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MN State Fair Kickoff to Summer is back

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The Minnesota State fair is hosting its Kickoff to Summer at the Fair once again as popular sixth annual slice-of-the-fair and spring-into-summer event returns.

The event runs May 21-24. Advance

discount tickets on sale now, the Minnesota State Fair announced in a release.

This four-day event includes food, brews, music, shopping, free parking and family fun at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Attendance is limited each day so guests have space to stroll and savor the experience. Visit [mnstate-](https://mnstatefair.org/kickoff-to-summer/)

[fair.org/kickoff-to-summer/](https://mnstatefair.org/kickoff-to-summer/) for all the event details.

The event features 40 State Fair food and beverage favorites, including pickle pizza from Rick's Pizza, Sweet Martha's chocolate chip cookies, deep-fried ranch dressing at LuLu's Public House,

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The Minnesota State Fair Kickoff to Summer features food and drink vendors, live music, rides and other attractions. TEAGAN KING/ST. CLOUD TIMES



Albany golf sophomore Ava Lehner hits a shot at the Section 6-2A meet on June 2, 2025 at Blackberry Ridge in Sartell. The Huskies were third at the meet and Lehner finished 30th individually with a score of 163. REID GLENN/ST. CLOUD TIMES

7 golf courses to play near St. Cloud this spring

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If you squint hard enough, you can witness weather slowly on the upswing across the region, meaning golf season in central Minnesota soon will reach full swing. Similar to other locales across the Northern Plains, the area's landscape offers several local options to hit

the links while the weather is cooperative. Let's look at some courses within a short drive of St. Cloud:

Angushire Golf Club

224 Waite Ave., St. Cloud, <https://angushiregolf.com/>
9 holes/35 par/2,756 yards
Built in 1984.
Nestled within the city, but including

a couple of long holes running along State Highway 15, this nine-hole course is extremely walkable and well-maintained. Opened more than 40 years ago, the rates are affordable, and Angushire offers a few unique holes where large, cleverly placed trees can alter your approach shot. Players often remark about the good conditions of

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U.S.-Iran ceasefire on tenuous ground

Israel continues attacks on Lebanon

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President Donald Trump's ceasefire with Iran was on tenuous ground on April 9 after Israel launched its deadliest day of strikes on Lebanon yet and Tehran vowed not to desert its allies.

A day after announcing the Iran war ceasefire, Trump took to social media to warn the country that if the "REAL AGREEMENT" was not complied with, all U.S. military assets would remain in place ready for a military response.

He warned Iran to keep the Strait of Hormuz open and safe but did not address the strikes in Lebanon in the post.

"If for any reason it is not, which is highly unlikely, then the "Shootin' Starts," bigger, and better, and stronger than anyone has ever seen before," he wrote.

Meanwhile, strikes on Lebanon, which borders Israel came on April 8, a day after United States and Iranian leaders announced a break in hostilities to hold peace talks and for oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz to resume, a key breakthrough in the agreement. But in the wake of Trump's announcement, parties involved were soon at odds over whether the break in fighting included Lebanon.

"The Iran-U.S. Ceasefire terms are clear and explicit: the U.S. must choose - ceasefire or continued war via Israel. It cannot have both," Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said in a statement as bombs hit Beirut.

'We will not leave Lebanon alone'

On April 8, Israel carried out its largest bombardment of Lebanon since the start of the war, killing over 250 people, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry. While Hezbollah initially halted fire following the announcement of the ceasefire, it has since responded to the Israeli attacks by firing rockets at northern Israel.

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