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Wayzata grad plays PGA championship

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Professional golfer Sarah Burnham tees off June 21 from Hole No. 10 at Hazeltine National Golf Club.

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CHASKA — A crowd of 75 family, friends and long-ago competitors cheered as they watched Wayzata High School alumna Sarah Burnham make the cut June 21 at the KPMG PGA Championship.

It was her first time playing professional golf in her home state.

Burnham, 23, narrowly qualified for the

championship after tying for 33rd in the Meijer LPGA Classic. She earned \$13,208, which was \$3 enough to play in the championship.

"I was the last one to make it into this event, so I was just so happy, I couldn't believe it," said the Maple Grove native.

She set a goal of making the cut to play Saturday and Sunday, which she did, after scoring one under par on Friday. When the weekend's rounds came to a close, she placed 78th overall with 15 strokes over par.

Minnesotans who remembered her prowess in high school traveled to support her.

"It's so nice to come out and have their support," she said. "I feel like the Minnesota community as a whole is a family, and they're just out here to support me."

Burnham last played the Hazeltine National Golf Club course six years ago. In 2009, she watched Tiger Woods tee off on the 18th hole at the PGA Championship.

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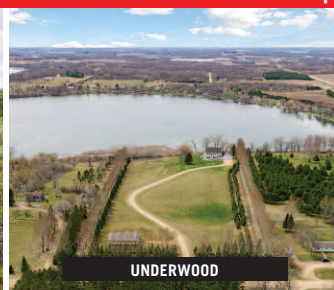
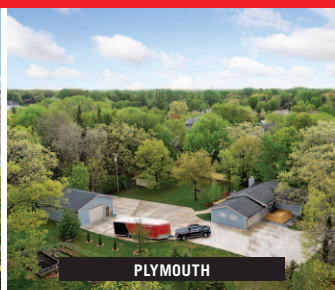
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