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The Patriot is running an informative story of a journalist's adventure when she rented an EV for a road trip with a friend. See the story on page 8B. (Submitted Photo)

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National Night Out is Aug. 2

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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National Night Out (also known as Night to Unite) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

This year's National Night Out is Tues., Aug. 2 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. .

National Night Out is designed to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true



sense of community. It is also an opportunity to rekindle the spirit of your Neighborhood Watch pro-

gram or to start a new program with the energy from the evening. Furthermore, it provides a great oppor-

tunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas and select areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much

more.

One hundred and eighty-eight cities in the State of Minnesota participate in NNO, including Becker, Big Lake, Annandale, Elk River, Buffalo, Monticello, South Haven, St. Cloud, Waite Park and Otsego, to name a few areas in Central Minnesota.

The first annual National Night Out in 1984 involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. It is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States.

CW Travel Plaza hosts annual customer appreciation event

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

The Clearwater Travel Plaza was even busier than usual a couple of weeks ago, as they hosted their annual Party on the Patio Customer and Employee Appreciation event.

The party once again kicked off with the Clearwater Legion Riders escorting the Plaza's honored guests, including veterans from the St. Cloud VA. Upon arrival, area veterans joined them in being escorted down the red carpet, flanked on both sides by members of the Legion Color Guard.

Although a sudden rain shower sent guests hiding under the canopies, it didn't stop the large crowd from enjoying the free food, cash bar, and music. Employee recognition awards were given out at 6 p.m., and a silent auction was held from 4 to 6:30, with all proceeds going to the St. Cloud Veterans Hospital recreation activities.

Clearwater Travel Plaza hosts their Party on the Patio event each year to honor veterans and thank their customers and outstanding employees.



A SUDDEN RAIN SHOWER sent guests (above) under the canopies but didn't stop the fun. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

A VETERAN SALUTES THE FLAG (left) as he is escorted down the red carpet and into the celebration. (Submitted photo.)

CLEARWATER

travel plaza

Clerical Error Postpones Clearwater's Heritage Days

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

As many are already aware, Clearwater's Heritage Days celebration has been postponed this year with the hope that it will be later taking place sometime this fall.

The postponement came after a clerical error was found during planning for this year's event and it was discovered that the federal tax-exempt status for Clearwater Heritage Days had been revoked due to failure to file a Form 990-N re-

turn as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

"As soon as the error was found we started to work on correcting the error," said Kait Vrchota, event organizer. "However, that takes time to get corrected and investigate why it happened."

Because they didn't want to wait until the last minute to cancel Heritage Days, the difficult decision was made to

postpone it.

"We are waiting on responses to see what time will

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Mural Wall in Big Lake Gets Prepped



GEORGE QUINN AND ZANE PEPPEL prep the Third Rail building wall last week for the future mural. (Submitted Photo).

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Correction: SAL Benefit

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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In last week's edition of the *Patriot*, this writer mentioned the Becker American Legion was hosting a veteran's concert to benefit the Fisher House organization. We were asked to write a correction indicating that the Becker Sons of the American Legion are the hosts of the event.

The *Patriot* regrets the unfortunate error.

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If you would like more information on any of these events or if you would like to become a member of these organizations please reach out to them:

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Becker's Pancoast family climbs 4 mountains

By Katherine Cantin,
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Mike Pancoast, former pastor of South Santiago Lutheran Church got some calls from above... literally! Three of Mike's kids, Olsen, Anna, and Laura, as well as

his wife, Kari, climbed to the top of peaks in Washington and Montana, pausing to give Mike a call when they got to the top.

Olsen Pancoast climbed Cloudy Peak in Washington, Anna Pancoast climbed Challice Peak in Montana, Laura Pancoast climbed Horseshoe Peak in Montana, and Kari

Pancoast climbed Baboon Peak in Montana. Mike got the calls from his family members on the mountains within the period of a day.

The Pancoasts, in addition to being avid climbers, also like to work at a church camp called Christikon in Montana. Mike's daughters Anna and Laura are currently

volunteering at the camp. Olsen is not there this year, but has participated for the past five years, and is working with another camp this summer, Holden Village.

Mike, and youngest daughter Eleanor, were heading out to Montana this week to join the rest of their family and attend the continuing ed

session at Christikon.

Mike is taking a pause from his chemotherapy to go on this trip. He has been battling cancer and a recent bout with COVID-19. He plans to resume his treatment after his trip from Montana.

Mike and Kari Pancoast live in Becker. Mike was a pastor at South Santiago Lu-

theran Church from 2013-2017 and is currently a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Princeton. Kari works as a pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls and as a pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hillman.



ANNA PANCOAST recently climbed Challice Peak in Montana. (Submitted photos.)



OLSEN PANCOAST recently climbed Cloudy Peak in Washington.



LAURA PANCOAST recently climbed Horseshoe Peak in Montana.



KARI PANCOAST recently climbed Baboon Peak in Montana.



GRAND CHAMPION FAIR DAY. Mary Gillham, of Becker, recently submitted a set of dish towels in open class at Sherburne County Fair. She was awarded a grand champion purple ribbon for her detailed work! Gillham has been embroidering her entire life, but this was the first time she entered her embroidery at the county fair since she was a girl (second grade) while growing up in St. Augusta. Mary served as long time postmaster in Becker before retiring 18 years ago. Mary is married to Mike Gillham. (Submitted photos.)



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Gilyard honored for military service



HONORING VETERANS. Elvin Gilyard, longtime Santiago area resident, is pinned by his niece Kristi (Gilyard) Kelly at Monticello Nursing Home last week as a part of the We Honor Veterans Salute. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

By Mary Nehring, Contributing Writer

Elvin Gilyard of Santiago recently was honored by the “We Honor Veterans Salute” at the Monticello Nursing home where he currently resides.

He was pinned by his niece Kristi (Gilyard) Kelly last week.

Kristi recently retired

from a long and successful career of nursing, most recently as an instructor at Inver Hills Community College and previously at Minneapolis VA Health Care System. Kristi (Gilyard) Kelly and her brother John Gilyard were on hand for their uncle Elvin’s special event, along with nine CentraCare staff members.

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allow this year,” said Vrchota. “If time does not allow [holding Heritage Days] we will have a big comeback next year.”

Although an organization’s name may be on the IRS’s auto-revocation list, it doesn’t necessarily mean it’s currently revoked, as the problem may have already been remedied or is in the process of being remedied. An organization can maintain its tax-exempt status if it follows IRS’s rules affecting private benefit/inurement, lobbying, political campaign activity, unrelated business income, annual reporting obligation, and operation in accordance with stated exempt purpose(s).

Heritage Days updates will be posted over the next few weeks as more information becomes available.

“Please remember everyone is human and mistakes happen,” said Vrchota. “We are diligently working to have this remedied as soon as possible.”

Residents are encouraged to reach out with questions by emailing ClearwaterHeritageDays@gmail.com.

An annual event, Heritage Days has a long history in Clearwater, filled with a parade and fun events for residents of all ages.

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Area News

Obituaries

Betty Ann Thielen, Age 95
Monticello, MN
November 30, 1926 - July 24, 2022



Betty Thielen passed away peacefully, surrounded by love and family on Sunday, July 24th; she was 95 years old. Betty was born in Sauk Centre, and raised her family in Brooklyn Center, where she worked for Graco in the Billing Department. Betty and her husband Joe retired to their lake home on Birch Lake in 1989. The most important things to Betty were her family, her faith, and her friends.

Betty was preceded in death by her first husband, Ray Verkennis; her second

husband, Joe Thielen; and her ten brothers and sisters. Betty is survived by her children Stephen, Greg (Helga), Tom (Lisa), and Patty (Craig); her grandchildren Samantha (Tyler), Dan (Nikki), Jessica, Elke, and Henry; and great grandson Mason.

Visitation and funeral will both be at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Big Lake (440 Lake Street North). Visitation was held Thursday, July 28th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm; funeral was held Friday, July 29th at 11:00 am with visitation one hour prior. Burial and luncheon to follow. Mary of the Visitation will also be live-streaming the funeral on their YouTube page here: <https://tinyurl.com/346jpnms>. Donations can be made in Betty's memory to research macular degeneration at www.brightfocus.org. Arr. by Dare's Funeral Home, Elk River, 763-441-1212. (www.daresfuneralservice.com)

Dale B. Altrichter, Age 55
St. Cloud, MN
September 27, 1966 - July 22, 2022



Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 1, 2022, at St. Marcus Catholic Church in Clear Lake for Dale B. Altrichter who died on Friday, July 22, 2022. Rev. Joseph Backowski and Rev. Virgil Helmin will officiate and burial will be with full military honors at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church on Monday morning. Arrangements are entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Becker.

Dale Brian Altrichter was born on September 27, 1966, in Buffalo to Arthur and Veronica (Kedrowski) Altrichter. He graduated from Becker High School and went on to study electronics at St. Cloud Technical College. He worked repairing TVs, building furniture, and at a variety of other jobs around the St. Cloud area. Dale served his country as a Marine in the Gulf War. He volunteered his time at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center and was a member of St. Anthony's Parish in St. Cloud. Dale played football in high

school and was an avid sports fan, especially rooting for the Vikings and Twins. He was a complete news junkie and was always up-to-date on happenings around the world.

Survivors include his father, Arthur; brothers, Donald and Douglas; sisters, Diana Altrichter and Donna (Mike) Symanietz; nephew, Zachary Altrichter; niece, Abbie Symanietz; and sisters-in-law, Michelle and Lori. He was preceded in death by his mother, Veronica; and his brothers, David and Darrell.

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Mosquito spraying back on Clearwater City Council's agenda

By Penny Leuthard,
 Contributing Writer

During their June meeting the Clearwater City Council again discussed the subject of mosquito spraying after it was submitted as an agenda item by residents.

City Administrator Annita Smythe began by reviewing the previous actions taken by the council when previously discussing the issue, including reviewing numerous materials and studies about the Permethrin product used previously and an organic product called Merus.

She informed residents present about the results of their Facebook survey (which overwhelmingly came back in favor of spraying) and the benefits and costs of the program, all of which had been discussed at previous meetings.

At the time, the vote to not renew the mosquito spraying contract failed with a 2-2 split vote as the council was short a member following the resignation of Council Member Richard Petty.

Multiple residents spoke up urging the council to reconsider spraying this year, the majority of which said that this year was the first time in many that they

were unable to enjoy summer outdoors due to mosquitos. A Facebook petition signed by 252 residents in support of spraying was presented to the council.

Multiple residents also spoke up asking the council not to spray this year because (a) there didn't appear to be much evidence that it worked, (b) concerns about the toxicity of the chemicals used, (c) concerns regarding liability for the city, and (d) budget concerns. A question was also asked about why mosquito control was the responsibility of the city.

After more discussion on costs, Mayor Andrea Lawrence noted that a new council member or a member who was opposed would need to bring the issue back up for reconsideration as the council had already voted on it.

Smythe informed the council that if reinstated, the vendor would need to rework the city back into their schedule and couldn't guarantee days or times. She also stated the city wouldn't be able to adjust billing for the more expensive Merus (2.5 times the cost of Permethrin) until after the July meeting due to ordinance adoption statutes.

A motion carried unanimously to restart spraying

using Merus and to either merge Clearwater Estates into the contract (they have their own) or allow them to opt out.

During their July meeting, a motion carried amending the fee schedule, with an increase due to the reinstatement of mosquito spraying, this time with the more expensive organic product. A second increase came from the addition of a sewer surcharge that was added by the Sewer Authority to cover operating costs.

Other Issues

Smythe informed the council the only quote received to date on the chip seal project came in well over budget, requiring Main St. to be removed from it. The project is still \$20,000 over budget, however, additional quotes are still expected. A motion carried authorizing the project to proceed with the lowest quote.

A motion carried authorizing paving the parking lot at El Dorado Park and the parking lot near the Lions Park building. T.O. Plastics will be asked to share the cost of the Lions Park parking lot paving as their trucks use the area as well.

A motion carried approving the Smith St. overlay project.

A motion carried au-

thorizing the new hockey rink concrete project to proceed with the lowest quote.

Concerns of the Park Commission about the Spring Street Park mural, which was painted by a St. Cloud University student, were brought forth. The Park Commission stated the changes they requested to the mural proposal weren't included in the final product and asked the student to repaint that portion.

The student explained she hadn't understood the proposed changes were agreed upon by the entire board and said she would repaint it if desired but there would be an additional cost. After discussion a motion carried to leave the mural as-is.

A motion carried to hire a part-time intern for 20 hours per week at \$18 an hour for eight to 10 weeks to assist staff.

The next Clearwater City Council meeting will be August 15 at 7 p.m. so as not to conflict with the primary election.



I-94 Road Construction Nears End

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was procured from the Wright County website).

Officials are getting closer to the four-year I-94 road construction project between Maple Grove and Clearwater from finally being completed.

The last step in the project is completing the three lanes in both directions between Monticello and Hasty. Last Thursday, the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation announced that the current schedule for ending the head-to-head traffic in both directions on the westbound lanes of I-94 is scheduled to be completed by Sat., Aug. 13.

Work between St. Michael and Albertville is expected to be completed by the end of July.

While other factors can be in play that will cause delays, those who drive that segment of road can be happy that project that began in 2019 is scheduled to be completed within the next 30 days.

Disabled Vet Hunt Oct. 8

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was derived from a posting on the Wright County website).

Wright County Parks & Recreation will be conducting its Ninth Annual Disabled Veterans Waterfowl Hunt the morning of Sat., Oct. 8 at Robert Ney Memorial Park Reserve. The event will be followed by a luncheon, dog demonstration and trap shoot hosted by the Hasty-Silver Creek Sportsmen's Club.

Wright County Parks & Rec is taking applications for any disabled veterans that reside in Minnesota. Applications are due by Wed., Sept. 14. Eight participants will be selected by lottery from the applications received.

To learn more or to fill out an application, go to the Wright County website at: <https://www.co.wright.mn.us> and click on the waterfowl hunt event page.

Junk complaints response reviewed at Clearwater Twp.

By Penny Leuthard,
 Contributing Writer

The July Clearwater Twp. meeting was brief with a short agenda, consisting of review of a junk complaint letter and appointing election judges and a new deputy clerk.

Clerk Jean Just asked township supervisors to review the junk complaint response letter she drafted to send to property owners whose properties were found to be in noncompliance. The township has received complaints of properties with large amounts of junk and made the decision last month to send each owner a letter outlining what can be done to come into compliance.

The letter first states what the property owner is in error of, then explains what should be done. Lastly it invites them to contact township supervisors or come to a monthly meeting if they have any questions

regarding the process.

After discussion, the board requested Just add in three options on what the property owners can do about their junk, which included (1) removing it, (2) placing it in a storage building, or (3) screening it from view.

In Other Business:

• Shelly Kluge was appointed the township's new deputy clerk and will start training in the next couple of weeks.

• Maintenance Dept. Supervisor Mike Ludenja informed the board chip sealing was nearly completed and that he has begun graveling and applying calcium chloride for dust reduction.

• A motion carried appointing the township's election judges for the upcoming August and November elections.

• The next Clearwater Twp. meeting will be August 10 at 7:30 p.m.



CLEARWATER TWP. SUPERVISORS Rose Thelen and Scott Miller review the junk complaint response letter. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

Editorials/Opinions

Local Gal Celebrates 101 years!

By Mary Nehring,
Contributing Writer

“Do not complain about growing old. It is a privilege denied to many.”
- Mark Twain

Marie Eilers is the only 101 year old person I know. You would never guess her age. She lives in her own apartment at Benedict Court in southeast St. Cloud.

I had a chance to sit a spell and visit with Marie recently. What a blessing that she was able to celebrate her 101st birthday with her family on July 13, 2022.

Marie was born in 1921 to Joe and Elisabeth Blommel. Marie’s mother died the day before her 10th birthday and her Aunt Mary ended up marrying her dad and raising her. Marie told me her Aunt Mary treated her fantastic and was such a blessing after the loss of her mother. As with my own family, Marie’s faith is an integral part of her life.

Marie grew up in Freeport. She attended a Catholic school in Freeport and had six kids in her class. She often played games such as ball, tag and Annie Over, to name a few.

Marie finished school and worked as a housekeeper and nanny for a family in the Twin Cities briefly and then moved back. Marie met Ambrose Eilers at a dance hall. Marie and Ambrose were married June 12, 1948 in Freeport.

Marie referred to Ambrose fondly as Amby, as did many family and friends. The couple raised five kids at their rural Clear Lake farm: Diane, Loren, Allan, Glen and Jeannie. Marie enjoys time with her five children, nine grand children, nine great grandchildren and 10 step grandchildren.

They quit milking cows in 1971 and contin-



By Mary Nehring
Contributing Writer

ued to raise beef cattle. After they sold their dairy cows, Marie and Ambrose enjoyed several bus tours including trips to Canada and Washington. Ambrose passed away July 28, 2000 at the age of 80.

My dad thought a great deal of Ambrose and Marie and was their milkman in the 1950’s and delivered fuel for them in the 1960’s. Marie is just a year older than my own father, who would’ve turned 100 in August, if

lifelong friend of the Eilers) Carol (Hemmelgarn) Lucius shared these sentiments about Marie: “My family has known Marie for a very long time. We both attended St. Marcus Church. Marie is such a wonderful, caring, loving Christian woman who always has a smile on her face. She would always ask about my brother Kenny, as he used to work at their farm. Kenny was one of the teenagers/hired men enjoying a hot meal at Marie and Ambrose’s dinner table all those years ago. Marie would come into the bank in Becker where I work and hug me and ask about my family.”

My son, Alex recalled a story my dad shared with him about how clever Ambrose was: “Ambrose rigged up two plows behind an Allis Chalmers D-19 and a Farmall M and just one steering wheel to get field work done more efficiently.”

In December of 2017, Marie moved to Benedict Court apartments in St. Cloud.

Allan and his wife Judith, along with their sons Anthony and Joe, continue to farm on Ambrose and Marie’s farm north of Becker. They have 1,000 beef cattle.

When asked what she attributes her long life to, Marie shared this: “I have tried to keep a positive attitude. I have a wonderful family that has taken good care of me. My philosophy has been that I should not sit down and die!”

Marie’s life hasn’t been easy. Nevertheless, she has a very sunny disposition and a wonderful outlook on life. Marie has managed to reach the age of 101, probably because of her servant’s heart and the fact that she is always helping others.

he were alive.

One of Marie’s sons, Allan, shared a few favorite memories about her. “She was always in a good mood. She was a great cook. Anyone who was around at noon was welcome to stay for dinner (noon meal terminology).”

Marie’s son, Loren, shared: “Salesmen often stopped by the farm and they would be invited in for a meal. I have the best mom a son could ever ask for.”

Local resident (and



The Seventh Amendment

(Editor’s Note: The following column was submitted by Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer.)

As you may have noticed, the first six amendments in the Bill of Rights each relate, in some way, to a situation in which the government’s ability to interfere with a person’s fundamental rights is limited.

In my last update, I discussed the final of these six amendments: the Sixth Amendment and the rights afforded to a criminal defendant like a speedy public trial, an impartial jury, the ability to confront adverse witnesses, and the right to an attorney if one cannot be afforded.

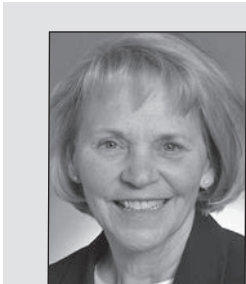
This week, I will discuss the Seventh Amendment. It reads:

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

In summary, there are two types of trials in the United States: criminal and civil.

In a criminal trial, the government has the burden of proof of showing that the person accused of the crime, did in fact commit the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. If proven, jail time, probation and fines are used.

In a civil trial, one private party – the plaintiff – is suing the other private party – the defendant – for a wrong committed by the defendant that caused some sort of harm. Each must prove their case but by a preponderance of evidence, which is a lower bar to reach than criminal trials. Civil trials can include judgements of money for costs like attorneys, costs from the wrongdoing or pain and suffering, loss of



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

past and/or current wages etc.

The Seventh Amendment’s right to a jury trial is only implicated in civil suits between two individuals when two conditions are met.

First, in a situation where the relief sought exceeds \$20.

And second, when the claim against the other person is of the type that would have been recognized under the common law in England in 1791 (the year in which the Bill of Rights was ratified). The second condition was articulated by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1898 in the Thompson v. Utah decision, when the Court used this “fixed historical test” to determine what claims fall under the Seventh Amendment’s protections.

Additionally, suits in common law are those that provide a monetary relief, like a claim for damages after a car accident or damages from a breach of contract. The Seventh Amendment does not apply, however, to claims for equitable relief like an injunction or a temporary restraining order, which affect a person’s legal right to do something. They also do not apply to criminal trials, since the Fifth and Sixth Amendments discussed earlier protect a criminal defendant’s trial rights. In addition, the \$20 “value in controversy” requirement has been strictly interpreted ever since the

Seventh Amendment’s ratification in 1791. It is a fixed dollar amount that has not changed with the times or inflation.

The last clause of the Seventh Amendment, which also only pertains to civil suits, protects a jury’s autonomy by preventing a judge or a reviewing court from overturning a factual determination made by a jury. However, there are exceptions to this, such as when evidence is improperly admitted into the trial. The remedy for a breach of this right is generally that a new jury will rehear the case. A lower court decision can be appealed resulting in upholding a decision or reversing it.

While the Seventh Amendment does not get the same attention as some of the earlier amendments in the Bill of Rights, the right to a jury trial in many civil cases is a staple in our American legal heritage.

Next week, I will discuss the Eight Amendment’s prohibition against excessive bail and fines as well as cruel and unusual punishments.

I enjoy hearing from you about our Constitution and the rights it affords us. You need to know your rights to use them. There is no other country that has such a strong constitution. You can call me at 651-296-5655 or send me an email at sen.mary.kiffmeyer@senate.mn. Please also take time to talk with others about our timeless and incredibly valuable Constitution that is available to you and in use every day of your life.



Fighting for Food Security

(Editor’s Note: The following column was submitted by Rep. Tom Emmer.)

As we approach the August work period, our office continues its work to address some of the most important issues facing our country. We have supported legislation to reduce the price of fuel, address the lawlessness at our southern border, and improve the safety of our schools and communities. We are also working to tackle an issue of growing concern: food security.

Defending our Food Security

Over the past few months, many of us have experienced empty shelves and shortages on necessities. Like so many of the challenges our country is facing today, we must rely on resources produced here at home.

It is crucial that we can rely on our agricultural resources for generations to come. That is why it is so alarming that over the last decade, foreign entities have been buying up American farmland. Between 2010 and 2020, Chinese ownership of our farmland has surged significantly, from 13,720 acres to 352,140 acres.

America’s food security is our national security—and we must understand the identities and intentions of those purchasing American agriculture



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

land. This week, we sent a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack urging him to clarify the transparency and reporting standards required of foreign entities seeking to acquire U.S. farmland.

Earlier this year, I also served as an original co-sponsor of Representative Dan Newhouse’s Prohibition of Agricultural Land for the People’s Republic of China Act to stop the purchase of important resources by our nation’s rivals.

Foreign investment in our country is a critical component of our economy. However, an overreliance on foreign nations when it comes to our food production can present serious national security concerns for the United States.

An Exceptional Minnesotan

As a member of Congress, I have had the opportunity to recognize some of the most extraordinary

members of the Sixth District. One of these constituents is Marena Kouba, a former Saint Cloud State University swim team captain.

In 2020, Marena was vacationing on Little Presque Isle in Michigan when she noticed three swimmers, one adult and two children, struggling. Without hesitation, Marena dove in to help. While her boyfriend called 9-1-1 from the shore, Marena told the swimmers to link arms as she pulled them back to safety. The Coast Guard arrived just as she pulled them to shore.

Last week, I was honored to present Marena with the Carnegie Medal. This award goes to individuals who risk extreme danger to save the lives of others. Marena is one of 18 civilians to receive the award in 2022.

We are incredibly grateful to Marena for her selfless act of heroism. She is the best of Minnesota, and it was an honor to recognize her with this well-deserved award.

Defending our Right to Privacy

Far too often, Americans’ right to privacy has been treated as disposable. Read my latest blog post on the issue of privacy, specifically as it relates to IRS data breaches.

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Last year, the media published information about the social studies standards after the public comment period. Earlier this year, it was the ethnomathematics version of the math standards. Now it’s the newly added Standard 8 on racism to the teacher licensure standard. The public comment period on licensure ended in June. The administrative law judge, not the Legislature, rules on these standards in late August. They will be required from elementary through collegial teacher preparation programs. The Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) content in Standard 8 comes from Illinois and Washington standards. Minnesota voters should follow the lead of Virginia (state) voters last year who stood with politicians supporting parents and children and rejected those who told parents that the schools, not the parents, should decide what is taught. Parents are swing voters looking for academic excellence, not progressive policies (CRT/ DEI/SEL/gender identity). Government-funded school enrollment is plummeting—students of informed parents and frustrated teachers who find their ideological and moral standards challenged. Study the new PELSB draft and speak on August 24 with the administrative law judge about what qualifications good teachers need for our kids (<https://mn.gov/pelsb/board/rulemaking/licensing-academic-standards/>). Zoom link under the “Hearing Details” tab).

Dr. Phyllis E. VanBuren
Clearwater, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Lefty (Jerome) Kleis is running for Sherburne County Commissioner District 4. I extend my full support to him as a candidate, neighbor and friend. I encourage anyone looking for a candidate that has the “fight for what’s right” attitude and the political background needed to make and sustain real change for the people in our communities and all of Sherburne County. Lefty served as Mayor of Becker from 2013-2016 and is ready to be a voice for the people to make sure YOUR voice is heard. He is committed to improving public safety to keep our children and families safe and holding criminals accountable. He is dedicated to establishing an affordable and reliable energy plan with his extensive committee involvement with Excel Energy/Sher Co. Coal Plant facilities. Lefty believes that government should be transparent, accessible for all and must live within its means. Lefty is a strong leader in our community and has been for 50+ years. He is a person of high integrity, knowledge and strong family and core values. Lefty will hold those values true for YOU when you vote him in to run as our District 4 County Commissioner candidate during the August 9, 2022 Primary election.

Shelly Alger-Peyton
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Sports/Area News

BL Legion ends season in subsection tourney

By Ken Francis,
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake American Legion Baseball team saw its season come to an end with two losses in the Subsection 11 Tournament last week.

Big Lake got an outstanding pitching performance by Kaden Haselius in the first game against Maple Grove, a team ranked #1 in the subsection. But the Hornets fell just short in a 3-2 loss.

Maple Grove got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first with a leadoff double, an error and a single for a 1-0 lead.

Big Lake had scoring opportunities, with two runners on in the first, and a runner stranded at third base in the third and fourth innings.

Maple Grove extended its lead in the fifth. After Haselius allowed a single and a walk to open the inning, Collin Skaug came in to relieve him. Skaug walked his first batter, then got a force play at home. But two consecutive singles plated two runs for a 3-0 Maple Grove lead.

Down to their final three outs, Big Lake got on the board in the seventh. Haselius had a leadoff single and went to second on a groundout. With two outs, Reid Josewski and Blayne Varner walked to load the bases. Then Skaug hit a

double down the first base line to drive in Haselius and Josewski. Cooper Cusick walked to re-load the bases. But an infield fly ended the game.

Haselius took the loss. He allowed two runs (one earned) on four hits and two walks in four innings. He struck out two. He also had a good day at the plate with a triple, single and a run scored.

Big Lake's second game wasn't as close. They fell to Osseo, 12-5 and were eliminated from the tournament.

Osseo started out quickly and never looked back. A walk, an error and two doubles led to a 3-0 lead in the first.

Big Lake got its first run in the home first. Connor Stukenholtz hit a two-out double and scored on a single by Haselius.

But Osseo kept putting runs on the board. A walk and a triple added a run in the second, and two more singles, two errors and a sacrifice fly in the third put the score at 8-1.

They added two more in the fifth on an error, double, single and passed ball. They increased their lead to 12-1 in the top of the seventh on a walk, double sacrifice fly and a single.

Big Lake cut into the lead with a mini-rally in their final inning of the season. Jeffrey Wanhala reached on an error to start

the inning. The next two batters were retired, but Cooper Cusick kept things alive with a single. Jaxyn Tschritter followed with a single to load the bases. Stukenholtz walked to force in a run. Then Haselius singled to drive in two runs before Varner singled to drive in Big Lake's final run of the game and the season.

Wanhala started on the mound and went two innings. He allowed seven runs (one earned) on four hits and three walks. Carson Gellerman pitched 4.2 innings and allowed seven hits and five runs (three earned). Nehemiah Ruoso got the final out on a fly ball in the seventh.

Haselius had another good game at the plate. He had two hits and drove in three runs. Stukenholtz had two hits, a walk, drove in a run and scored twice. Gellerman had two hits. Cusick and Tschritter each had a hit and scored a run. Varner had a single, a stolen base and an RBI.

Coach Robert Hoekstra praised his team for the way they turned their season around after a slow start.

"As the season went on, the boys bonded well together and were able to put a few wins together," he said, "winning five of our last seven regular season games."

Bandits advance in playoffs

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker Bandits walked off the Albertville Anglers Sunday to advance to host the Stone Poneys Saturday in the Sauk Valley League playoffs.

It was a 4 to 3 win over Albertville and the Bandits will now play this Saturday, July 30th at 1:30 p.m. at the High School Varsity Field in Becker. The winner receives the #5 seed in re-

gions and loser receives the #6 seed.

The Bandits finished the regular season with a 9-6 record overall and their ninth win came in Pearl Lake as win 11-4 in Pearl Lake. Mitchell Louden was a big contributor, going 3-for-4 July

17 in an 11-4 win. Louden had a walk and three RBIs, including a two-run "absolute, no doubter" way over the road.

Three days earlier, the Bandits trounced the Rogers Red Devils, 10-1.



JUREK BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION ON TOP OF HAIL DAMAGE. Several rounds of hail beginning at the end of May wreaked havoc with countless roofs in the area. Local roofing contractors are booked solid tending to claims. A work crew from Jurek Brothers Construction was hard at work in Becker repairing the roof at the professional building that houses Steil Insurance, Sherburne State Bank and Patriot Newspaper last week. Soaring temperatures caused the crew to finish by noon Monday. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



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New cheerleading program open to local students

By Katherine Cantin,
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The Big Lake area has a new cheerleading program open to students age 10-18. The Minnesota Jets is a new cheer program that was recently formed by former coaches of the Big Lake Cheerleading team. This new team will not be affiliated with the Big Lake School system, and will be open to students from around the area, such as Monticello, Elk River, and other neighboring cities.

The Big Lake School Board recently chose to dissolve their popular competitive cheer team, which has traveled to nationals for the past two years. This decision follows discussion and disagreement on how the program should move forward.

Cheerleading Coach, and School Board Member, Derek Nelson explained that competitive cheer is not an MSHSL sport, so there was not much guidance or precedent on how to move the program forward, nor was there an official league for the sport. Therefore, decisions were being made without established precedent, and, inevitably, disagreements arose between parents, coaches, and students on how to move forward with the quickly growing team.

Big Lake will be keeping its sideline cheer program, which used to be the umbrella program for the competitive cheer team, despite vast differences between the two.

"It's like if the football team decided to run lacrosse," Nelson said. "They're very different sports."

The school board decision came as a disappointment to many of the cheerleaders on the team. However, as a team, the students and the coaches



MINNESOTA JETS. Cheerleaders from the new Minnesota Jets team showed off their new uniforms. (Submitted photo.)



worked quickly to form "Minnesota Jets." This youth program, existing independently of the school, will be the new area cheerleading team, which comes with a lot of positives, according to Coach Nelson and Minnesota Jets Director Annette Balken. Firstly, students of schools from around the area may join, and, in fact, new students

from Elk River, Monticello, and other neighboring towns have already done so. The program can also welcome younger students. Students as young as 10 are officially welcomed, although Balken and Nelson said younger students may be admitted, with the understanding that they may be ineligible to compete until they are older. It

also seems that the program will be more cost-effective being run independently. The team will be able to focus on different styles of cheerleading, incorporating more tumbling, for example. Finally, the students will have the opportunity to potentially compete at more out-of-state competitions and national competitions.

Part of the reason the Minnesota Jets got off the ground so quickly, within 30 days, was so the students could look forward to a (mostly) normal season this year. A skills camp will take place today (Saturday, July 30), and regular practice will begin this fall. A lot of the cheerleaders have transferred to the Minnesota Jets program and are excited to start.

Ashley Balken, one of the students who has joined the Minnesota Jets, says she's very excited to get back to practicing and competing, and that she loves the new uniforms.

The Minnesota Jets plans to practice on Thursdays, enabling any of the students who want to participate in sideline the ability to do so. The coaches hope to be supportive of the school program going forward, and have enjoyed support from the school in turn, during their one month of existence, with the school allowing the program to rent and use school facilities.

Following the tradition of the school cheer program, the cheerleaders will still be out in the community, both to fundraise for team expenses, by working a shift, as a team, at Culver's and bagging groceries at Cub Foods, and to volunteer with local organizations, such as with Spud Fest and the Lions Club, as they have done in the past. Unfortunately, their popular haunted house will be put on hold this year as the team becomes established,

though they may offer another yet-to-be-determined Halloween-themed event, according to Nelson.

Students who are interested in inquiring about the program can check out the team Facebook page at [Facebook.com/Minnesota-Jets](https://www.facebook.com/Minnesota-Jets).

The Big Lake Cheer Booster Club has also expressed an interest in forming a cheer team, and more information on their efforts may be available in a future edition of the Patriot.

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Mother's of preschoolers Group meets the second & fourth Wed. of the month (Sept.-May) at Becker Baptist Church, 9-11:30am.

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

The Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meets at 6:30pm on the third Mon., of each month in the Community Room adjacent to the Big Lake Police Dept. & the Big Lake Library.

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

The Big Lake Community Food Shelf hours of service are Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-7:30pm & Wed. 9-11am. We also serve clients every "Freebie Friday" from 11:30am-12:30pm., providing produce, dairy, & bakery goods. Our new, "Pop-up Pantry", from 11:30am-12:30pm every Tues.To volunteer call (763) 263-2432 or www.blcfs.org.

Big Lake Day of Prayer

Big Lake meets year round the first Wed. of the month, at 7am for a prayer breakfast at Big Lake High School flagpole.

The Big Lake Lions

Looking for community minded people to join our organization. If interested in getting involved with our organization, please contact any Lion member or send a note to P.O. Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309 or (763) 263-2218.

LC of Big Lake Lioness

If you are interested in learning more about the LC of Big Lake Lioness you can catch us on FB: www.facebook.com/BigLakeMnLionessClub, or attend any meeting held the second Mon. of the month at the Lions Park on CR5. social starts 6:30pm, meeting 7pm. All are welcome to attend to learn more about the club.

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Big Lake Living Clean NA meeting Sun., 7pm, Bridgeview Assembly of God Church, 20500 Co. Rd. 11, Big Lake, MN, (763) 482-1695.

Big Lake Women of Today

Hold a monthly general meeting at Senior Activity Center located in the Big Lake City Office Building on the 3rd Thurs. of the month @ 7pm. Contact Natalie @ (612) 518-3504 or find us at FaceBook or www.biglakewomentoday.webs.com.

God's Grub Community Meal

Second Sun. of every month, 4:30-6:30 pm. Saron Lutheran, Big Lake, 311 Lake Street South. Served curbside, ready to go.

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 65

If you or anyone you know is 65 or under & have been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, you are welcome to attend our group. We meet the third Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.

Specific topics will be scheduled along with open forum. Family/Friends are welcome! Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

Moms in Prayer

Meets weekly to pray for their children & the school they attend. Information: www.momsinprayer.org or Colene Stenberg (763) 263-6809 or stenbergjc@outlook.com

Clear Lake Upcoming Events

Blood Drive

St. Marcus Church, 8701 Main Ave, Clear Lake. Mon., Aug. 8, 2022, 1-6pm. Appt/Info: Call Judy (320) 743-2108 or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter Sponsor Code: Clear Lake. Hosted by the Clear Lake Lions.

Clearwater Upcoming Events

Clearwater Library

Free book event. Sat., Aug. 4 & Sept. 7, during regular library hours (10am-1pm) sponsored by the Clearwater Friends of the Library. All books are free.

Elk River Upcoming Events

S&H - Spark 2 Hope

A spark of possibilities hosts Family Fun Night. Wed., Aug. 3, 2022, 4-8pm. 555 Railroad Drive, Elk River, MN. Food & drinks, silent auction, bounce houses & much, much more!

We are providing supports to a significantly underserved population, children with special needs & disabilities.

Glendorado Upcoming Events

1st Annual Craft Sale, Etc...

Glendorado Lutheran Church. Craft Sale/Flea Market/Garage Sale/Bake Sale. Aug., 20, 2022, 8am-3pm. Something for everyone, bring a friend.

Looking for crafters space available, call Linda (320) 290-7851 or Anita (763) 218-0368. Glendorado Lutheran Church, 1100 186th Ave NE, Princeton.

Public Notices

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the mortgage dated September 2, 2005, executed by Jennifer Labine and Jason Labine, wife and husband, as mortgagors, to TCF National Bank, a national banking association, now known as The Huntington National Bank, Successor by Merger to TCF National Bank, as mortgagee, recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Sherburne County, Minnesota, on September 16, 2005, as Document No. 599649, which mortgage conveyed and mortgaged the following described property, situated in the County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, that property has a street address of 761 Brom Lane, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309, and property identification number 654390540:

Lot 8, Block 5, Sleepy Hollow North, Sherburne County, Minnesota

That the original principal amount secured by said mortgage was \$182,423.30; that there has been compliance with any condition precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by said mortgage and foreclosure of said mortgage required by said mortgage, any note secured thereby, or any statute; that no action or proceeding to recover the debt remaining secured by said mortgage is pending, or any part thereof; that there is claimed to be due upon said mortgage and is due thereon at the date of this notice, the sum of \$175,772.74 in principal and interest.

That as a result of the aforesaid default, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by the sale of the above described premises with appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's office in the Sherburne County Government Center, Suite 100, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, on August 30, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, to pay the amount then due on said mortgage, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorneys' fees as allowed by law, in accordance with the provisions of said mortgage. The time allowed by law for redemption by the mortgagors, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING,

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2023, unless the foreclosure is postponed pursuant to Minn. Stat. §580.07, or the redemption period is reduced to five (5) weeks under Minn. Stat. §582.032.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

DATED: July 7, 2022
The Huntington National Bank, Successor by Merger to TCF National Bank FOLEY & MANSFIELD, P.L.L.P.
By: Wyatt S. Partridge
Atty. No. 0391272
Attorneys for Mortgagee
250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 1200
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401
(Published in the *Patriot*: 07/09/22; 07/16/22; 07/23/22; 07/30/22; 08/06/22; 08/13/22.)

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Foreclosure
Court File No. 71-CV-21-280

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER JUDGMENT AND DECREE

Star Bank, Plaintiff, v. Robert Anderson (aka Robert W.J. Anderson, aka Robert Waldon Johnson Anderson, aka Robert Waldon Anderson, aka Robert W. Anderson, aka John Robert Anderson, aka Robert John Anderson, and aka John Robert Waldon Anderson), Marcia Anderson (aka Marcia M. Anderson, aka Marcia Marie Anderson, aka Marsha Anderson, and aka Marcia C. Anderson), Aaron Anderson (aka Aaron Rodney Alderson), Michelle Anderson (aka Michelle M. Anderson), the Estate of Bernice Anderson (aka Bernice F. Anderson and aka Bernice Frieda Anderson), Franklin Anderson (aka Franklin C. Anderson), Brenda Anderson (aka Brenda J. Anderson), DLL Finance LLC, AgQuest Financial Services, Inc., Commodity Credit Corporation, Corporation Service Company, CNH Industrial Capital America LLC (aka CNH Capital America LLC), Falcon Leasing, Falcon National Bank, Sheffield Financial, Trust Bank, Branch Banking and Trust Company, First State Bank of Bigfork, Herman-town Federal Credit Union, United States Internal Revenue Service, CGB Agri Financial Services, Inc., Centricity Credit Union, Accounts Receivable Services, LLC (aka Accounts Receivables Services), Snap-on Credit LLC, TD Auto Finance, LLC f/k/a Chrysler Financial, State of Minnesota Department of Revenue, Admirals Bank, SHERBURNE/ANOKA/HENNEPIN FSA, Central Minnesota Credit Union, Proctor Federal Credit Union AGCO Finance LLC, Northland Capital Financial

Services, LLC, Westem Equipment Finance, Inc., Agricredit Acceptance LLC, Members Cooperative Credit Union, FBN Finance, LLC, Woodlands National Bank, Spire Credit Union, Brainard Savings and Loan Association, John Doe, Mary Roe, ABC Partnership, and XYZ Corporation, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of an Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law, And Order for Judgment and Judgment (the "Judgment") entered in the above-entitled action on or about April 15, 2022, of which a certified copy has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises, hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due said Plaintiff in the above entitled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Judgment, the undersigned Sheriff of Sherburne County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on the 16th day of August, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sherburne County Sheriff's office, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Suite 100, Elk River, MN 55330-4668, in the said County and State, the premises and real estate described in said Judgment, legally described as:

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 34, Range 28, except the South 33 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 8, Sherburne County, Minnesota.

Subject to an easement as set forth in Document No. 782228, described as Parcel 83, Sherburne County Highway Right of Way Plat No. 50.

All contained in the County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota (Property ID No: 05-108-3400).

REDEMPTION NOTICE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
Dated: June 29, 2022
Joel Brott
SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF

By: /s/ Jeff Ruhland
Deputy Sheriff
THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY:
MJB LAW FIRM, PLLC
Attorneys for Judgment Creditor
7925 Stone Creek Drive, Suite 120A
Chanhassen, MN 55317
PHONE (952) 567-0664
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Announce Your Free Event! Email event listing to legals.kathy@patriot-newsmn.com Deadline for announcements is Wednesday by noon.

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www.patriotnewsmn.com



Monticello-Big Lake Hospital Notices

Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital District NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO: Voters of the Township of Big Lake, Township of Becker, Township of Monticello, and City of Otsego

RE: Election of Hospital Board Members of Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital District.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that an election of Hospital Board members to the Board of Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital District shall be conducted in conjunction with the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

THE FOLLOWING SEATS ON THE BOARD ARE UP FOR ELECTION:

One member from the Township of Big Lake;
One member from the Township of Becker;
One member from the Township of Monticello;
One member from the City of Otsego

Persons elected this year shall be elected for a term of four years, commencing on the first Monday in January, 2023. Persons elected on November 8, 2022, shall be issued a Certificate of Election, and will be required to file an Oath and Acceptance of office in order to qualify for office.

Any person can file who will be at least 21 years of age on January 1, 2023. Candidates must reside within the city or township which they seek to represent. An "Affidavit for Candidacy" must be filed. This "Affidavit for Candidacy" can be obtained from the Clerk of the City/Township in which he/she resides. Candidate must file with the Clerk of the city/township where he/she resides within the filing period.

Filings open: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - During normal business office hours.

Filings close: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 - Filings close at 5 p.m.

Deadline for withdrawal from being a candidate once filed is Thursday, August 18th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Interested applicants should check with City/Township office for their office hours.

There is **no filing fee**.

Board of Directors Secretary/Clerk
Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital District
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DEADLINES

**Notices & Legals
Wednesdays At Noon
Contact Kathy: 763-275-0275
or Email:
legals.kathy@patriotnewsmn.com**

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Sherburne County Financial Statement for Year Ending December 21, 2021

SHERBURNE COUNTY
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

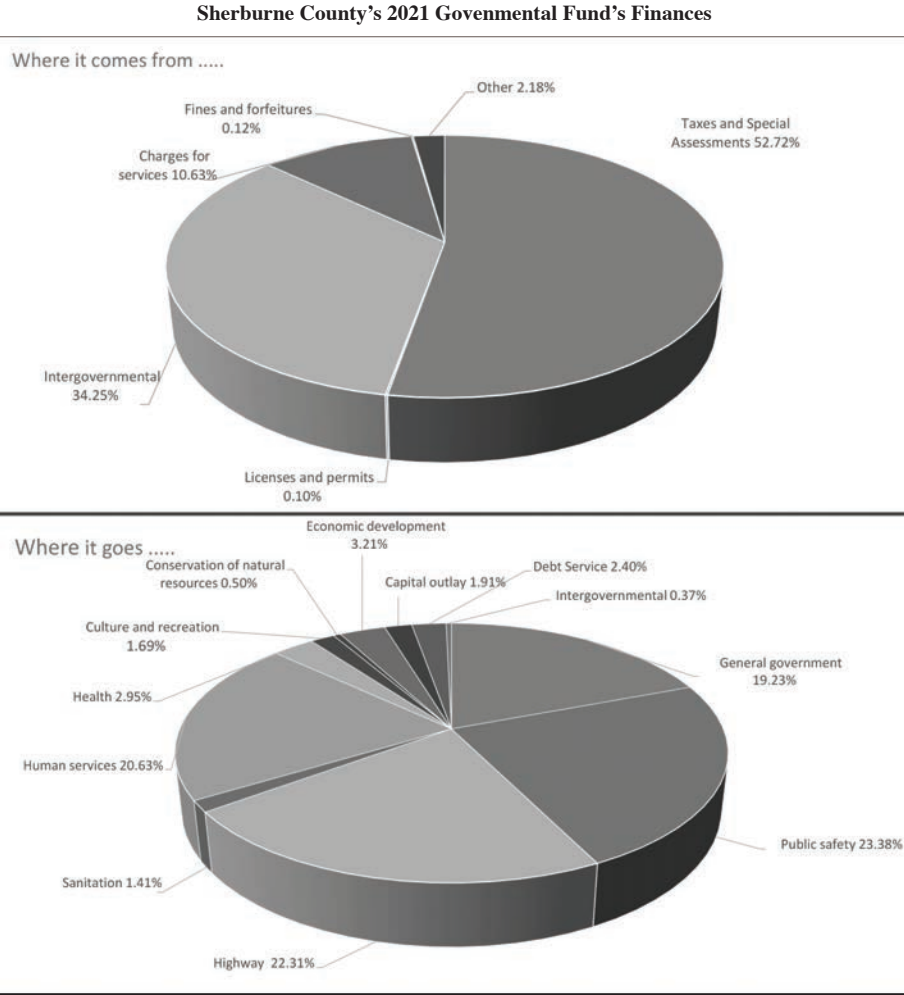
The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Sherburne County for interested citizens. Questions about this report should be directed to Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer at (763) 765-4363.

A FULL AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CO.SHERBURNE.MN.US OR UPON REQUEST BY CALLING DIANE ARNOLD, OR BY WRITING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER AT 13880 BUSINESS CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 100, ELK RIVER, MN 55330.

COUNTY OFFICIALS	TITLE	PHONE NUMBER
Barbara Burandt	Commissioner District 1	(763)765-3001 or 1-800-433-5229
RaeanneDanielowski	Commissioner District 2	(763)765-3001 or 1-800-433-5229
Tim Dolan	Commissioner District 3	(763)765-3001 or 1-800-433-5229
Felix Schmiesing	Commissioner District 4	(763)765-3001 or 1-800-433-5229
Lisa A. Fobbe	Commissioner District 5	(763)765-3001 or 1-800-433-5229
Bruce Messeltt	County Administrator	(763)765-3001 or 1-800-433-5229
Kathleen Heaney	County Attorney	(763)765-4725 or 1-800-433-5244
Diane Arnold	County Auditor/Tresurer	(763)765-4351 or 1-800-438-0576
Michelle Ashe	County Recorder	(763)765-4420 or 1-800-719-2826
Joel Brott	County Sheriff	(763)765-4000 or 1-800-433-5245

A PROFILE OF SHERBURNE COUNTY

KEY INDICATOR	Total 2021	Total 2020	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Estimated Population	99,074	98,811	0.27%
Total Assessed Market Value of all Taxable Property	11,020,257,826	10,048,613,753	9.67%
Percent of Property Taxes Collected (including delinquent collections)	98.97%	96.07%	2.9%
Total General Revenues	66,219,173	65,270,567	1.45%
Total Program Revenues	57,206,702	69,341,150	-17.49%
Total Expenses Governmental activities	94,404,258	101,939,433	-7.39%
Total Expenses Business-type activities	13,575,665	14,736,542	-7.88%
Capital Assets - Governmental activities	286,812,218	276,091,189	3.88%
Capital Assets - Business-type activities	17,624,357	18,178,948	-3.05%
Total Outstanding Net Bonded Debt of the County	37,023,013	38,614,520	-4.12%
Bond Rating on the Most Recent Bond Issue(s)	AA+	AA+	
Total Government-Wide Net Position			
Governmental activities	349,132,254	329,735,766	5.88%
Business-type activities	16,449,218	20,240,767	-18.7%
Total Number of Employees	700	706	-.85%



ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

Sherburne County continues to grow both from a population and a tax base perspective. The population increased .27% from the previous year of 98,811 to 99,074, making Sherburne County the 12th largest County in Minnesota. Countywide residential values have increased approximately 7.3% for taxes payable in 2022, bringing the average residential value to \$292,500. New home permits are up slightly (4.18%) compared to the same period in 2020. The County continues to see a number of solar farms (known as Community Solar Gardens under Minnesota Statutes) that have developed primarily during the 2017-2021 timeframe. Additionally, commercial and industrial new construction, as well as permits for renovations and/or expansions of existing properties and facilities, are ticking upward. County staff continues to look for innovative solutions to control expenses and increase revenues while maintaining services to our residents.

A number of indicators contribute to continued growth and financial stability of the County. The following are some of what we feel to be key indicators.

Key Economic Indicators	Amounts	Characteristics
2021 Population	99,074	Up 10.75% from the 2012 census of 89,455
2021 Taxable Market Value	\$11,020,257,826	Up 71.98% from 2012 Taxable Market Value of \$6,408,051,400
2021 New Construction	\$ 221,741,500	Compared to 2012 New Construction of \$32,765,100
2021 Tax Parcels	42,961	Up 5.20% from Pay 2012 Tax Parcels of 40,838
2021 Business-Type Parcels	1,646	Up 18.67% from Pay 2012 Business-Type Parcels of 1,387

Due to its relatively dense population outside of - and yet in close proximity to - the Twin Cities metropolitan area, Sherburne County is attractive to businesses that seek affordable land and labor costs to expand their operations. Businesses are continuing to choose Sherburne County because of the growing population, available and educated workforce, and access to major highways and the railroad. Commuter rail service continues to provide ridership via the Northstar Corridor rail line and its related bus connector, which began operation in November of 2009, linking Big Lake to downtown Minneapolis, with stops in Elk River, Anoka, Ramsey, Coon Rapids, Fridley and Target Field (Minneapolis). Ridership was greatly impacted by business shutdowns and restrictions caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. Ridership on the train in 2020 was at 152,455, compared to 50,433 in 2021 an 66.9% decrease. People from the St. Cloud area can catch the commuter coach, the "Northstar Link", which includes a stop in Becker, to the Big Lake station to catch the Northstar train to Minneapolis. This form of transportation has been a great service for Sherburne County residents to utilize in today's economy.

LONG-TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING

The County Board annually sets goals to establish key priorities. The budget process includes direction to department heads to document savings to be achieved during the year to address any anticipated revenue shortages from the State. The County Board encourages Department Heads to continue to look for ways to re-engineer work processes and services, and/or find alternate methods of cost reduction or revenue enhancement. The County annually updates the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, prepared by the Administration department, with inputs from all County departments. The County developed a long-term financial plan and, in 2018, a dashboard was created to allow the County to input "what if" assumptions that can be altered to determine how the assumption would affect the County's budget. The County has purchased the OpenGov budget platform software to increase budgeting efficiency and enhance transparency with the public. The software was utilized and implemented for the 2021 Countywidebudget and is available to County residents 24 hours a day on the County's website.

MAJOR INITIATIVES

Public Works Department and Regional Rail Fund - The County Board approve allocating some of the adopted local option sales tax to Northstar costs, thus reducing the Regional Rail Authority levy to \$0 again for 2022 - the net effect of both county levies, therefore is a 4.95%increase. Put another way, the average residential homesteaded property in Sherburne County will see a \$8.00 increase/month. For 2022, the average valued residential home increased from \$272,500 to \$292,500 in Sherburne County. Providing quality services in a fiscally responsible manner continues to be the mission of Sherburne County. Streamlining business processes through technology improvements is a consistent theme for County Elected leaders and staff. The County Board is now utilizing web-x meetings for residents to be able to listen and/or become active participants in the County Board. County EDA, and Planning Commission meetings. This meeting platform is also utilized to keep our employees and residents safe throughout the ongoing pandemic as they worked or conducted significant business remotely with Sherburne County staff. This is a trend that will likely continue into the future. In addition, the County has automated the homestead process in the Assessor's office and the foster home service agreement and payment voucher process in HHS. We have also created an appointment system for Driver's License and Recorder's departments greatly reducing the wait times for residents. Enhanced online service portals are currently under development for the County's permitting, planning and zoning functions. Sherburne County will continue to look for ways to make conducting business more effective for County residents.

SHERBURNE COUNTY
ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 144,957,796	\$ 3,986,989	\$ 148,944,785
Interest receivable	239,829	-	239,829
Taxes receivable, net	564,997	-	564,997
Special assessments receivable, net			
Due within one year	72,200	-	72,200
Due in more than one year	247,823	-	247,823
Accounts receivable, net	1,468,296	10,544	1,478,840
Loans receivable, net			
Due within one year	286,198	-	286,198
Due in more than one year	678,768	-	678,768
Due from other governments	8,201,386	1,139,638	9,341,024
Inventories	743,738	-	743,738
Prepaid items	1,068,285	8,793	1,077,078
Internal balances	-	-	-
Net pension asset	226,621	533,386	760,007
Capital assets not being depreciated:			
Land and right-of-way	17,400,655	-	17,400,655
Construction in progress	19,857,366	-	19,857,366
Capital assets, net of accumulates depreciation:			
Buildings, net	70,034,747	17,624,357	87,659,104
Improvements, net	1,270,581	-	1,270,581
Equipment, net	6,307,512	-	6,307,512
Infrastructure, net	171,941,357	-	171,941,357
Total assets	\$ 445,568,155	\$ 23,303,707	\$ 468,871,862

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred pension outflows	\$ 22,567,093	\$ 6,177,910	\$ 28,745,003
Deferred OPEB outflows	1,111,417	274,489	1,385,906
Total deferred outflows	\$ 23,678,510	\$ 6,452,399	\$ 30,130,909

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 1,477,687	\$ 131,253	\$ 1,608,940
Saleriesand benefits payable	2,111,985	430,981	2,542,966
Contracts payable	598,390	-	598,390
Due to other governments	262,761	494	263,255
Deposits payable	684,800	-	684,800
Unearned revenue	8,562,947	-	8,562,947
Interest payable	516,203	-	516,203
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year			
General obligation bonds payable	1,415,000	-	1,415,000
Loans payable	45,418	-	45,418
Compensated absences	466,043	81,815	547,858
Long-term liabilities:			
Due in more than one year			
General obligation bonds payable	38,979,401	-	38,979,401
Total OPEB liability	6,736,905	1,690,294	8,427,199
Net pension liability	22,155,521	1,544,106	23,699,627
Loans payable	306,244	-	306,244
Compensated absences	6,191,708	1,086,980	7,278,688
Total liabilities	\$ 90,511,013	\$ 4,965,923	\$ 95,475,936

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred pension inflows	\$ 28,241,714	\$ 8,021,916	\$ 36,263,630
Deferred OPEB inflows	1,312,241	319,049	1,631,290
Property taxes collected for subsequent period	49,443	-	49,443
Total deferred inflows	\$ 29,693,398	\$ 8,340,965	\$ 37,944,363

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	\$ 246,027,516	\$ 17,624,357	\$ 263,651,873
Restricted:			
County attorney program	103,085	-	103,085
Debt service	3,371,388	-	3,371,388
Ditches	290,845	-	290,845
Education	51,063	-	51,063
Transportation-gravel tax	1,286,825	-	1,286,825
Highway allotments	3,204,278	-	3,204,278
Law library	298,389	-	298,389
Parks dedication	542,465	-	542,465
Recorder programs	1,515,472	-	1,515,472
Regional rail	3,936,584	-	3,936,584
Sheriff programs	1,787,918	-	1,787,918
Solid waste	52,265,953	-	52,265,953
Pensions	226,621	533,386	760,007
Unrestricted	34,223,852	(1,708,525)	32,515,327
Total net position	\$ 349,132,254	\$ 16,449,218	\$ 365,581,472

SHERBURNE COUNTY
ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
DECEMBER, 31, 2021

	Social Welfare Private Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 21,687	\$ 3,939,306
Due from Other Governments	-	24,606
Taxes Receivable for Other Governments	-	787,072
Total Assets	21,687	4,750,984
LIABILITIES		
Due to Other Governments	-	2,951,878
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Property Taxes Collected for Subsequent Period	-	77,553
NET POSITION		
Restricted for:		
Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	\$ 21,687	\$ 1,721,553

SHERBURNE COUNTY
ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 31, 2021

	Social Welfare Private Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS		
Contributions:		
Individuals	\$ 34,829	\$ 4,764,826
Property Tax Collections for Other Governments	-	100,653,355
Tax and Fee Collections for Other Governments	-	8,607,884
Tax and Fee Collections for Other Funds	-	18,066
License and Fees Collected for State	-	7,501,658
Miscellaneous	-	166,856
Total Additions	34,829	121,712,645
DEDUCTIONS		
Beneficiary Payments to Individuals	20,967	3,601,745
Payment to State	-	17,515,834
Payments to Other Entities	-	101,126,721
Total Deductions	20,967	122,245,300
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)		
IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	13,862	(532,655)
Fiduciary Net Position-Beginning of Year	7,825	2,254,208
FIDUCIARY NET POSITION-END OF YEAR	\$ 21,687	\$ 1,721,553

See accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements.

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Contact Kathy: 763-275-0275
or Email:
legals.kathy@patriotnewsmn.com

Patriot:

One who loves
and supports his
or her country.

Sherburne County Financial Statement for Year Ending December 31, 2021 - Cont. from page 3B

SHERBURNE COUNTY ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021								
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses)	Revenues and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating	Capital	Governmental Activities	Primary Government		
			Grants and Contributions	Grants and Contributions		Business-type Activities	Total	
Primary Government:								
Government activities:								
General government	\$ 23,352,491	\$ 4,676,667	\$ 1,872,609	\$ -	\$ (16,803,215)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (16,803,215)
Public safety	23,739,908	3,238,125	2,701,925	-	(17,799,858)	-	-	(17,799,858)
Highway	12,188,204	79,398	3,598,281	6,494,925	(2,015,600)	-	-	(2,015,600)
Sanitation	1,525,274	6,309,654	283,146	-	5,067,526	-	-	5,067,526
Human services	22,212,074	1,661,193	12,660,108	-	(7,890,773)	-	-	(7,890,773)
Health	3,225,215	93,914	2,409,641	-	(721,660)	-	-	(721,660)
Culture and recreation	2,888,913	61,561	541,895	-	(2,285,457)	-	-	(2,285,457)
Conservation of natural resources	550,130	63,860	8,148	-	(478,122)	-	-	(478,122)
Economic development	3,522,381	124,963	28,473	-	(3,368,945)	-	-	(3,368,945)
Interest expense on long-term debt	1,199,668	-	-	-	(1,199,668)	-	-	(1,199,668)
Total governmental activities	\$ 94,404,258	\$ 16,309,335	\$ 24,104,226	\$ 6,494,925	\$ (47,495,772)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (47,495,772)
Business-type activities:								
Justice Center	\$ 13,575,665	\$ 10,271,116	\$ 27,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,277,449)	\$ -	\$ (3,277,449)
Total	\$ 107,979,923	\$ 26,580,451	\$ 24,131,326	\$ 6,494,925	\$ (47,495,772)	\$ (3,277,449)	\$ -	\$ (50,773,221)
General revenues:								
Property taxes					\$ 2,652,486	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,652,486
Sales tax					7,979,010	-	-	7,979,010
Wheelage tax					982,336	-	-	982,336
Intergovernmental, unrestricted					5,480,849	-	-	5,480,849
Investment earnings (loss)					(875,508)	-	-	(875,508)
Gain on disposal of capital assets					158,987	-	-	158,987
Transfers					514,100	(514,100)	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers					\$ 66,892,260	\$ (514,100)	\$ -	\$ 66,378,160
Change in net position					\$ 19,396,488	\$ (3,791,549)	\$ -	\$ 15,604,939
Net position - January 1					329,735,766	20,240,767	-	349,976,533
Net position - December 31					\$ 349,132,254	\$ 16,449,218	\$ -	\$ 365,581,472

SHERBURNE COUNTY ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER, 31, 2021									
	General Fund	Public Works	Health and Human Services	Solid Waste	Regional Rail Authority	Debt Service	Capital Projects Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets									
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 37,717,902	\$ 27,791,841	\$ 14,998,513	\$ 51,434,252	\$ 3,933,704	\$ 3,855,935	\$ 1,539,107	\$ 3,684,842	\$ 144,956,096
Petty cash and change funds	1,700	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,700
Interest receivable	239,829	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	239,829
Taxes receivable, net	302,133	120,512	99,577	-	5,590	34,288	2,897	-	564,997
Special assessments receivable, net	252,350	-	-	5,666	-	-	-	62,007	320,023
Accounts receivable, net	48,734	67,676	205,162	944,248	-	-	-	202,476	1,468,296
Loans receivable, net	-	-	-	815,848	-	-	-	149,118	964,966
Due from other funds	15,996	12,126	859	-	-	-	-	-	28,981
Due from other governments	574,294	5,491,663	2,128,162	767	-	-	-	6,500	8,201,386
Advance to other funds	18,864	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,864
Inventories	-	743,738	-	-	-	-	-	-	743,738
Prepaid items	837,405	8,210	201,091	1,437	-	-	-	20,143	1,068,285
Total Assets	\$ 40,009,207	\$ 34,235,766	\$ 17,633,364	\$ 53,202,218	\$ 3,939,294	\$ 3,890,223	\$ 1,542,004	\$ 4,125,085	\$ 158,577,161
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances									
Liabilities									
Accounts payable	\$ 627,008	\$ 310,746	\$ 433,928	\$ 14,896	\$ 2,710	\$ -	\$ 965	\$ 87,434	\$ 1,477,687
Salaries and benefits payable	1,233,968	207,250	637,467	32,602	-	-	-	698	2,111,985
Contracts payable	-	598,390	-	-	-	-	-	-	598,390
Due to other funds	12,985	-	15,657	-	-	-	-	337	28,981
Due to other governments	7,474	570	180,823	72,919	-	-	-	975	262,761
Deposits payable	684,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	684,800
Unearned revenue	8,377,634	-	-	-	-	-	-	185,313	8,562,947
Advance from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,864	18,864
Total Liabilities	\$ 10,943,869	\$ 1,116,956	\$ 1,267,877	\$ 120,417	\$ 2,710	\$ -	\$ 965	\$ 293,621	\$ 13,746,415
Deferred Inflows of Resources									
Unavailable revenue	\$ 272,375	\$ 3,936,839	\$ 89,294	\$ 5,666	\$ 5,590	\$ 31,446	\$ 2,815	\$ 62,007	\$ 4,406,032
Unavailable revenue-property taxes for subsequent period	27,195	10,014	9,526	-	-	2,632	76	-	49,443
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 299,570	\$ 3,946,853	\$ 98,820	\$ 5,666	\$ 5,590	\$ 34,078	\$ 2,891	\$ 62,007	\$ 4,455,475
Fund Balance									
Nonspendable									
Advances	\$ 18,864	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,864
Inventory	-	743,738	-	-	-	-	-	-	743,738
Prepays	837,405	8,210	201,091	1,437	-	-	-	20,142	1,068,285
Restricted									
Attorney forfeitures	98,566	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98,566
County attorney truancy	4,519	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,519
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	3,856,145	-	-	3,856,145
Ditches	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	228,838	228,838
E-911	1,205,872	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,205,872
Education	51,063	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,063
Transportation-gravel tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,286,825	1,286,825
Landfill postclosure	-	-	-	23,230,992	-	-	-	-	23,230,992
Law library	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	297,605	297,605
Parks dedication	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	542,465	542,465
Recorder compliance	827,970	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	827,970
Recorder technology	687,502	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	687,502
Regional rail	-	-	-	-	3,930,994	-	-	-	3,930,994
Sanitation	-	-	-	29,027,858	-	-	-	-	29,027,858
Public safety-sheriff fines	349,046	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	349,046
Public safety-sheriff forfeitures	233,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	233,000
Committed									
General government-forfeited land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,009	9,009
Loans receivable	-	-	-	815,848	-	-	-	-	815,848
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,384,573	1,384,573
Assigned									
General government	4,945,822	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,945,822
Public safety	1,845,027	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,845,027
Highway	-	27,420,009	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,420,009
Human services	-	-	14,992,475	-	-	-	-	-	14,992,475
Culture and recreation	188,890	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	188,890
Economic development	242,472	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	242,472
Capital projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,538,148	-	1,538,148
Subsequent years budgets	2,032,200	1,000,000	441,233	-	-	-	-	-	3,473,433
Other capital purposes	-	-	631,868	-	-	-	-	-	631,868
Unassigned	15,197,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,197,550
Total Fund Balances	\$ 28,765,768	\$ 29,171,957	\$ 16,266,667	\$ 53,076,135	\$ 3,930,994	\$ 3,856,145	\$ 1,538,148	\$ 3,769,457	\$ 140,375,271
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 40,009,207	\$ 34,235,766	\$ 17,633,364	\$ 53,202,218	\$ 3,939,294	\$ 3,890,223	\$ 1,542,004	\$ 4,125,085	\$ 158,577,161

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SHERBURNE COUNTY ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER, 31, 2021										
	General Fund	Public Works	Health and Human Services	Solid Waste	Regional Rail Authority	Debt Service	Capital Projects Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues										
Property taxes	\$ 29,213,712	\$ 10,613,945	\$ 10,093,255	\$ -	\$ 568	\$ 2,790,356	\$ 80,780	\$ -	\$	52,792,616
Other taxes	285,905	7,863,159	-	-	699,762	-	-	112,410		8,961,236
Special assessments	71,191	-	-	102,612	-	-	-	87,846		261,649
Licenses and permits	24,405	48,550	-	44,615	-	-	-	-		117,570
Intergovernmental	10,310,821	14,582,335	15,107,744	283,573	-	9,041	241	-		40,293,755
Charges for service	4,971,283	22,491	1,373,732	6,134,422	-	-	-	975		12,502,903
Fines and forfeitures	46,861	-	-	-	-	-	-	93,122		139,983
Earnings on investments (loss)	(876,285)	-	-	777	-	-	-	-		(875,508)
Gifts and contributions	45,823	-	14,400	-	-	-	-	8		60,231
Miscellaneous and revenues	1,131,878	8,357	381,417	28,005	96,537	-	-	1,728,132		3,374,326
Total revenues	\$ 45,225,594	\$ 33,138,837	\$ 26,970,548	\$ 6,594,004	\$ 796,867	\$ 2,799,397	\$ 81,021	\$ 2,022,493	\$	117,628,761
Expenditures										
Current										
General government	\$ 20,871,507	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	232,498	\$	21,104,005
Public safety	23,928,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,732,178		25,660,636
Highway	-	24,477,807	-	-	-	-	-	-		24,477,807
Sanitation	-	-	-	1,547,335	-	-	-	-		1,547,335
Human services	-	-	22,641,046	-	-	-	-	-		22,641,046
Health	-	-	3,240,080	-	-	-	-	-		3,240,080
Culture and recreation	1,857,186	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1,857,186
Conservation of natural resources	484,663	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,110		552,773
Economic development	2,416,953	-	-	-	1,104,553	-	-	-		3,521,506
Debt service										
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	1,255,753	-	-		1,255,753
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	1,380,000	-	-		1,380,000
Capital outlay	1,195,383	401,783	2,331	-	-	-	21,944	471,417		2,092,858
Intergovernmental										
Highway	-	401,525	-	-	-	-	-	-		401,526
Total Expenditures	\$ 50,754,150	\$ 25,281,116	\$ 25,883,457	\$ 1,547,335	\$ 1,104,553	\$ 2,635,753	\$ 21,944	\$ 2,504,203	\$	109,732,511
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (5,528,556)	\$ 7,857,721	\$ 1,087,091	\$ 5,046,669	\$ (307,686)	\$ 163,644	\$ 59,077	\$ (481,710)	\$	7,896,250
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Transfers in	\$ 895,360	\$ 15,080	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	910,440
Transfers out	(15,080)	-	-	(306,260)	-	-	-	(75,000)		(396,340)
Proceeds-sale of capital assets	71,790	46,880	-	-	-	-	40,317	-		158,987
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ 952,070	\$ 61,960	\$ -	\$ (306,260)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,317	\$ (75,000)	\$	673,087
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (4,576,486)	\$ 7,919,681	\$ 1,087,091	\$ 4,740,409	\$ (307,686)	\$ 163,644	\$ 99,394	\$ (556,710)	\$	8,569,337
Fund Balance-January 1	33,342,254	21,227,635	15,179,576	48,335,726	4,238,680	3,692,501	1,438,754	4,326,167		131,781,293
Increase (decrease) in inventories	-	24,641	-	-	-	-	-	-		24,641
Fund Balance-December 31	\$ 28,756,768	\$ 29,171,957	\$ 16,266,667	\$ 53,076,135	\$ 3,930,994	\$ 3,856,145	\$ 1,538,148	\$ 3,769,457	\$	140,375,271

SHERBURNE COUNTY ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUSTICE CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND DECEMBER, 31, 2021			
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and pooled investments	\$ 3,986,989	Baker Tilly US, LLP	9,392.50
Accounts receivable, net	10,544	Ban-Koe Systems Inc	45,028.84
Due from other governments	1,139,638	Barna, Guzy & Steffen Ltd	7,801.00
Prepaid items	8,793	Beaudry Oil Company	5,674.64
Total Current Assets	\$ 5,145,964	Becker Boy Scouts Troop 92	15,205.26
		Becker Collision & Glass Inc	65,729.25
		Benefit Extras, Inc	6,133.23
Long-term assets		Benton County Public Health	69,040.35
Net pension asset	\$ 533,386	Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Central Mn	6,000.00
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		Bihlum Chi LLC- Elk Ridge Apt	5,800.00
Buildings	17,624,357	Blue Sky Inc	9,516.50
Total Long-Term Assets	\$ 18,157,743	Bob Barker Company	32,733.28
Total Assets	\$ 23,303,707	Boe Electrical Contractors	17,288.93
		Bogart Pederson & Associates	14,000.00
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		Bolton & Menk Inc	312,755.90
Deferred pension outflows	\$ 6,177,910	Brad's Off-Road Service	55,039.62
Deferred OPEB outflows	274,489	Braun Intertec Corp	244,685.88
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 6,452,399	Brin Glass Service	9,350.00
		BroMax Contracting LLC	13,332.08
LIABILITIES		Bureau Of Criminal Apprehension	46,605.00
Current liabilities:		BWBR	9,975.00
Accounts payable	\$ 131,253	Cabana Construction Inc	14,914.00
Salaries payable	430,981	Captivated LLC	11,554.18
Due to other governments	494	Carahsoft Technology Corporation	148,999.99
Compensated absences payable	81,815	Cardinal Investigations	43,350.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 644,543	Care Clinics LLC	6,750.00
		Carefree Cleaning LLC	61,379.00
Long-Term liabilities:		Cargill Inc	243,157.03
Due in more than one year:		Catholic Charities	7,583.34
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,690,294	CDW Government	254,982.00
Net pension liability	1,544,106	Centerpoint Energy	237,154.94
Compensated absences payable	1,086,980	Centra Sota Cooperative - Santiago	8,220.97
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 4,321,380	Centracare Health Ed & Pro Develop. Dept	5,561.14
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,965,923	Central Hydraulics Inc	6,313.28
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		Central Mn Jobs & Training	383,182.90
Deferred pension inflows	\$ 8,021,916	Central MN Mental Health Center	204,871.20
Deferred OPEB inflows	319,049	Central MN Sexual Assault Center	8,801.00
	\$ 8,340,965	Century Fence Company	29,593.15
		Century Link	98,178.38
NET POSITION		CGW Law Office	50,600.00
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 17,624,357	CINTAS Corp	11,795.47
Restricted-pensions	533,386	Cintas Corporation No 2	6,500.07
Unrestricted	(1,708,525)	CISCOR, Inc	11,579.23
Total Net Position	\$ 16,449,218	City of Becker	8,489,606.47
		City Of Princeton	780,542.65
		City Of St Cloud	1,916,974.72
		Farm Rite Equipment Inc	5,583.72
		Fastenal Company	29,890.98
		Fidelity Security Life	30,831.88
		Finley Engineering Company Inc	6,500.00
		Florian & Linda Czech	7,400.00
		Food Express USA	47,912.68
		Force America Distributing LLC	5,057.81
		Franklin Outdoor Advertising	28,853.00
		Franz Reprographics	15,020.11
		Frontier Precision Inc	12,601.82
		Further	37,814.00
		Gallagher Benefit Services Inc.	27,800.00
		Galls, LLC	35,123.86
		Garage Door Store	8,796.50
		Garratt-Callahan Co	14,792.65
		Geocomm Inc	46,486.00
		Gerard Academy	84,790.84
		Govred Technology Inc	99,500.00
		Grainger	8,752.32
		Granite Electronics Inc	52,488.85
		GrayShift LLC	18,000.00
		Great River Regional Library	1,360,561.28
		Greater MN Family Services	21,729.79
		Greater MSP	10,500.00
		Greater St Cloud Development Corp	10,000.00
		Greenhaven Printing	5,042.12
		Guardian Fleet Safety	129,249.45
		Guardian RFID	31,110.52
		H & L Mesabi	29,460.00
		H & R Construction Co Inc	9,200.00
		HDR Engineering Inc.	167,816.42
		Health Partners - Group Health Inc	277,165.30
		Heartland Girls Ranch, Inc.	35,041.00
		Helmin Construction	791,91

SHERBURNE COUNTY ELK RIVER, MINNESOTA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION JUSTICE CENTER ENTERPRISE FUND DECEMBER, 31, 2021			
Operating revenues			
Mileage	\$ 357,831		
Board of prisoners	9,881,870		
Miscellaneous	58,515		
Total operating revenues	\$ 10,298,216		
Operating expenses:			
Salaries and benefits	\$ 10,381,016		
Prisoner expense	2,640,058		
Depreciation	554,591		
Total operating expenses	\$ 13,575,665		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (3,277,449)		
Transfers in (out):			
Transfer out	(514,100)		
Change in net position	\$ (3,791,549)		
Net Position-January 1	20,240,767		
Net Position-December 31	\$ 16,449,218		

Name of Recipient	Total Amount Received During 2021
Major Recipients of Sherburne County Expenditures	
The following is a list of the recipients of Sherburne County expenditures totaling \$5,000 or more during 2021. The list does not include salaries paid to County employees nor does it include individuals who received federal, state, or county human services aid.	
David Turch and Associates	48,000.00
Days Inn	7,500.00
DDA Human Resources Inc	13,151.70
Deano's Collision Specialists Inc	363,210.80
Delta Dental Of Minnesota	11,797.03
Deputy Reg of Motor Vehicle	27,193.41
Design Electrical Contractors Inc	611,824.10
DHS-SOS-462	9,285.00
Diamond Acoustics Inc	7,122.12
Divine House Inc	7,275.00
DLT Enterprises, LLC	20,201.56
DLT Solutions, LLC	41,814.24
DocuSign, Inc.	38,328.30
Dominion Voting Systems, Inc	6,048.00
Doug McConnell Construction LLP	9,588.00
Dressen/ Rachel & Casey	9,690.97
DVS	7,281.60
E Weinberg Supply & Equipment	265,904.22
East Central Regional Juvenile	49,500.00
eCapital Advisors LLC	39,852.45
ECM Publishers Inc	5,659.70
Ecolab Pest Elimination Div	195,815.46
Economic Development Of Becker	129,751.25
Economic Development Of Big Lake	876,723.43
Economic Development Of Elk River	32,091.08
Edinger/Richard	11,000.00
Elite Lawn Care Services	6,338.20
Elite Lift Truck, Inc	96,218.00
El-Jay Mechanical, Inc	721,837.01
Elk River Municipal Utilities	30,293.64
Elk River Printing	17,603.00
E-MDs	5,019.80
Emergency Automotive Technologies, Inc	5,400.00
Emergent Devices Inc	12,001.48
Employee Benefits Corporation	7,600.52
Environmental Equipment & Services	6,716.78
EnviroPro Solutions LLC	25,920.00
Eric L. Dahl	41,077.00
Esri Inc	5,132.60
Ess Brothers And Sons Inc	22,400.74
Evergreen Land Services, Co.	8,955.00
Express Window Cleaning, LLC	16,761.90
Families In Transition Services, Inc.	
Keefe Supply Company	521,181.36
Kemper Drug Inc	15,312.82
Kiesler Police Supply	10,163.95
Knife River	5,228,948.83
KnowBe4, Inc	25,839.00
KnowInk LLC	13,140.00
Konrad Material Sales LLC	13,500.00
Kris Engineering Inc	47,640.00
KS Concrete & Masonry LLC	5,050.00
LABRepCo	5,652.00
Lawson Products	9,839.83
League Of Minnesota Cities	11,770.50
Lefebvre's Carpet	116,952.53
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP	11,254.00
Lexis Nexis	6,485.50
LexisNexis Risk Solutions	35,500.00
Little Sand West Group Home Inc	40,210.56
Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP	46,999.98
LogMeIn	24,685.00
Lorex, Inc	35,161.73
Lutheran Social Service-Youth Resiliency	10,500.00
M & G Trailer Sales & Serv	5,377.50
Main Street Family Services	325,716.57
Mainsl Services Inc	32,675.14
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	304,899.70
Marco	98,381.11
Marco Inc	176,058.41
Marsha Lynn	22,127.00
Martin-McAllister Consulting Psychologist	23,950.00
Mary T Associates Inc	5,188.23
Maxima Supply	43,317.04
MCAA	9,946.00
MCCC LOCKBOX	179,161.30
McDowall Comfort Management	374,332.00
Mcf-Red Wing	11,040.00
MCIS	126,574.50
MCIT	1,217,854.70
McKesson Medical Surgical Government	94,423.67
MCM Technology	6,352.48
McMaster-Carr Supply Co	12,143.47
Medica	8,896,595.30
Menards	16,796.41
MEnd Correctional Care, PLLC	2,313,180.52

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Mercy Hospital	9,831.04	Presbyterian Family Foundation	151,925.22	TARGET	35,527.57
Metropolitan Council	690,090.00	Princeton Lodging Partners LLC	26,733.47	TaxConnex	5,756.00
Meyer Contracting, Inc	1,471,586.86	Professional Portable X-Ray Inc	5,074.00	Tempo Academy of Dance & Arts Inc	8,058.04
MHSRC Range	19,380.00	Project One Construction Inc	36,886.00	The Bridge World Language Ctr Inc	9,454.56
Michael & Vicki Flugum	8.46	Promantek Inc	29,605.00	The Civic Betterment Club of Princeton	5,064.09
Michael D Thompson	6,312.50	Prophoenix	189,950.87	The Garage Guys LLC	5,634.63
Michael Schluender & Patricia Hein	13,950.00	Pro-Tech Security Sales	9,325.36	The Hartford	496,017.97
Michael Wold	9,800.00	Q-Matic Corporation	8,130.93	The Locker Guy-TC Storage Solutions	6,037.50
Minnesota Elevator, Inc	18,728.47	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc	10,091.60	The Pathfinder Network	6,830.00
Minnesota Girls Academy	54,216.66	Qualtrics, LLC Dept 880102	47,785.00	The Right Staff	7,106.80
Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA)	25,449.00	Rainfall Therapy & Consulting, PLLC	6,000.00	Thomson Reuters-West-Payment Center	92,327.19
Minnesota Monitoring Inc	78,130.90	Ralston Legal LLC	8,640.00	Three Lake Improvement District	33,065.34
Minnesota Native Landscapes	32,395.00	Ran Properties LLC	33,609.64	Thrifty Motel	8,117.90
Minnesota Paving & Materials	3,774,491.81	Real Time Translations, Inc	14,646.51	TKDA	29,523.69
Mn Child Support Payment Center	82,915.62	Rebecca Seifert Lynch Psy D LP	7,100.00	Tracker Software Corporation, Inc	5,801.45
MN Department of Agriculture	44,081.00	ReCollect Systems Inc	6,300.00	Tradewinds Electric LLC	68,139.05
MN Dept of Employment & Economic Develop	28,472.76	Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc	6,062.50	Transport Graphics Inc	5,531.55
Mn Dept of Health	21,165.00	Regents of the U of M	84,116.80	Travelers	34,323.00
Mn Dept Of Human Services - SWIFT	925,862.69	Regional Toxicology Services, LLC	5,565.89	Treas Baldwin Township	1,477,307.01
Mn Dept Of Human Services-BHF (CCDTF)	13,005.78	RELX Inc	8,880.00	Treas Becker Township	1,302,062.39
Mn Dept of Labor & Industry	25,336.17	Rem Central Lakes Inc	34,546.63	Treas Big Lake Township	2,323,241.24
Mn Dept Of Revenue	7,930,117.62	Resource Training & Solutions	11,810.00	Treas Blue Hill Township	486,148.40
MN Dept of Transportation	214,857.53	RESOURCES UNLIMITED	5,098.00	Treas City Of Big Lake	5,339,938.86
Mn Sheriff's Association	12,907.64	Ridgewood Bay Resort & Metro General Ser	58,075.00	Treas City Of Clear Lake	379,130.37
Mn Social Srv Assn	7,373.75	Rinke Noonan, Ltd	8,522.42	Treas City Of Elk River	14,039,473.89
MNCCC LOCKBOX	10,193.92	Rivers Of Hope	22,445.26	Treas Clear Lake Township	502,840.73
Monticello Pet Hospital	8,128.25	Rocky Mountain Construction	5,835.00	Treas Haven Township	521,939.31
Morries Parts And Service Inc	13,097.21	Roland A & Cynthia Creswell	14,915.18	Treas Ind School Dist 477	4,149,856.70
Motorola Solutions Inc	100,030.03	RT Vision, Inc	5,570.47	Treas Ind School Dist 727	10,711,424.49
Motorsota LLC	122,635.00	Russell's On The Lake	5,000.00	Treas Livonia Township	1,728,022.08
MP Asphalt Maintenance	11,500.00	Rutland Law, PLLC	83,430.00	Treas Orrock Township	1,030,836.32
Natural Resources Services Inc	15,625.00	Rydland/Benjamin P	20,265.00	Treas Palmer Township	615,867.81
NCIC Inmate Communications	162,190.10	Safe Families For Children Alliance	10,000.00	Treas Santiago Township	352,584.65
Nellie Blonigen	20,995.17	Safe Restraints Inc	6,847.12	Treas,Ind School Dist 51	115,552.46
Neogov	21,750.84	Sanity Solutions Inc	38,571.97	Treas,Ind School Dist 726	10,973,971.16
Neptune Uniforms Inc	10,142.00	SBH Properties LLC	6,939.65	Treas,Ind School Dist 728	26,736,786.01
NetMotion Wireless, Inc	5,788.13	Schneider Geospatial LLC	13,800.00	Treas,Ind School Dist 742	3,348,125.47
New Look Contracting Inc	5,878,490.76	Schwab/Vollhaber Lubratt Inc	6,265.08	Treas,Ind School Dist 882	685,208.21
Newman Traffic Signs	27,392.65	Schwartz/David	6,365.14	Treehouse Psychology	6,580.00
Nienow Cultural Consultants LLC	15,500.00	Scott Morrell LLC	8,396.09	Tri County Lumber Inc	7,234.24
Nintex USA Inc	21,735.00	Scott's Excavating Inc	23,240.00	Tri County Solid Waste Management	21,239.00
North Country Chevrolet Buick GMC	507,577.65	Securus Technologies	223,022.09	Tri-Cap Inc	24,866.28
North Country Concrete	19,189.50	Selg Farm, LLC	\$39,700.00	Trilogy Properties of MN LLC	20,151.05
North Homes Children & Family Services	90,987.67	Seven County Process Servers, LLC	22,548.00	Tristar Power Solutions, LLC	15,962.41
Northland Business Systems	10,746.75	SGI	9,219.58	Tyler Investigative Services	28,283.26
Northland Trust Services, Inc	2,637,402.52	Sherburne Co Agriculture Soc	41,712.00	Ugam Solutions Inc	36,000.00
Northwoods Consulting Partners Inc	83,927.71	Sherburne Co Childrens Mental Health Col	104,750.00	Uhl Company Inc	125,743.89
Nuss Truck And Equipment	17,490.03	Sherburne Co Community Corrections	9,538.00	United Bus Sales	26,733.47
Nystrom & Associates LTD	5,512.11	Sherburne Co Court Adm	6,924.09	University Of Louisville	5,180.00
OBO 4Imprint	9,956.28	Sherburne Co Health & Human Services	33,150.19	US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	48,725.64
OBO AJ's Complete Automotive	9,675.00	Sherburne Co Historical Society	175,600.00	USPS	33,173.06
OBO Amazon	76,227.92	Sherburne Co Public Works	6,651.01	USPS-POC	60,000.00
OBO Cisco	5,312.28	Sherburne Co Sheriff	65,561.63	USPS-POC (postage meter)/Quadient	66,315.00
OBO Dell	211,161.26	Sherburne Co Swcd	410,490.93	Venture Products, Inc	39,668.60
OBO Delta	7,776.25	Sherburne Co Trail Assoc	62,525.90	Veolia Environmental Services	81,233.22
OBO Koroseal Interior Products LLC	7,453.62	Sherburne County Auditor Treasurer	952,412.12	Verizon Wireless	72,771.20
OBO MN Assn of Assessing Off (MAAO)	6,370.00	SHI International Corp	318,269.89	Videotronix Inc	92,727.01
OBO Nor-Tech	32,312.00	Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc (SEH)	10,906.77	Village Ranch, Inc.	164,269.35
OBO Sam's Club	6,122.39	Shred-N-Go Inc	9,462.83	VOA MN	87,043.95
OBO Speedway	8,574.57	Simplicity Collect Software LLC	8,999.00	Voss Lighting	7,998.08
OBO Teramind Inc	6,250.00	SkyNorth Software, LLC	20,160.00	Warzecha Auto Works, Inc	33,156.13
OBO UofM Cont Learning	7,236.00	Spence Legal Services	11,400.00	Washington County	66,981.87
OBO Walmart	14,427.14	Split Rock Management Inc	77,400.00	Waste Management Of Wi-Mn	22,524.17
Ocean Systems	13,085.00	SRF Consulting Group Inc	527,058.52	WatchGuard Video	243,301.75
Office Of MN.IT Services	52,929.99	St Cloud EDA	28,460.01	Water Laboratories Inc	11,339.00
Omamn Brothers Inc	5,423.29	St Cloud Hospital	8,250.00	West Central Indexing	35,009.00
Omnicare Inc	106,133.01	St Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission	105,622.26	Western Detention Products Inc	5,871.80
Onsolve, LLC	16,200.00	St Cloud Regional Airport	5,000.00	WEX Health, Inc acct # 19797418	9,175.62
Operation Foresight Services Inc	22,627.97	Stanley Convergent Security Solutions	169,166.86	Wiley Reber Law	171,821.25
Opportunity Partners	10,773.19	Star Tech Computing Inc	7,050.00	Wilson HVAC Co	16,349.92
Options Inc	27,631.66	Star Tribune	11,744.46	Windstream	69,195.48
Orono Lake Improvment District	15,968.07	State Of Minnesota	450,169.68	Women & Youth Community Action Network	33,227.00
Pacific Dunes Forensic Psychological Ser	16,450.00	State Treasurer	400,656.41	World Class Auto Body	6,023.14
Parallel Technologies Inc	64,746.86	Stearns Co Human Services	16,787.00	Wright County Health & Human Services	98,178.07
Pathlight Property Management	5,592.50	Stearns County Environmental Services	32,605.73	Wright County Sheriff	7,143.95
Patriot News MN	37,112.28	Step Saver Inc	12,516.91	WSB & Associates Inc	324,215.14
PayFlex Systems, USA, Inc	12,672.05	Streamworks LLC	12,768.00	Xcel Energy	25,805.30
Phoenix Supply	62,527.79	Streichers Inc	80,884.22	YMCA - Elk River	22,865.20
Plaisted Companies Inc	12,082.84	Suburban Tire Wholesale Inc	47,387.42	Ymca Customer Service Center	23,250.00
Port Authority of the City of St Paul	28,233.45	Summit Food Service, LLC	747,579.99	Ziegler Inc	124,529.66
PowerDMS, Inc	14,705.49	Switchboard Advertising, LLC	25,000.00	Zoom Video Communications Inc	65,508.38
Prairie Lakes Youth Programs	16,384.00	TAPCO	16,100.85	(Published in the Patriot: 07/30/22.)	

Township Public Notices

**TOWN OF BIG LAKE
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TESTING**
NOTICE is hereby given, that a Primary Election will be held in the Town of Big Lake on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the following three Election Precincts:

Precinct 1
Lord of Glory Lutheran Church
15550 190th Avenue NW
Elk River, MN 55330

Precinct 2
Big Lake Town Hall
21960 County Road 5
Big Lake, MN 55309

Precinct 3
Big Lake Fire Station
20243 County Road 43
Big Lake, MN 55309

The polls will be open from the hours of 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The purpose of this election is to nominate candidates for the following offices, which are to be voted on at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022:

STATE OFFICES
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General

NOTICE is also given that public accuracy testing for the local precinct tabulators and assistive ballot marking equipment, for all Town of Big Lake Precincts will be conducted on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, beginning at 2:00 PM at the Sherburne County Government Center, located at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330 in Maple Rooms A and B. Members of the public, candidates and political party representatives are invited to attend.
Brenda Kimberly-Maas, Town Clerk
Town of Big Lake
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**TOWN OF ORROCK
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TESTING**
NOTICE is hereby given, that a Primary Election will be held in Orrock Township on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the following Election Precinct:

Orrock Town Hall
26401 180th St. NW
Big Lake, MN 55309

The polls will be open from the hours of 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The purpose of this election is to nominate candidates for the following offices, which are to be voted on at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022:

STATE OFFICES
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State Attorney General

NOTICE is also given that public accuracy testing for the local precinct tabulators and assistive ballot marking equipment, for Orrock Township's Precinct will be conducted on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM at the Sherburne County Government Center, located at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330 in Maple Rooms A and B. Members of the public, candidates and political party representatives are invited to attend.
Christine Weber, Town Clerk
Orrock Township
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**NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TESTING
PALMER TOWNSHIP**
NOTICE is hereby given, that a Primary Election will be held in Palmer Township on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the following Election Precinct:

Palmer Township Hall
4180 105th AVE

The polls will be open from the hours of 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The purpose of this election is to nominate candidates for the following offices, which are to be voted on at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022:
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City Public Notices

**TITLE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 2022-06
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S FEE
SCHEDULE**
The City Council of the City of Clearwater, Minnesota, Counties of Wright and Stearns, does hereby amend the City's fee schedule ordinance for 2022 effective August 1, 2022. Shown here is a summary of the changes.

- Added a monthly sewer surcharge of \$10 per ERU
- Increased Mosquito Control fee to \$10.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection at the City Office, 605 County Road 75, Clearwater MN 55320, and on the City's website at www.clearwatercity.com.
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**City of Clearwater
Public Accuracy Test
Public Notice**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Clearwater will be conducting a Public Accuracy Test on the voting system equipment (DS200 & OmniBallot) that will be used for the 2022 State Primary Election. The Public Accuracy Testing will take place on August 4, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 605 County Road 75 in Clearwater, Minnesota. The testing is open to the public.
Annita M. Smythe
City Administrator
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**CITY OF BECKER RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
AUGUST 3, 2022**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Becker will hold its public accuracy test on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 10:00 a. m., location being the Sherburne County Government Center, 13380 Business Center Dr NW, Elk River, Minnesota in the Maple Room. The test will be performed to ensure the optical scan equipment is in proper working order prior to the Primary Election to be held on August 9, 2022. This test is open to the public.
/s/ Susan Nache
Deputy City Clerk
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City of Becker WWTF Request for Proposal
The City of Becker owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). The WWTF has two separate treatment trains: Domestic and Industrial. The industrial treatment train is dedicated to treating wastewater flows from a paper mill located in the city. During the treatment process, solids settle out in the industrial oxidation ditches which results in large deposits that take up treatment capacity and decrease the efficiency of the treatment process on the Industrial side. To correct this issue, the City is looking to hire a contractor to clean this debris out of these tanks.
To obtain a copy of the RFP which outlines the scope of this project, please contact Chris Lisson at clisson@ci.becker.mn.us or 612-619-565.
Proposal Due Date: 4 PM on August 15, 2022
Submit proposal to: Chris Lisson-City of Becker Public Works and Parks Assistant Director
Proposals can be submitted by email (clisson@ci.becker.mn.us), mail (Attn: Chris Lisson, PO box 250, Becker, MN. 55308) or delivered to the WWTF located at 14398 Central Avenue in Becker.
Preliminary Schedule
A. Proposals due to the city by 4 PM on August 15, 2022
B. Selection of service provider by August 19, 2022
C. Project completion on or before December 1, 2022
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Public Notices

Becker Public Schools #726 Notices

SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TITLE: **Becker Public Schools Primary/EEC Additions & Remodeling**
LOCATION OF WORK: **Becker Primary School**
12050 Hancock St.
Becker, MN 55308
OWNER: **Becker Public Schools**
12000 2nd Street SE
Becker, MN 55308
763-261-4914
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: **ICS**
1139 Franklin Ave Suite 1
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
612-412-1492
Contact: Josh Utsch
josh.utsch@ics-builds.com
ARCHITECT: **MLA Architects**
12 Long Lake Road Suite 17
St. Paul, MN 55115
651-770-4442
STRUCTURAL: **ERA Structural Engineering**
2550 University Ave West Suite 423-S
Saint Paul, MN 55114
651-251-7570
MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: **CMTA**
1331 Tyler Street NE Suite 201
Minneapolis, MN 55413
612-249-5600
CIVIL ENGINEER: **Bolton and Menk, Inc.**
7575 Golden Valley Road,
Suite 200
Minneapolis, MN 55427
507-794-5541

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The project consists of multiple work scopes for all of the work necessary for the construction of additions and remodeling including but not limited to site improvements, concrete, interior finishes, mechanical, electrical, and all associated utilities and amenities.
BID DATE AND LOCATION:
Sealed Bids will be received at **Becker Public Schools District Office: 12000 2nd St SE, Becker, MN 55308** then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to **2 p.m. local time on August 11th, 2022.** Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:
Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.
For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact Kris

Shattuck at 612-808-9855. ICS can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.
BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:
Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:
Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.
Bids are to include sales and use taxes.
Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.
Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or type-writer, in both words and figures.
Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.
Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.
Submit alternate prices (Bids) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.
Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to: (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.
Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on their investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which the Owner deems to be in their best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.
Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum

in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.
BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:
Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is ADVISED to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.
Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Subcontracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.
No extras will be allowed to the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of their failure to study and record their own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid. Nor shall it be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and it's Sub-Contractor(s).
PRE-BID CONFERENCE:
A Pre-Bid conference will be held **at 9 am on July 21st, 2022 at 12050 Hancock Street, Becker, MN 55308** If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.
START DATE:
Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is August 31st, 2022. Pre-construction and submittals work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises March 2nd, 2023.
SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:
Owner requires all work to be substantially complete by December 27th, 2023.
END OF SECTION 00 11 13
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SECTION 00 11 13
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TITLE: **Becker Public Schools-Middle School/High School Additions & Remodeling**
LOCATION OF WORK: **Becker Public Schools-Middle School/High School**
12000 Hancock St SE
Becker, MN 55308
13725 Bradley Blvd
Becker, MN 55308
OWNER: **Becker Public Schools**
12000 Hancock Street
Becker, MN 55308
763-261-4914
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: **ICS**
1139 Franklin Ave Suite 1
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-493-9836
Contact: Dan Hiemenz *dan.hiemenz@ics-builds.com*
ARCHITECT: **MLA Architects**
12 Long Lake Road Suite 17
St. Paul, MN 55115
651-770-4442
STRUCTURAL: **ERA Structural Engineering**
2550 University Ave West Suite 423-S
Saint Paul, MN 55114
651-251-7570
MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: **CMTA**
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BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:
Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to reassure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:
Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.
Bids are to include sales and use taxes.
Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.
Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or typewriter, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a copartnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.
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BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:
Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is ADVISED to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.
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SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:
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Wright Co. Fair has something for everyone

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

The Wright Co. Fair has once again come and gone, leaving behind memories of fun and good times for all who attended.
Along with the usual food, rides, and exhibit buildings, attendees took in many of their old favorites, including Los Moralitos Circus, which was back for its second appearance at the fair, wowing crowds with amazing feats of tumbling and acrobatics.
Crowds cheered on their favorites during the tractor pulls and derbies. New this year, Motokazie was a popular draw with their high-flying, fast paced dirt bike, pit bike, and atv Super-cross Race. Party Crashers RC Racing enabled fans to do some racing on their own with their portable track and RC cars and trucks.
AWF Pro Wrestling 'Fair Fight' brought with it cheers and excitement as

well, with AWF TV champions and other featured wrestlers entertaining the crowd with their athletic prowess.
Interacting with fair goers each day was the Dr. Street Magic Show and Al-

niors and military members, and youth tried their hand at Mutton Bustin' and the Kids Coin Scramble.
Wright Co. residents turned out for the Amateur Talent Show, impressing the



NORTHERN PEAK 4-H MEMBERS Kendra and Ashley Wolff, Isaac Wagner, and Kiley and Karen O'Konek have some fun during their club's turn running the 4-H food building Saturday morning. (Submitted photo.)

fy's World of Robotic Pup-pets. Friday's Senior Citizen Day and Saturday's Military Day honored the county's se-

audiences and judges with their varied talents and skills. The winners are headed to compete at the Minnesota



FAIR GOERS LINED UP FOR TICKETS to the Midway throughout the fair's run. (Submitted photo.)

State Fair Talent Show near the end of August.
The livestock and 4-H buildings and exhibits were, as always, a big part of what made the Wright Co. Fair the memorable event it always is. Members of the Clearwa-

ter 4-H group Northern Peak worked the 4-H food building Saturday morning, and once again came home with lots of colorful ribbons and winning honorable mentions, champion, and reserve champion. Many of their projects were

also named eligible for the state fair.

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EVs have a ways to go

Submitted Article

(The following article was approved for publishing in the Patriot by the Western Journal Editor. This is an informational piece for those interested in possibly investing in an electric vehicle in the coming months or renting one for a trip. Rachel Wolfe is a consumer trends reporter for the Wall Street Journal)

Electric vehicles are supposed to be the next big thing. So, why did one Wall Street Journal reporter, after taking a road trip with one, say that the fumes of expensive gasoline “never smelled so sweet”?

In a piece published by the Western Journal last month, Rachel Wolfe described charging a Kia EV6 for more time than she spent sleeping during a trek from New Orleans to Chicago.

Wolfe’s opening statement, which should serve as a portent to anyone who thinks the charging infrastructure or the capabilities of electric vehicles are there yet: “I thought it would be fun.”

Spoiler alert: It was not. Despite the fact that the EV6 is a hot new vehicle and the fact Wolfe had made several long trips in her (relatively) antediluvian 2008 Volkswagen Jetta, the experience turned into a nightmare of public-charging infrastructure frustrations and waiting around.

This on the heels of President Joe Biden’s speech about the catastrophic gas prices that his policies have caused. He bragged about the pain of high energy prices as part of “an incredible transition” to an impractical utopian scheme, where renewable energy powers the world.

The goal is for 50 percent of car sales to be electric by 2030. In 2021, four and a half percent of car sales were electric.

Wolfe wrote that she “plotted a meticulous route” using an app that showed public chargers along the 2,000-mile round-trip route. Most of the chargers, however, were only Level 2, which means they would take eight hours for a full charge.

Fast chargers can get the car to 80 percent of its full charge in roughly a half-hour



RACHEL WOLFE (R) and her friend Mack (L) had a tumultuous road trip as they set out to experience the ups and downs of driving an EV. (Submitted Photo).

—“Longer than stopping for gas — but good for a bite or bathroom break,” Wolfe noted.

“Over four days, we spent \$175 on charging. We estimated the equivalent cost for gas in a Kia Forte would have been \$275, based on the AAA average national gas price for May 19. That \$100 savings cost us many hours in waiting time,” she wrote.

Over the trip, she noted that the vehicle had lower range than advertised, charge stations had slower speeds than advertised, many had problematic cords and plenty of the country had almost no fast-charging stations at all.

Take, for instance, what happened when Wolfe and her traveling partner couldn’t find the wall-mounted charger at a Kia dealership in Meridian, Mississippi, during the first day of the journey — an experience that perfectly encapsulated the trip.

“When I ask a mechanic working on an SUV a few feet away for help, he says he doesn’t know anything about the machine and points us inside. At the front desk, the receptionist asks if we’ve checked with a technician and sends us back outside,” she wrote.

“Not many people use the charger, the mechanic tells us when we return. We soon see why. Once up and running, our dashboard tells us a full charge, from 18% to 100%, will take three-plus hours.

“It turns out not all ‘fast chargers’ live up to the name,” Wolfe noted.

“The biggest variable, according to State of Charge, is how many kilowatts a unit can churn out in an hour. To be considered ‘fast,’ a charger must be capable of about 24 kW. The fastest chargers can pump out up to 350. Our charger in Meridian claims to meet that standard, but it has trouble cracking 20.

And while the first day was the worst, Wolfe wrote, it never became “all smooth sailing.”

“At one point we find ourselves wandering through a Kroger, sopping wet, in search of coffee after wrestling with a particularly finicky charger in the rain. By this point, not once have we managed to back in close enough to reach the pump, or gotten the stiff cord hooked around the right way on the first try,” she wrote.

In one instance, Wolfe and her traveling companion had to turn off the cooling system and radio in a rainstorm while reducing the rate of the windshield wipers to make it to a charging station while running “on electric fumes.”

“At zero miles, we fly screeching into a gas-station parking lot. A trash can goes flying and lands with a clatter to greet us. Dinner is beef jerky, our plans to dine at a kitschy beauty shop-turned-restaurant in Memphis long gone,” she wrote.

Overall, Wolfe wrote, she spent 16 hours sleeping during the trip — compared to 18 hours waiting to charge spread over 14 charges.

“The following week, I

fill up my Jetta at a local Shell station. Gas is up to \$4.08 a gallon,” she concluded. “I inhale deeply. Fumes never smelled so sweet.”

Summing Up

It’s not just the inconvenience or the charging networks that are problems, either — although that certainly is a problem. EVs cost significantly more than internal-combustion vehicles, for one thing. The average price of a new electric vehicle was \$64,685, according to the Kelley Blue Book. As the New York Post noted in April, that’s “nearly 2.5 times the average price of a new compact car (\$26,196), almost twice the average cost of a new compact SUV (\$33,732), and 52% more expensive than the average sports car (\$42,555).”

Beyond that, there’s convenience. Even when charging stations are available, that doesn’t mean they work. In the deep-blue California Bay Area, over 25 percent weren’t fully functioning, according to a recent study.

Then there are the fires (if not explosions) or the reports tires on EVs wear out more quickly. And then there’s the environmental damage caused by mining for the components electric cars need.

It all adds up to a “solution” that’s a problem all on its own. Gas fumes never smelled so good, indeed.

Post Script

“Would I do this drive again in an electric car?” Wolfe questioned on her Twitter page. “Not anytime soon. But I’m excited about the government’s \$5b investment in fast charging infrastructure and hopeful about the future of EVs, especially for local driving.”




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