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A rendering of the new hole 16 at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City. PROVIDED BY SCOTT HOFFMAN

A makeover for Finkbine

Golf course to undergo renovation in Iowa City

Erin Jordan Iowa Capital Dispatch

Most golf courses, once planned and built, stay the same even as the game changes and golfers and their gear improve.

But because of an aging irrigation system and some generous donors, the University of Iowa's Finkbine Golf Course is getting an \$11 million renovation that seeks to serve both weekend warriors and collegiate champions.

Two Finkbine experts – General Manager Josh Clay and former Superintendent Mike Hoffman – shared 18 things to know about Finkbine's history and the course's makeover, expected to be done next spring.

1. No public money used

Mary Lee Nagle Duda and her husband, Fritz Duda, are the primary donors for the Finkbine project. The Dallas couple have been major donors for several other UI athletic facilities, including the \$10 million Nagle Family Clubhouse and the \$20 million Nagle-Duda Gymnastics & Spirit Squads Training Center, opened in 2025. Other private donors contributed to the Finkbine course renovation.

2. Course will remain public

Finkbine has always been a public course and will



Finkbine Golf Course General Manager Josh Clay explains the design of holes 10 and 11 at the reimagined course, now under construction in Iowa City. PROVIDED BY ERIN JORDAN/IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

stay that way.

3. Finkbine's third life

The UI's first golf course was on 175 acres along Highway 6 in Coralville, donated by William and Charles Finkbine. In the early 1950s, the UI bought

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THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER

10 can't-miss concerts coming to Iowa City

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There is no shortage of live music as Iowa City residents leap into summer, with a range of festivals, the Downtown Block Party, and Northside Saturday Night showcasing the area's growing and diverse music scene.

Despite the lively local scene, some recognizable names are set to make four stops in Iowa City.

From a two-time inductee into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to a modern virtuoso of New Orleans jazz and inventive indie stars, these 10 concerts are sure to get you in the groove.

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Trombone Shorty will play at the Englert Theatre at 6:30 p.m. on June 21. PROVIDED BY THE ENGLERT THEATRE

GOP challenges ballot access for 3 Libertarians

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Republicans are challenging Iowa Libertarian candidates running for governor and Congress, arguing that they failed to meet the requirements to appear on the ballot and should be removed.

Nicholas Gluba is running for Iowa governor, Rick Stewart is running for Congress in the 2nd District and Marco Battaglia is running for Congress in the 3rd District. All three Libertarians face challenges that will be heard by a panel June 15.

A Libertarian candidate running for U.S. Senate,

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