue N. at 10:12 a.m. July 24. The complainant had no idea who could have done it.
 - Deputies on patrol in the 6000 block of 170th Street N. at 3:47 p.m. July 24 observed two dogs running into the road, nearly causing multiple vehicle collisions. The owner of the dogs was identified and advised of the city ordinance violation, which could result in a citation.

Loretta Harding

PUBLIC SAFETY BRIEFS

Rep. Elliott Engen sentenced for DWI charge

Minnesota State Rep. Elliott Engen (District 36A) has pled guilty to one DWI charge following a traffic stop in White Bear Lake back in March. Engen was convicted of operating a motor vehicle with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more and sentenced to 30 days in jail, stayed for one year, and supervised probation for one year. Two other charges were dismissed.

Hugo murder suspect’s verdict to be announced

Trevor Joseph Wunderlich, 47, of Hugo, is expected in court in October. Wunderlich is facing three felony charges including premeditated first-degree murder, first-degree murder while committing domestic abuse and second-degree murder with intent.

According to court documents, at approximately 5:55 p.m. on Sept 16, 2024, the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and emergency medical personnel were dispatched to a home in the 15900 block of Ingersoll Avenue N. in Hugo after receiving an open-line 911 call. Telecommunicators could hear a woman moaning and a male voice shouting in the background. Upon arrival, deputies heard a struggle inside and entered the home, where they found Wunderlich leaning over his mother, 68-year-old Charlene Wunderlich. Charlene was observed to be badly bruised and groaning in pain. Deputies attempted to subdue the suspect with a taser, but he broke free and fled from the residence. He was arrested the next day. Despite lifesaving efforts, Charlene was pronounced dead at the hospital. Wunderlich waived his right to a jury trial and requested a bench trial to be heard in front of a judge, which concluded Aug. 17. Per agreement of the parties, closing arguments are being submitted in writing. The state’s closing argument was due Aug. 31, the defense’s argument is due Sept. 15, and the state’s

rebuttal is due Sept. 22. The court is scheduled to announce its verdict at a hearing on Oct. 2.

Mahtomedi deputy receives promotion

Deputy Ryan Corniea has been promoted to patrol sergeant with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office. Sgt. Corniea joined WCSO in 2018. During his eight years with the sheriff’s office, he has served as a general patrol deputy and the Mahtomedi contract deputy. He has also served as a team lead on the SWAT Tech Team and as a Community Impact Unit deputy.



Ryan Corniea

CENTENNIAL FORWARD: November ballot referendum will have two measures

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budgetary needs.

“Over the past three years, we’ve made \$5 million worth of budget adjustments and reductions,” Holmberg said. “Each of the next two years, we’re looking at subsequent \$2.4 million cuts ... It’s becoming incredibly and increasingly difficult to maintain programs and staff under our current budget parameters.”

This operating levy and facilities bond make up the two referendum questions on which citizens will vote this general election.

Operating levy

According to the district’s website, “Since 2003, the district’s purchasing power has steadily declined while costs and state requirements have continued to increase.” Additionally, ISD 12 does not have a technology levy, which means both tech



An outdated utilities system. ISD 12’s facilities bond includes a planned \$50 million for deferred maintenance projects.

expenses and operational expenses come from the general fund.

Holmberg noted that a school district’s average spending on a student in the metro area is \$1,500. Centennial operates at \$997/pupil. The operating levy would add \$375/pupil, allowing the district to maintain its teachers and reasonable class sizes. The levy would also let the district keep its current academic and student support programs.

“We have a great staff. We want to retain them,” Holmberg said. “We’ve got programs that are working for students. We want to maintain them.”

Facilities bond

Holmberg explained that the facilities bond addresses two main priority concerns: deferred maintenance as well as safety and security.

“We have great schools, but if we don’t continue to maintain and take care of them, things are going to start to lapse,” he said. “We’ve had some challenges and issues with some of our facilities. And when they happen, they happen immediately, and the



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The facilities bond portion of the referendum seeks to expand the district’s cafeteria sizes.

costs associated with them can be astronomical.”

Major maintenance needs the bond will address include a major renovation for the pool; adding dishwasher appliances to the cafeteria kitchens; and replacing aging building systems like heating and cooling equipment, electrical systems and plumbing.

Regarding safety and security, Holmberg noted, “We have safety in place, but ... from our facility standpoint, having consistent safety protocols and entries and services for students is lacking in our district.”

Holmberg brought up Centennial High School specifically: “We have an east office and a west office. From a safety and security standpoint, that’s not suitable in this day and age. And so a big part of (the facilities bond) is bringing the offices together, creating a space where we’re efficient, but we’re also centralizing a hub and minimizing those other access points to our high school.”

Another project the facilities bond would address



An ISD 12 school in need of repair. The district is offering two planned tours of planned maintenance projects.

The Centennial Forward 2026 referendum on this year’s election ballot consists of two questions:

Question 1 focuses on the district’s day-to-day operating budget. The district says this would help maintain the teachers, programs and services that support student learning.

Question 2 focuses on school facilities. The district says this would help improve buildings, address aging infrastructure and maintain safe, functional learning environments.

Details on the Centennial Forward 2026 referendum can be found at isd12.org/centennial-forward-2026.

ISD 12 is offering two upcoming public tours of Centennial High School and Centennial Elementary School: at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 and Oct. 8, Centennial High School West Learning Commons, 4757 North Road, Circle Pines.

would be cafeteria layouts. A video on the district’s website says, “Many of our schools’ lunchrooms were not built to serve the number of students who use them every day. With crowded tables and long service lines, students don’t always have enough time to eat their meals before the bell rings.”

ISD 12 Director of Public Information and Community Outreach Krista Bergert noted that a cafeteria expansion is especially needed for Centennial Elementary.

“It’s the only school that doesn’t have a true kitchen. Food is wheeled from the high school (next door) to the elementary school.”

Bergert encouraged residents in the Centennial School District to visit the ISD 12 Centennial Forward website for ongoing updates to the 2026 referendum. She also highlighted two upcoming public tours of Centennial High School and Centennial Elementary School that will show residents the district’s maintenance needs in person.

“I believe we should take the onus of being overtly communicative and being as proactive as possible so that people have the information, and if they have questions, they can ask questions,” Holmberg said. “Our goal is never to surprise anyone.”

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SHORES OF ONEKA LAKE NORTH: City staff say plan offers ‘creative approach’

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coverage and deviations from the shoreland overlay district regulations. (See gray box at right for more information.) Juba explained that staff’s recommendation was for a minimum side yard setback of 6 feet, rather than the proposed 5 feet, for the villa and carriage house products, which is consistent with what was previously approved for the Shores of Oneka.

In exchange for the flexibility, the developer has agreed to provide public open space along Oneka Lake; a public trail that connects to existing trails in adjacent developments; a landscaping plan that exceeds the city’s standards; stormwater ponds that will be used for irrigation; and the preservation of existing trees on the site.

“City staff believes the plan exceeds the standards,” Juba said. “It’s offering a more creative and efficient approach to the existing landscape and the constraints of the property through the site design layout.”

The development is proposed to be completed in phases. The initial phase will connect to

The applicant is requesting PUD flexibility on the following:

- To allow various lot sizes with a minimum lot size of 5,250 square feet, where 7,500 square feet is required.
- To allow various lot widths with a minimum lot width of 42 feet, where 65 feet is required by ordinance.
- To allow various setbacks with a minimum side yard setback of 5 feet, where 7.5 feet is required.
- To allow various setbacks with a minimum rear yard setback of 25 feet, where 30 feet is required.
- To allow a maximum impervious coverage of a lot to be 60%, where 50% is required.
- To allow leeway with the shoreland overlay district regulations.

Granada Avenue. Overall, access is proposed to use 159th Street to access Highway 61 and Goodview Avenue to access Oneka Lake Boulevard. As development progresses through subsequent phases, another access is proposed to be constructed at Highway 61 approximately 2,100 feet north of 159th Street. A northbound right turn lane would be required at that location to be constructed by the developer. Juba noted the access and right turn lane would be required to be constructed in Phase 2 or Phase 3. As development progresses to the north, another access is proposed at 165th Street.

“We have had a lot of success in the city of Hugo with Adelaide

Landing and then the Shores of Oneka Lake,” said Emily Becker, of M/I Homes. “We are excited about the mix of housing. We really will have life-cycle housing with the apartments, townhomes, carriage products, larger single-family and the villa homes.”

Becker added that the reason for the requested 5-foot side yard setbacks is to allow a 2-foot garage bump if customers wanted to have a little more storage space in their garages.

“I look at it as a generational development, where it offers housing for renters, first-time buyers, move-up buyers as well as retirees. This will be a nice continuation of the Shores of Oneka Lake,” said Mark

Guenther, of Fenway Land Company. Fenway Land Company will develop the future commercial sites as well as the future apartment and townhome developments.

Resident input

Lyle Johnston, a resident of the new Shores of Oneka Lake development, wanted to know who was responsible for maintaining the stormwater ponds for the current development and any future development.

“The current pond system that is being used in their development that I’m living in is turning into a mud pit because there is not enough water to fulfill the needs of people irrigating their lawn,” Johnston said.



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The Shores of Oneka Lake North will sit on approximately 246 acres north of the existing Shores of Oneka Lake development and is proposed to include 408 residential lots, 145 townhomes and an 180-unit apartment.

“They failed to address this issue, and it needs

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SHORES: Residents oppose high density

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to be addressed going forward so it doesn't become a problem in the next development."

Yaroslava Bagun, who currently owns a home in Adelaide Landing and is having a home built in the Shores of Oneka development, said she didn't think the proposed park was enough for the proposed density and thought M/I Homes should be required to provide more amenities similar to Lennar's Watermark development in Lino Lakes.

Scott Cregan, also a resident of the Shores of Oneka Lake, encouraged the city and M/I Homes to look further into the traffic impacts in the area, specifically the timing of the traffic signal at Frenchman Road and Highway 61. "Right now, you have to sit there for two to three light cycles to go north on Highway 61. "You add 1,000 cars into that, it is going to take you an hour to get through that light," he noted.

Several neighbors along 165th Street and 170th Street shared their concerns for losing the rural character of their properties, and many of them said they are

considering moving if the development goes through.

"My house is going to have a backyard of 200-something houses behind me," said Bruce Discher, who lives on 165th Street N. "You really need to lower the density. Good space makes good neighbors. We don't need to pack everyone in here so you can get your profit ... You took the American dream away just because someone has to shove houses in there. Can't we just have a little space? A little dream?"

Celeste Porter, who lives on 170th Street N., expressed her concerns about keeping people from trespassing on her property. "I've lived here for 20 years. I did not move here to have houses butt up to my house. I have horses. People go onto my 5 acres all the time ... How are we going to keep these people off my land that I pay taxes for?" she asked. "I did not move into Hugo to be sardined in next to my neighbor. I moved in for my land and quietness."

170th Street N. resident Sharon Dierkhising echoed those thoughts. "We have lived there over 40 years. We love Hugo. We have horses,

chickens, cats and a dog. It is perfect for my kids, grandkids," she said. "In the last phase of that development, it looks like there's going to be a road going right by our property at some point in the future. I'd like to stay there until I'm not here anymore, but I don't know that that's going to be a possibility. I think we are going to be forced out as time goes by."

Katie Riopel, who lives on 165th Street N., questioned the density of the proposed development, especially for the areas north of 165th Street. "The density going in there is totally absurd," she said. "We were a farming community, and I know we have to grow ... but we can grow gracefully and try to keep the country feel and not be so sandwiched in. You can go into cities and you can almost trim the lawn with hand scissors because there is no lawn and that's not pretty to look at."

165th Street resident Terry Sager questioned where the desired density was coming from, whether it was the city's desires or the Metropolitan Council's.

Dan Elliott moved into the Shores of Oneka development about a year

Standards	Required	Proposed Single Family Lots	Proposed Smart/Villa Lots	Proposed Carriage Lots
Minimum Lot Size	7,500 square feet	Smallest Lot Proposed: 5,250 square feet Largest Lot Proposed: 16,650 square feet Average Lot Proposed: 8,710 square feet		
Minimum Lot Width	60 feet	65 feet	52 feet	42 feet
Front Yard Setback	25 feet	25 feet	25 feet	25 feet
Side Yard Setback	7.5 feet	7.5 feet	5 feet	5 feet
Rear Yard Setback	25 feet	25 feet	25 feet	25 feet
Maximum Lot Coverage	50%	60%	60%	60%

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The above chart shows how M/I Homes' proposal for the residential development differs from the city's zoning standards.

ago and said he has had a positive experience with M/I Homes. However, he noted that the density seemed a bit higher in the Hugo neighborhood than M/I's developments they had toured in other cities.

Bob Harms, who resides on 170th Street N., said he was concerned about what the neighboring development would do to house values of the adjacent neighbors.

Planning Commission feedback

Planning Commission Member Cindy Petty said she appreciated M/I's efforts to pull the lots away from Oneka Lake so everyone could enjoy the lakeshore and trails.

"Not everyone wants the large homes anymore, and I think that's why these small lots have become so popular. If they weren't popular, people wouldn't be buying them, and they are snapping them up in this city," Petty said. "People are buying smaller and smaller lots because they don't want to take care of the yard space anymore when they have kids or are older."

Planning Commission Member Phil Klein said he was impressed by the existing Shores of Oneka Lake development as well as the plans proposed for its extension.

"I think the overall layout of the plan looks very nice. It is really a replica of the southern portion of what was developed," he said. "I think a lot of thought was given ... I think this is a good development."

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the comprehensive plan amendment, planned unit development and preliminary plat to the City Council.

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Centennial Cougars' new boys hockey coach has long resume



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Dan Charleston is Centennial's new boys' hockey coach, continuing a career that spans two state championships with Benilde-St. Margaret's, a solid Division I career, three pro seasons, and 13 years as a high school coach.

Charleston was named Aug. 24 to succeed Ritch Menne, the Cougar head coach for 15 years, who garnered four state trips and just one losing season. Menne stepped down after receiving a business promotion that was too good to turn down. "Dan brings over 15 years of

high school hockey coaching experience with him," said Matt St. Martin, activities director, in a news release from the school. "But more importantly, his coaching philosophy and program vision aligns with the Centennial School District strategic roadmap."

In the same press release, Charleston was quoted: "My goal is to build more than a hockey team. It is to build a culture where players are challenged to become better hockey players, better teammates and better people."

Charleston, 41, was one of the leaders of Benilde-St. Margaret's 2001 Class A state

championship team, contributing 20 goals and 22 assists. He played four seasons with Nebraska-Omaha in the WCHA, logging 43 goals and 73 assists in 159 games. He played parts of three pro seasons in the AHL, Finnish Elite League and ECHL.

Charleston started his coaching career as an assistant at BSM for one season, helping the Red Knights capture the 2012 state Class AA championship. He was head coach at Robbinsdale Armstrong two years, then the Armstrong/Cooper pairing for 11 years, collecting 131 wins in 13 seasons.

COUGAR SPORTS BRIEF

Cougars girls tennis team has 2-2 week

Centennial has a 3-3 record after splitting four matches in three days last week. The Cougars beat Champlin Park 4-3, lost to Forest Lake 5-2 and Duluth East 5-2, then tripped Coon Rapids 6-1.

During these matches, the No. 1 doubles team of Hannah Lofgren and Emma Nelson went 4-0. Ashlin Kilmer, the No. 1 singles player, was 2-2. Against Coon Rapids, Kilmer lost a close 3-setter while Medha Andiappan, Radha Andiappan, Jenny Hyser, Nelson/Lofgren, Amelya Nelson/Ellen Huseh and Caityn Setterholm/Kendall Innes all triumphed.

Bruce Strand

Soccer opener: Bear girls win, boys lose against Cougars

BY BRUCE STRAND,
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The White Bear Lake girls tripped Centennial 3-2 at home while the Bear boys lost 1-0 in the season-opening double header.

After a 0-0 half, the Bear girls took a 3-0 lead with a goal by Grace Weierke from a slotted pass by Ellyse Oelker, a speedy breakaway shot by Piper Heinsohn and another Weierke goal, rebounding a strong shot by Vanessa Fyksen.

The Cougars closed the gap with two goals by Dara Akpan after the Bears subbed out the starters, who returned for the last five minutes.

"Beyond those final 15 minutes I thought we played well and controlled most of the game," said co-coach John Dierkhising, adding that it was good playing experience for the subs.

The Centennial boys got a first-half goal from Ketoran Legesse that held up thanks in large part to goalie Gilbert Joly. "We played a good game. We controlled the ball most of



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Mason Voeller (17) of the Bears duelled Centennial's Henry Erickson for the ball.

the time; we just had one defensive breakdown," Bear coach Taelynn Gittins said. "Their

goalie made about six great saves."

BEARS SPORTS BRIEFS



BRUCE STRAND | CONTRIBUTED

Malaya Reese cranks up for a serve against Hutchinson.

VOLLEYBALL

White Bear Lake won its season opener at home against Hutchinson 25-14, 25-14, 25-21. Leila Otto made nine kills, and Pearl Niemioja made seven for the Bears. Malaya Reese aced three serves.

TENNIS

White Bear Lake beat Pine City 4-3 and lost to Stillwater 5-2 at Pine City to open the season. Lisa Gritzmacher at court 1-singles won a close match 6-7, 6-4, 10-8 against Stillwater and posted wins in both matches, as did Hadley Farrell at court 2-singles. Also winning against Pine City were Trinity Swims and Emma Lutz at court 3-4 singles.

Bruce Strand

ZEPHYRS SPORTS BRIEFS

BOYS SOCCER

Mahtomedi lost to Duluth Denfield 3-2 in the season opener after trailing 2-0 at halftime. Max Pollock scored in the 43rd minute, then assisted on John Chlebeck's goal in the 50th minute. Goalkeeper Sawyer Hagen stopped four of six shots in the first half, and Reed Hemenway stopped six of seven in the second half.

VOLLEYBALL

Cretin-Derham Hall defeated Mahtomedi 25-18, 25-21, 22-25, 25-23 in the season opener on Thursday evening. For

the Zephyrs, senior Nora Bonifas-Johnson delivered 13 kills and junior Margo Kiely had 10. Anna Hynes, sophomore setter, put up 29 assists, and freshman Mckenna Korus made 16 digs.

TENNIS

Mahtomedi beat Chisago Lakes 4-3 with wins by Abby Manger, Liza Moffitt, McKinley Drage, and Berkley Blaisdell/Lydia Bartness. The Zephyrs lost to Forest Lake 6-1 with Mejken Amiot/Ellie Driscoll at 3-doubles winning a tiebreaker 11-9.

SWIMMING

Mahtomedi won four of nine events at the Metro East Relays to start the season, highlighted by the 200 free-style (Adalyn Miller, Lana Granovsky, Abigail Wright and Delaney Dumermuth) setting a conference record of 1:41.86, beating the state qualifying standard. Also winning were the 400 medley (Aria Armstrong, Miller, Granovsky and Wright) in 4:18.85, the 200 butterfly (Ruby Roitsch, Miller, Armstrong and Wright) in 1:52.91, and 200 breaststroke (Armstrong, Claire Lane, Dumermuth and Granovsky) in 2:18.30.

GIRLS SOCCER

Mahtomedi's defending state Class A champions tied Rochester Century 1-1 and lost to Byron 3-1 on their annual season-opening southern trip. Century was 10-2-4 last season. Byron was 15-1-3 and reached the Class 2A state tournament.

Bruce Strand

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Mahtomedi, Centennial rank in state's best public high schools

U.S. News is releasing a list ranking more than 27,000 public high schools nationwide. Mahtomedi High School placed in the top 4% in the country and ranked 17th in the state. Centennial High School placed in the top 8% in the country and ranked 30th in the state.

The list examined six criteria when ranking schools. The first, college readiness, measured the percentage of seniors who took an advanced placement course and scored 3 out of 5 or higher on the AP test. The second, college curriculum breadth, looked at the number of seniors who took four or more AP courses and scored 3 out of 5 or higher on each AP test. The third and fourth, state assessment proficiency and performance, compared a school's state assessment scores against other schools in the state as well as against expected scores for a school's demographic makeup. The fifth, underserved student performance, assessed learning outcomes for Black, Hispanic and low-income students. The sixth, graduation rate, tracked students who completed high school in four years.

U.S. News used 2023-2024 state assessment data to compile this year's list.

Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation welcomes new executive director

The Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation has selected Medora Benson as its new executive director. Benson has a background of nonprofit leadership, community engagement, fundraising and relationship-building. Most recently, she served as associate activities director at St. Croix Preparatory School in Stillwater, where she also served on the foundation board and led fundraising initiatives.

With educators on both sides of her family, Benson has a lifelong appreciation for the significant impact of education. She is passionate about developing partnerships that support students, teachers and the broader community while advancing MAEF's mission.

"We are thrilled to have Medora leading our team and look forward to the energy, leadership and vision she brings to Mahtomedi Public Schools," said Chris George, president of the MAEF Board of Trustees.

Outside of work, Benson enjoys spending time with family and friends, cheering on Minnesota sports teams, tackling DIY home projects and coaching volleyball.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BRIEF

New shell egg law allows greater food donations

Charitable food assistance programs in Minnesota that receive donated eggs from retailers are now allowed to distribute them to end consumers up to 30 days past their quality assurance date.

Gov. Tim Walz signed the Shell Egg Bill (SF3891) into law on May 26, 2026. For eggs, a "best by..." or quality assurance date represents the guarantee of maintaining grade (usually AA or A). It is not an indicator of food safety. Therefore, eggs with a past-quality-assurance date may still be safe to consume, provided they have been stored and handled appropriately.

- To be donated, the eggs must be:
- Contained in original packaging (repackaging is not permitted)
 - Previously candled and graded
 - Not more than 30 days past the original quality assurance date
 - Continuously refrigerated

On the receiving end, food assistance programs must apply a new label to the eggs with:

1. Name of the food shelf
2. "Distribute within 30 days of carton date" OR "Distribute by 'date'"
3. "Donated eggs – not for resale"

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

"I'm excited to get to know the people who make Mahtomedi such a special community," Benson said. "I'm looking forward to listening and working alongside our families, staff and community partners to create opportunities that help each student thrive."

USDA announces new income guidelines for free and reduced-price eligibility

The U.S. Department of Agriculture updated its income guidelines for free and reduced-price eligibility for Child Nutrition Programs.

Though Minnesota provides free meals for students who attend schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program, schools must still collect applications for educational benefits to determine eligibility categories and receive the correct federal and state reimbursements.

Under the 2026-27 federal income guidelines, families may qualify for free benefits with monthly incomes up to \$2,345 for a family of two, increasing by \$615 for each additional family member. Families may qualify for reduced-price benefits with monthly incomes up to \$3,337 for a family of two, increasing by \$875 for each additional family member.

In addition to qualifying based on income, families may also qualify based on participation in assistance programs such as SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR, or through student status such as foster care, Head Start, homelessness or migrant status.

Families that meet the eligibility requirements should complete the application to help their children's schools and to receive additional support such as summer grocery benefits, utility discounts and test fee waivers.

The application can be submitted at any time during the school year and is available through a student's school or district.

"Under Governor Walz's Free School Meals for Kids program, Minnesota schools have provided over 300 million free meals to students across the state, saving families an estimated \$1,000 per student each year," said Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner Willie Jett. "When families complete the application for educational benefits, it helps us continue providing nutritious food to children and helps schools and families access additional supports and resources."

MDE encourages applicants to contact mde.fns@state.mn.us or call 651-582-8526 with any questions.



Medora Benson is the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation's new executive director.

White Bear Lake Area Schools selected for state Grow Your Own grant

White Bear Lake Area Schools has been selected as one of 25 primary grantees to receive funding through the Minnesota Department of Education's Grow Your Own Adult Pathway program.

The grants are part of more than \$41 million in new state investments aimed at recruiting, diversifying and retaining Minnesota's educator workforce. The Grow Your Own program helps school districts reduce financial barriers for local adults who are interested in pursuing teacher preparation and ultimately teaching in their communities.

MDE awarded approximately \$20.8 million through the Adult Pathway program to 25 primary grantees working with 23 joint partners. The Grow Your Own program also includes a Student Pathway designed to introduce middle and high school students to careers in education. Statewide, 452 adult and 1,878 student teacher candidates participated in Grow Your Own programs during fiscal year 2025.

The initiative is intended to strengthen local educator pipelines while helping communities develop a teaching workforce that reflects the students and families they serve.

For more information, visit <https://education.mn.gov/MDE>.

PUBLIC NOTICES - PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF HUGO
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Hugo has cancelled its September 7, 2026, Council meeting due to the Labor Day Holiday.
Published one time in The Citizen on September 3, 2026.

CITY OF HUGO
PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Hugo Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 24, 2026 at 7:00pm in Hugo City Hall to consider the Preliminary Plat and PUD requests from TCLD Land Holdings, LLC., 4800 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, MN 55422. The proposal is to develop 35 single-family home lots on 67.4 acres of land located at 6822 Oneka Lake Boulevard North. The lots are proposed to be a minimum of 14,000 square feet in size and a minimum of 100 feet wide, and would be clustered in the northwest portion of the property. The property is generally located north and south of Oneka Lake Boulevard North, and east of Greene Avenue North. The property is legally described as that part of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) and that part of Government Lot 4, both in Section 16, Township 31, Range 21, Washington County, Minnesota. Full legal description available at City Hall.

Anyone wishing to comment on the request can be heard at this time. **Please call Max Gort, Associate Planner at 651-762-6311 if you have any questions or comments on the application and would like to participate in the meeting.**

Max Gort, Associate Planner
Published one time in The Citizen on September 3, 2026.

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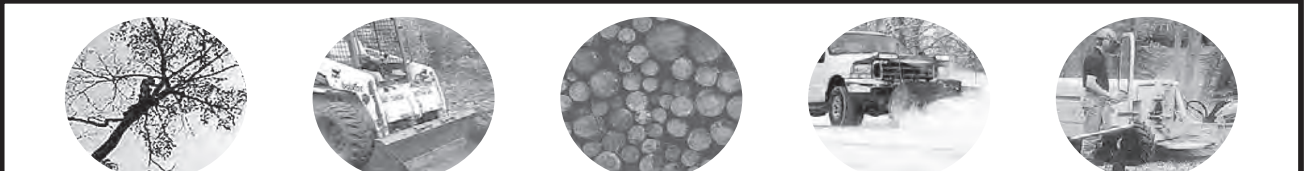


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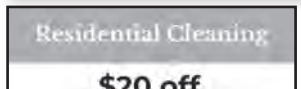
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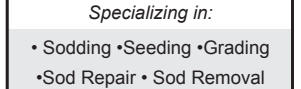
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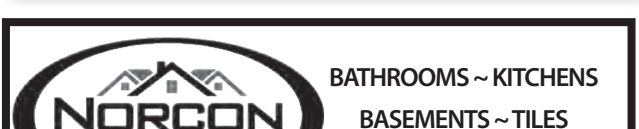
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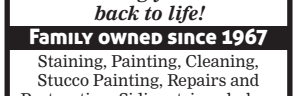


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School nurse writes chapter books to help young readers

For White Bear Lake Area Schools nurse Charlotte Russell, caring for children extends beyond the health office. After spending years supporting students as a special education paraprofessional and now serving as a school nurse, she has published the “Charlie MacDew” series, chapter books designed for readers ages 10-12 who struggle with reading, including many with dyslexia. Drawing from her personal experience as a late reader, she writes stories to help children build confidence without sacrificing the look and feel of a traditional chapter book.

In this Q&A, Russell reflects on the experiences that shaped both a career in education and health care and a passion for writing. From turning childhood memories into fiction to balancing nursing with author life, she shares why creating accessible stories for reluctant readers has become a way to give back — and why the Charlie MacDew series is just getting started.

Q. How long have you worked as a nurse for White Bear Lake Area Schools?

A. I've been a nurse with White Bear Lake Area Schools since I graduated from nursing school in 2020. Prior to that I was a full-time special education paraprofessional at Somerset Middle School in Somerset, Wisconsin, from 2005 to 2017. I was a para in Lebanon, Oregon, for three years before we moved to this area. While I was in nursing school I worked as a substitute school nurse while I was in school full time. So really, education and health care have been the two threads running through my whole career.

Q. What inspired you to start writing books for children, especially while working full time as a school nurse?

A. Honestly, I spent years watching kids struggle with reading and thinking that reading wasn't for them — when actually, they just hadn't found the right book yet. I was one of those kids. I didn't become a fluent reader myself until sixth grade. I still remember being handed books like Dr. Seuss when I was already too old for them. It was demoralizing. I needed a real story I could actually read, something that met

me where I was in my reading journey. That's really where Charlie MacDew came from. I wanted to give kids like me something written for them, not down to them.

Q. Your books are written for readers ages 10–12 who struggle with reading, including children with dyslexia. Why was it important to create stories specifically for that audience?

A. That age is really tough. Kids that age already know they're behind, and handing them a picture book, even one at the right reading level, can feel embarrassing. I wanted Charlie MacDew to look like the same chapter books their friends were reading. These books are the same size, have the same style cover, and sit on the same shelf. They are just written with shorter sentences and pacing that gives a struggling reader room to breathe. I never wanted it to feel "easier." I wanted it to feel accessible.

Q. You've shared that Charlie MacDew is based on your own childhood. What was it like turning your personal experiences into fiction?

A. It was more emotional than I expected. Charlie is me as a kid, and James and Wally were real neighbors of mine. Wally has since passed away, so putting him on the page and letting him live on that way has meant a lot to me. I do want to be upfront with readers, though. This is what might have been, not a memoir. I really did ride my bike all over town with James and Wally, and we really did go to the pool together. There's some truth scattered through the books, like catching frogs in the creek or watching the clouds go by. We were kids without a lot of money. We learned lessons like packing our own lunch for the day. We learned about relationships with both kids and adults and how to conduct ourselves. But most of it is fiction. I want the kids who read my books to think of this book and life in general as an adventure, not as an obstacle.

Working as a para in Somerset shaped this in a way I didn't expect. I sat in on classes right alongside my students. Looking back, that's where a lot of my own writing skills came from. Those years in the classroom are a big part of why I was able to go to nursing school and why I can write these books at all now.

Q. You didn't become a fluent reader until sixth grade. How has that experience shaped both your career in education and your writing?

A. It's really the foundation of everything I do. It's why I spent 15 years as a special education paraprofessional before nursing school. It's the whole reason Charlie MacDew and Russell Storyworks even exist. I know what it's like to be the last kid still stuck on the page. I also know what it looks like on a kid's face the moment a story finally clicks for them. Honestly, dyslexia never fully goes away. It has followed me right through high school and college. I still deal with it today. There are good days, and some that I have to pull on my tools to get the things done that need to be done. I still read slowly and have to go back over the same passage two or three times before it makes sense. All of that is still with me when I write. Every decision about sentence length or pacing traces back to that sixth grader.



Charlotte Russell

CONTRIBUTED

Q. Before becoming a school nurse, you spent 15 years as a special education paraprofessional. How did those years influence the way you write for young readers?

A. Those years taught me how differently kids take in a story. Different kids need and use different tools to read and understand. It takes patience to actually meet a child where they are, instead of where you wish they were. I learned to notice small things. I learned which sentences trip a struggling reader, and which words feel like walls instead of doors to get to the other side of the story. That's baked into every page of Charlie MacDew.

Q. Your first beta readers were your own students. What was it like watching them read your story, and did any of their feedback surprise you?

A. I wasn't present when some of my beta readers went through the manuscript but was lucky enough to watch others as they read. There's really nothing like watching a real kid get pulled into a story you have written. It has filled me with great satisfaction to hear them say they liked it and wanted more. That moment alone made the whole thing worth it.

Q. What can readers expect from your second book, "Charlie MacDew and the Rainy Day Clue," and do they need to read the first book before picking it up?

A. Book 2 picks up with the continuing mystery that unfolds on a rainy day and pulls readers deeper into Charlie's world. You could read it on its own, but the richest experience is starting with “Charlie MacDew and the Best Summer Day.” The friendships and setting are set in the first book and carry through the whole series. It is called the Old Mill Key series. It is marked with a key, and the book number in the series is on the back cover.

Q. As someone who balances a career in health care with writing, how do you find time to pursue both passions?

A. I have spent early mornings and late nights, and a lot of notes are typed into my phone whenever an idea hits me. Nursing is demanding, and it's work that I love. Writing has become how I process it all and give back to society. It's my pay it forward. They don't really feel like two competing jobs to me. It's more like two halves of the same thing.

Q. What do you hope a child who struggles with reading feels after finishing one of your books?

A. I want them to feel empowered! I want them to feel that "I did it" when they finish a real book from cover to cover. And then I want them to know that feeling was there just waiting for them the whole time. I want them to close it and think, "I can do this." And then maybe, reach for the next one without anyone having to talk them into it.

Q. What's next for Charlie MacDew — and for Russell Storyworks? Can readers expect more books in the series?

A. Book 3, “Charlie MacDew and the Bend in the Creek” was just released in paperback through Amazon and wraps up this trilogy. But that's really just the first one. Charlie MacDew is built to be a series of trilogies, with the reading level rising a little with each one. These books can keep growing alongside the kids who are reading them. Beyond that, my goal for Russell Storyworks is the same as it's always been — keep making books for the kids who are struggling and reading late, because that need isn't going anywhere.

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1-2. The Centerville Lions sponsored August’s Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Burger Night at the Hugo American Legion. Also in attendance were the newly crowned Lino Lakes Ambassadors. — **Contributed**
3-4. This 1955 Ford Fairlane classic car from the Northern Lights Car Club of Hugo was recently spotted at the North St. Paul Car History Cruiser Car Show.
— **Shannon Granholm, Press Publications**
5-6. The weekly market at T and Nae Flower Farm closes August with its final summer installment. — **Deb Barnes, contributed**

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September 2: Live Music: Tim Cheesebrow	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 2: Cribbage Tournament	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 3: Nick Hensley	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
September 4: Dixieland Pickup Band	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
September 5: Froggy Martian Boys	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
September 5: Rustic Roots Vineyard Tour & Tasting	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 5: VIP – Vine to Bottle tasting tour	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Two Silo
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September 5: VIP – Pappouli’s	2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Two Silo
Wine tasting experience		
September 6: Live Music: Gary LaRue	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 6: Yacht Rock Party with DJ Matt	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
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September 8: Trivia with Ryan	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 9: Live Music: Mike Bustin	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 10: Trivia Night	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Dancing Dragonfly
September 12: Rustic Roots Vineyard Tour & Tasting	12:00 PM & 3:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
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September 13: Live Music: Michael August	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 13: Acoustic Sunday	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Dancing Dragonfly
September 13: Crystal and Rock Bazaar	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 13: Grounded in Nature:	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
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September 13: Music: Flannel Brothers	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 13: Tour & Tasting	12:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 13: Live Music in the Vines – Mia Dorr	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Two Silo
September 13: Boozy Book Festival	12-4pm	Big Wood Brewery
September 13: Packers vs Vikings	3:25pm	Big Wood Brewery
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September 15: Bingo	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 16: Cribbage Tournament	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 17: Summer Artisans’ Market	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 19: Grape Stomp Festival	Open Hours	Dancing Dragonfly
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September 20: Live Music: Dueling Pianos	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 20: Live Music in the Vines – Mark Perkins	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Two Silo
September 22: Beginner Friendly Yoga	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 22: Trivia with Ryan	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Rustic Roots Winery
September 23: Live Music: Becky Rae Dalton	5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	7 Vines Winery
September 24: Trivia Night	6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Dancing Dragonfly
September 25: Art at the Winery	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Dancing Dragonfly
September 25-26: Oktimberfest	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Big Wood Brewery
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