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Becker Roofing provides meals on Thanksgiving

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Thanksgiving is an annual national holiday marked by religious observances and a traditional meal including turkey and all the yummy fixings. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621, and is held in the U.S. on the fourth Thursday in November.

For many, the day means having not to go to work, watching football and pigging out. But for one local business, Thanksgiving is more than just feeding the appetites of our stomachs and eyes. It's applying the last part of the word, Thanksgiving.

Giving. Becker Roofing, established in 2019, has been annually donating full



THE EMPLOYEES OF BECKER ROOFING look to donate 5-10 Thanksgiving meals to needy families during the holidays. (Submitted Photo).

Thanksgiving meals to five to 10 needy families in the area.

"We started this tradition in 2019 with our Fairmont Roofing branch and have grown it since," said COO/ Integrator Jessica Lempere. "Becker Roofing has officially been in busi-

ness since 2019. I say officially because our team has been in the roofing industry for a combined 30+ years and before we decided to open our branch in Becker, we did work in the area as our sister company, Fairmont Roofing." The businesses

are owned by Marcus Eytcheson and his wife, Alisa.

"Marcus and I have similar upbringings," said Lempere. "Growing up in households that didn't have a lot has inspired us to work hard and give back when and where we can. I believe living open handed is one of the greatest gifts you can give people and when you see needs that you can meet, it should be considered a privilege and an honor to do so."

Becker Roofing and its family of employees provide families in need with a complete Thanksgiving dinner, from the turkey to the mashed potatoes to the pie. They opened a nomination link (since expired) for people to nominate those neighbors, families and individuals that they know of that would benefit from

such a meal.

"We know that inflation is hitting some families harder so than others," said Lempere. "We also know that there are so many families facing health struggles, or personal and life changing challenges. We truly hope that their friends and neighbors take a moment to nominate them (period is expired) for this meal."

On Monday of this week, The Becker Roofing family delivered the meals to the needy families so the turkeys could thaw in time for Thanksgiving Day.

Jessica's husband, Ben Lempere, is a sales professional/estimator and project manager at the Becker location. Their daughter, Emma (18), helps in the office during the summer when she is home from school,

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Freedom Days planners being sought

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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How much do you love Becker's summer celebration, Freedom Days?

Well the city of Becker is looking to transfer "ownership" of the event to the community — essentially comprising a committee or non-profit organization to take the reins and run the event while also absorbing the duties of planning, organizing, fundraising and volunteering time and effort to make the week-long annual event viable.

Josh Kuha (Recreation and Leisure Assistant Director) and Bartt Gevens (Recreation Services Manager) invited the public (business owners, chamber members, citizens, etc.) to a meeting last week at Pebble



JOSH KUHA AND BARTT GEVENS (center) talked with some of the attendees at Pebble Creek in regards to forming a committee for future Freedom Days events. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

Creek to discuss the possibility of transferring duties to community members. Public Services Director Phil Knutson was also on hand as well as Becker Mayor Tracy Bertram.

"We are looking for a

working committee to move this from a city-planned function to something the community can embrace," said Kuha. "It would start with a clean slate."

Those in attendance from the public were John

Riebel of Becker True Value Hardware (and Becker Legion), Tracie Hogrefe of Charlie's Bar & Grill, Amy Stanger of Edina Realty, Carol Hanson of the Patriot Newspaper, Meggan and Shelly from



St. Cloud Financial Credit Union and the owners of Bill's Family Foods and Bill's Superette, amongst others.

Several of the area organization said they were disappointed in the city for not reaching out to them to get more involved in the week-long event. Some said they were more involved in the past, but the last few years they've not been contacted.

Gevens attributed the lack of con-

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Refuge sees record number of Sandhill Cranes

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
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Earlier this month, the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR) saw a record number of sandhill cranes stop by on their migration journey. A total of 29,256 cranes were counted on Nov. 8 of this year, blowing the previous record for a single day's count out of the water.

The previous record number of cranes counted in a single day was set back on October 31, 2019, with 14,578 being counted.

Since 2002, staff members and volunteers at the refuge have counted the cranes coming through during the fall. Starting the second week of October, they count every crane spotted flying overhead once per week. The weekly counts will continue until there is a decline in the count from one week to the next. Volunteers stand at various stations throughout the St. Francis Wetland, where the cranes like to gather, to make sure there is



NEARLY 30,000 SANDHILL CRANES were spotted at the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge earlier this month. The cranes like to stop at the refuge as they migrate toward warmer temperatures in the south. (Photo by Kris Spaeth of the refuge.)

very little double-counting.

Since they began counting in 2002, staff has noticed a continual increase in the number of cranes passing though, but the number has increased significantly in the past few years. Although 2020 and 2021 did not break the single-day record number of cranes, the overall number

of sandhill cranes counted during that time was growing each year.

Cody Carlstrom, wildlife biologist at the refuge, said there could be several reasons for the increase in cranes. Both state and local laws protect the birds from being hunted by humans,

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Lutefisk Supper in Glendorado draws a large crowd

By Mary Nehring, Contributing Writer

Two hundred and eighty-three people were served at the annual Scandinavian meal in Glendorado last weekend. The smorgasbord included lutefisk, ham, meatballs, potatoes, rutabagas, vegetables, coleslaw, cranberries, lefse and pie Saturday, November 19th at Glendorado Lutheran Church.



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BECKER ROOFING OWNERS, Marcus and Alisa Eytcheson (top photo) and the Lempers family (bottom photo) including, Oscar, Aiden, Jess, Ben and Emma. (Submitted Photos).

and their son, Oscar (14), is often seen around job sites helping clean up and taking inventory.

"He loves keeping track of the materials and entering them into our spreadsheets," said Jessica of son, Oscar. "He has also learned the art of carrying bundles of shingles safely."

Their oldest child, Aiden (21), is usually put to work when he comes home to visit, says Jessica.

"He has been a runner for us, running materials to job sites and just filling the gaps as needed."

Becker Roofing has 11 employees that work at the Becker branch and 25 employees across their sister companies. They also have dedicated subcontractors that have become an important part of their team and have been working with them for years.

Becker Roofing doesn't stop the fun at Thanksgiving. They open nominations for a family to "adopt" for Christmas the week following Thanksgiving.

"Same idea," said Jessica. "Neighbors thinking of neighbors. We then purchase gifts, gift cards, clothing, toys and more for a family at Christmas and deliver the gifts a few days prior to Christmas."

The company especially hopes the nominations include families that have children as their hearts go out to the kids that may not be waking up on Christmas morning to anything under the Christmas tree.

"Something as simple as feeling thought of and being blessed with a meal they can share with those close to them can change the trajectory of this holiday season for those who just need a little encouragement," said Lempers. "That is our goal at Becker Roofing and if we can bring a smile to a face, we have done our job."

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Clearwater author's new book ranks #1

By Penny Leuthard,
 Contributing Writer

Clearwater resident Paul Neustrom's new book, *Death of a Yellow Page Salesman: From Lost to Found - Filled to Overflowing*, took seven years to write, but only days to become ranked in Amazon's top 10 in 22 categories in four countries.

Neustrom worked in print sales for over 40 years, mostly for yellow page directories, before Google effectively destroyed his career. He felt lost, wondering what he was going to do with his life.

Believing he had nothing left to give except to God, he sold everything he had and joined a monastery. He spent nearly two years there before leaving, during which he helped start 10 new Christian churches, spent time in Africa doing mission work, and helped start several men's monasteries.

The inspiration for *Death of a Yellow Page Salesman* came to him in 2015 while he was in the Holy Lands visiting the spot where Jesus met the woman from the well, the Biblical story told in the book of John. There three words came to him, "filled to overflowing."

The book, which is part marketing, part sales, and part motivational, covers three themes, Lost to Found, Empty to Full,



AUTHOR PAUL NEUSTROM and his wife Cherise on their wedding day. (Submitted Photo)

and Filled to Overflowing, which echo Neustrom's life. It's comprised of stories and principles from throughout his career that he found worked.

One story describes a time he was working for a radio station and called on a bus company that had previously been unsuccessful using radio advertising. Neustrom devised the idea to spoof the hit Queen song, "Another One Bites the Dust" with "Another One Rides the Bus." It was an incredible success, and the message to take out of it is to focus on getting one central message across, even in your per-

sonal life.

Working through Best Seller Publishing, he did a launch of the book on October 31 which, because of the title, he felt was appropriate. By the end of the week it ranked in Amazon's top 10 in 22 categories, including #1 in 10 of them, and it was #1 in the U.S., Germany, Canada, and Australia. The publisher stated the results were "unheard of."

The glowing reviews have been wide ranged, from readers saying they received spiritual inspiration to readers talking about its key business tactics.

"It's been a rewarding process but absolutely the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," said Neustrom. "I put myself out there, making myself vulnerable."

This isn't Neustrom's first experience with publishing success. He's also featured in another #1 best-

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selling book on Amazon called *Coaching Inc* with lead author Ray Brehm. Brehm told Neustrom his chapter, called *TOPGUN Coaching*, was his favorite chapter in the book.

Neustrom believes part of his drive and determination came from his competitive career in gymnastics, where he was a five time state champion in high school and a member of the #1 ranked collegiate team in the nation while he attended the University of

Nebraska.

Another story in the book is called "The Blind Helps the Lost to See," which talks about how he met his wife Cherise, who is blind, in 2019. Today they enjoy traveling in their RV, last year going out on tour and offering to pray for people. The couple live in Clearwater Estates and attend Living Waters Church in Clear Lake, where Cherise is worship leader.

Along with writing and traveling, Neustrom also

has his own podcast, called *Killing It Online*, where he discusses principles in marketing and in life. He also offers coaching and consulting services.

Neustrom will be at Rebecca's Cafe in Becker on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. signing his book, *Death of a Yellow Page Salesman*. For more information on him, his books, and his podcast, visit killingitonline.com.

Being Thankful

Do you ever feel alone? Overlooked? Forgotten by God?

I have. Especially over the last few years with my divorce, financial havoc, inexpectable loss and one-after-the-other devastating and stressful calamities.

Was I lonely? Yes. Did I feel overlooked? Oh boy did I. Did I feel forgotten? Absolutely.

However (and thankfully) I didn't distance myself from God but rather tried to draw nearer. I took the circumstances I was dealt with and laid them at God's feet knowing I did not have the strength to wrestle with it all by myself. Ironically, I imagined what would Jesus do in the same situations?

In the Bible, Jesus — though he was part of the triad of God — looked to His Father when He felt alone, overlooked and forgotten. Though Jesus had His faithful followers, He was, of course, sinless so He was probably considered the "oddball" — sticking out morally like a sore thumb, never quite fitting in with any group. Yet, when adversity reared it's ugly head, Jesus always called out to God.

In Matthew 14:13-21 at a remote place near Bethsaida, followers of Jesus



By Bill Morgan,
Editor/Writer

gathered to be with him and when no food but five loaves and two fish were available to feed the thousands who had gathered, instead of "freaking out" (like I would do), Jesus turned to God to multiply the food.

Later on the cross, Jesus — while being mocked and shamed — cried out to his Father in heaven, "Why have You forsaken Me?" We all know the lesson of this story, but how heartbreaking to feel you have no one to turn to at your most dire situation?

When Jesus felt abandoned and alone in Gethsemane, and His friends turned their backs, He turned to His Father rather than giving up (which I may have done) and prayed feverishly.

Jesus knew supreme rejection and loneliness and when the cards were

stacked against Him, He didn't run from his Father but looked instead to crawl in His lap like a child.

This Thanksgiving, I have a lot to be thankful for despite the turmoil I've faced in the last couple years. I am thankful for all my blessings and I look to focus my attention on those favors rather than the setbacks. Jesus thanked His Heavenly Father for hearing Him as He prayed for Lazarus to be risen from the dead. Jesus thanked His Father for the bread and cup at the Last Supper, which represented his body and blood and Jesus thanked His Father for feeding the 5,000 by the shores of the Sea of Gallilee.

Being thankful creates a communion with God. We are not forgotten, abandoned or overlooked by God. We are an object of His affection. When Jesus thanked God, it was because He had drawn near to Him. Be of good cheer this Thanksgiving. We are loved.

Make this year's Thanksgiving celebration more about the lesson of leaning more on God and depending on Him like a child looks to its parents.

What comfort is better than crawling into the lap of the Almighty?

Many reasons to give thanks

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

As we gather on Thanksgiving Day, we give thanks and remember what, and most importantly who, we have in our lives.

The first Thanksgiving celebration of the colonists came after a year of success. Lots to celebrate. But the prior year was full of hardships. Full of lessons learned and sadness. Sometimes it takes a year of sadness to give perspective to life — it is not always rosy. But even in the hard times, we can find gratitude. Grateful for all the help with life's tasks. Grateful for the presence of others. Studies have shown that an attitude of gratitude is a healthy state of mind.

Thanksgiving in the colonies is often attributed to the autumn harvest between the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag natives in 1621. And for more than two hundred years, days of thanksgiving were observed by the colonies and later, the states. However, it was not until



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

1863 when Thanksgiving was officially declared a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln after a particularly difficult year.

In July 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg saw more than 50,000 American casualties. Despite the many losses, the United States experienced a key victory during these three days of battle. And on Oct. 3, 1863, with this victory in mind along with acknowledge of its great cost, President Abraham Lincoln delivered a proclamation, which is viewed as the beginning of the national holiday of Thanksgiving Day.

"I do therefore invite

my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

As I reflect on all that I am appreciative for in my life, I would like to thank each of you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your voice in the Minnesota Senate. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to represent our wonderful district and the people who make it such a special place.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

Contact me

As always, if have questions or concerns on any legislative topic, feel free to contact me any time. You can call me at 651-296-5655 or send me an email at sen.mary.kiffmeyer@senate.mn. It is a privilege to serve as your state senator.

New Responsibilities

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

It has been an honor to be a voice for the Sixth Congressional District, and I am grateful to have been re-elected to again serve as your Member of Congress. This Congress, I will be taking on some new responsibilities: this week, I was selected by my colleagues to be House Majority Whip.

In the 118th Congress, we have the all-important power of the gavel. This means that Republicans will have the ability to apply checks and balances to the Biden Administration, a crucial tool in our effort to bring down costs, renew prosperity, and restore safety.

America is facing a recession, and we can't afford another year of shrinking paychecks. We have long been working to rein in wasteful government spending with legislation like the Sunset Act. This bill will require that each major



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

rule—that is, an executive action with more than a \$100 million impact on our economy—be approved by Congress or be "sunset" after ten years. With the power of the purse, we will challenge costly executive actions that weigh down our national debt.

In the House Financial Services Committee, where I serve as Ranking Member of Oversight and Investigations, we will now have the power to turn a microscope on executive agencies that politicize regulatory enforcement. We have al-

ready led the charge in the minority on efforts like this one to expose extra-jurisdictional enforcement. However, with the power of the gavel, we will be able to call those suspected of wrongdoing before Congress.

We also have the opportunity to hold these agencies accountable for the irresponsible use of taxpayer funds. Unchecked spending allows cronyism like the egregious "fellows" program at the CFPB to thrive. While we worked to expose this bad-faith governance in the minority, in the majority we will hold bad actors accountable.

There is much work to do this Congress, but we are encouraged that the new majority will bring newfound accountability and solutions to Americans' most pressing problems.

Help for Minnesotans struggling to pay energy bills

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.)

Minnesota homeowners and renters struggling to pay energy bills are encouraged to act now to ensure your home is warm and safe this winter. The Energy Assistance Program administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Cold Weather Rule administered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) give homeowners and renters options to pay your utility bills, to reduce your energy costs and to protect you from having your heat and power disconnected.

"The Cold Weather Rule puts Minnesotans' health and safety first by ensuring your heat stays on during our cold weather months," said PUC Chair Katie Sieben. "We encourage you to contact your utility company now to avoid shutoffs."

Commerce Commissioner Grace Arnold said, "With one application, Minnesotans can qualify for energy assistance and weatherization assistance to make energy bills more affordable and to permanently lower your energy bills. You can also apply for assistance to pay past-due water and sewer bills."

Cold Weather Rule

Get info online: PUC Shutoff Protection (mn.gov/puc/consumers/shut-off-protection/);

Contact the PUC Consumer Affairs Office: 800-657-3782 or consumer.puc@state.mn.us.

When does the Cold Weather Rule take effect? The Cold Weather Rule

(CWR) started October 1 and extends through April 30. The dates were extended under a state law passed in 2021.

How do you sign up?

Contact your natural gas or electric utility company and request a Cold Weather Rule payment plan. You can establish a payment plan at any time during the CWR season. Once you set up a payment

or unemployment payments.

How does the program work? Payments on energy and water bills are sent directly to the household's utility company. Benefits average \$500 per household.

Additional benefits that you may qualify for:

- Getting help to prevent disconnection;
- Getting reconnected to your heat and power if you have been disconnected;
- Receiving emergency fuel delivery if you heat your house with propane or heating oil;
- For homeowners, if your furnace or heating system is broken, you could get help with repair or replacement.

With one application, homeowners and renters can also qualify for the Weatherization Assistance Program to receive free home improvements to help save you energy and ensure your home is a warm, healthy and safe place to live. You may also qualify through the same application for assistance to pay past-due water and sewer bills.

About

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission regulates three cornerstone service industries in Minnesota's economy: electricity, natural gas and telephone. The Commission's mission is to create and maintain a regulatory environment that ensures safe, adequate and efficient utility services at fair, reasonable rates consistent with State telecommunications and energy policies. It does so by providing independent, consistent, professional and comprehensive oversight and regulation of utility service providers. Learn more at mn.gov/puc.



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plan and keep it, you are protected from having your heat disconnected. If you are unable to agree with your utility company on a payment amount, you have the right to appeal. Contact the PUC Consumer Affairs Office: 800-657-3782.

Can your heat be shut off during winter? YES. You must make and keep the CWR payment plan you set up with your natural gas or electric utility company to receive CWR protection between October 1 and April 30. This is true for all residential customers, including senior citizens and families with young children.

Energy Assistance Program

How do you apply? Request an application or find your local service provider with one of these options:

Go online: mn.gov/home;

Call 800-657-3710 and press 1;

Who qualifies? Homeowners and renters can qualify for energy assistance.

Check online to see if your income qualifies. For example, a family of four could earn up to \$58,793 annually and qualify.

The application considers your most recent 3 months of income and does not include federal stimulus



GENERATIONS OF NAVY. Gavin Laing with Fritz Laing in the photo left. In photo right, Gavin's great-aunt Netti Haus, Gavin, grandmother Mary Neuman of Palmer, brother Garrett of Maple Grove and Father Gregg. Gavin departed his first time in 2018 for Asia for 18 months and will depart for his second time in Dec. 2022. Fritz was in Korean war 70 years ago and is now 91 years old. Gavin is stationed in Birmingham, WA with his wife Crystl. His grandparents are Fritz and Shirley Laing of Freeport, MN and Mary Neuman and the late Jerry Neuman, who was also in the Navy. (Submitted photos.)

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

Sunday night at dusk I was driving north on Co. Rd. 23 approaching Co. Rd. 16 when an SUV flew through the stop sign at 55 mph. I was just seconds from the intersection and traveling at 55 mph myself. I was driving a full size truck. If we had collided at that speed someone probably would have died. I caught up to the other driver about two miles up at the next intersection at Hwy. 25. This time she

stopped. I informed her that she ran the last stop sign. She said she didn't see it and then apologized. Of the four similar intersections that surround my home one has had at least one fatality. Another has had at least two fatal accidents, one of which I was first to find the 19 year old fatality that had been ejected. The third intersection had what should have been a fatality. All these accidents involved one vehicle running through

the stop sign at high speed. Every one could have been avoided. No one in law enforcement wants to arrive at fatal car crashes. No one needs to die. Get off the phone or get off the road. That phone call or text is not more important than your life or anyone else's. Drive safe and enjoy life.

Robert Petro
Clear Lake, MN



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Public Notices

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: October 13, 2022

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT: Default has occurred in the conditions of that certain First Mortgage ("Mortgage") dated August 20, 2003, executed by Jefferey W. Keener and Paula B. Keener, husband and wife, the Mortgagors to Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity, a Minnesota non-profit organization, the Mortgagee, and filed for record on November 5, 2003, as Document No. 529173, in the Office of the Recorder of Sherburne County, Minnesota, and as thereafter amended and modified.

- The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was: \$50,879.00.
- No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof.
- The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.
- At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is: \$6,329.82.
- Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, on the land described as follows: Lot Fourteen (14), Block Three (3) West Hunter Lake Addition and Lot One (1), Block Two (2) West Hunter Lake Second Addition, according to the plat on file in the office of the Sherburne County Recorder, Sherburne County, Minnesota. Tax PID Nos. 30-403-0355, 30-404-0201 Address: 25514 101st Street NW, Zimmerman, Minnesota 55398 and will be sold by the County Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota, at public auction on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota 55330.
- The time allowed by law for redemption of Mortgagors or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.
- If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on June 7, 2023, or the next business day if June 7, 2023, falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
- 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 FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Mortgagee or Assignee of Mortgage:

By
Doraine A. Larison (#203609)
Attorneys for Mortgagee or Assignee of Mortgage:
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St. Cloud, MN 56301
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

- Date of Mortgage: August 20, 2018
- Mortgagor: Darren E. Skinner and Denise M. Skinner
- Mortgagee: The Bank of Elk River
- Recording Information: filed August 28, 2018 as Document No. 861321
- Assignments of Mortgage: none
- Legal Description of mortgaged premises:
Lot 2, Block 1, Rosewood Estates, Sherburne County, Minnesota. Abstract Property.
- Tax parcel identification number of property: 10-470-0110
- Property Address: 22613 170th Street NW, Big Lake, MN 55309

- The person holding the Mortgage is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is The Bank of Elk River
- The name of the mortgage originator as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is The Bank of Elk River
- All pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.
- The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$60,000.00.
- As of the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage is \$30,957.15.
- Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed and the mortgaged property will be sold by the Sheriff of Sherburne County at public auction on November 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Ctr. Dr. NW, Elk River, MN 55330 to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said property, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law.
- The time allowed for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is TWELVE (12) MONTHS after the date of the sale
- TIME AND DATE TO VACATE THE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2023.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY 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 OR LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

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

Date: October 12, 2022.
/s/ Eric J. Sherburne
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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the mortgage foreclosure sale referred to in the foregoing Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed to:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Ctr. Dr. NW, Elk River, MN 55330.

The time allowed for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is TWELVE (12) MONTHS after the date of the sale

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on December 28, 2023.

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

Date: November 9, 2022.
/s/ Eric J. Sherburne
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 71-PR-22-156
Estate of
Daniel Roy Anderson,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Assumed Names

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: **Team Hinty PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 13151 Carole Court Becker MN 55308 USA**
NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name:

Donelle Linda Jensen Hintermeier
James Phillip Hintermeier

Address:
13151 Carole Court Becker MN 55308 USA
13151 Carole Court Becker MN 55308 USA

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: **James Hintermeier**

MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **jamesanddonelle@gmail.com**

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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11/13/2022
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/s/ Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: **71-PR-22-144**

In Re the Estate of
Frank Martin Kosloski,
Decedent.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of December, 2022 at 9:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Sherburne, Minnesota, of the formal adjudication of intestacy, determination of heirs, and for the appointment of Tammy Leanne Wesely, 12832 - 296th Avenue NW, Princeton, MN 55371, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court, and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Clerk of the Court within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT

Dated: November 18, 2022

/s/ Blayne Graves
Deputy Court Administrator

April A. Lindstrom (ID#0386599)
Attorney at Law

545 Highway 23 East, Suite 203
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Milaca, MN 56353
320-982-1144

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: **71-PR-22-156**

Estate of
Daniel Roy Anderson,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on De-

cember 20th, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., a virtual hearing will be held in this Court for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated August 31, 2017, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Marsha L. Cusulos, whose address is 4753 Vincent Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55410 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: November 3rd, 2022

/s/ Blayne Graves
Deputy Court Administrator

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Summons

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
District Court
County of Isanti
10th Judicial District

Court File Number:
30-JV-22-141

Case Type:
CHIPS - Permanency

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child of: Anna Jean Mockenhaupt and William Roemhid.

Summons and Notice

Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody Matter (CHP-117)

NOTICE TO: Anna Mockenhaupt, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s).

1. A Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody has been filed in the Juvenile Court. This petition asks the court to permanently transfer the parent/guardian's legal and physical custodial rights to a relative.

2. **This is your notice** that this Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court VIA Zoom on January 06, 2023 at 10:30 AM or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information.

3. **YOU ARE ORDERED** to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.

4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.

5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently transferring the legal and physical custodial rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or permanent out-of-home placement of the child(ren).

Dated: November 21, 2022

BY: /s/ Jessica Howe
Isanti County

Court Administration
555 18th Avenue SW

Cambridge Minnesota 55008
763-290-7020

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Jones Lake Notices

FIRST NOTICE

Jones Lake in Clear Lake Township, T-33, M-34, R-29W, has a aeration device causing open water until ice is out.

Area affected are marked as of DNR requirements.

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Becker Upcoming Events

Becker Food Shelf Drive
Becker Girl Scout Troop 281 & Big Lake National Honor Society is hosting a food drive for the Becker Food Shelf. Nov. 1-Dec. 9. Drop sites are at: Los Ortizes, Becker Community Center, Starz Dance Studio & Marvel Nutrition.

Death of a Yellow Page Salesman

Tues., Nov. 29, 4-6pm, Rebecca's Cafe, Becker. Local author, Paul T. Neustrom of Clearwater. Please RSVP for a spot: paulneustrom.com.

Central MN Council on Aging Notices

Notice Request for Proposal

Central MN Council on Aging will publish a competitive request for proposals (RFP) for calendar year 2023 federal Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III-B supportive services and Title III-E national family caregiver services. In addition an RFP will be issued for OAA Title III-B American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) expanding the public health workforce within the aging network for states to fund community health workers. Visit our website <http://www.cmcoa.org/> on or around November 21, 2022 for the RFPs and additional information.
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BL Twp. canvasses election

By Katherine Cantin,
Staff Writer
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The Big Lake Township Board met only one time for the month of November. They met on the 16th and took the opportunity to canvass the votes of the election.

At 7 p.m., 5,682 voters were registered with the township. A further 173 registered the day of elections. Of the registered voters, 4,042 voted, with 638 voting absentee.

Dean Brenteson, running unopposed, retained his seat with town board. Incumbent Larry Alford also retained his seat, beating his two opponents, Eric Rosa and Carey Adler.

Official oaths of office for the two incumbent winners will take place Jan. 2.

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Austin Turner of the Sherburne County Sheriff's Department gave his report for the month. He noted that traffic stops and animal crashes are both up considerably over last year.

Officers have continued to complete an elevated number of security checks in response to recent thefts. Turner also noted two new thefts in the area since the last time he reported: one garage theft and one theft from a hunting trailer.

Fire Report

Cap. Tim Davis of the Big Lake Fire Department stepped in for Chief Seth Hansen to give the monthly report. For the month of October, the department received 31 calls for service, 11 of those being in the township. Among notable calls, Davis noted one watercraft rescue. A boat out on the lake capsized, and the department responded quickly, rescuing the passenger.

In other news, Davis

noted that the open house event in October was a success with over 2,500 attendees. Fire prevention week, also taking place in October, was another great experience, as firefighters visited kids at local schools to teach them about fire safety.

Roads

Snow plowing has officially begun for the year. There were a couple of issues regarding plowing for the first couple of storms as school buses had difficulty navigating roads that had not been plowed quickly enough. However, the issue was quickly resolved.

The township board still intends to continue its endeavor to do as much brushing as possible, as long as the weather permits. They anticipate brushing will continue for most of the season.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Approved a change order for the new fire engine, including changing the color and adding some important equipment;
- Discussed the fire service agreement with Orrock Township, noting a couple of minor changes that needed to be made;
- Heard from a resident who wished to combine two plats, sending their favorable comments on to the county planning and zoning board;
- Gave a likewise favorable recommendation to another individual who is looking to develop land on the corner of Co. Rds. 83 and 43;

• Noted there will be an open house regarding the reconstruction of Co. Rd. 81 at Big Lake Town Hall December 1 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

• Reminded the audience there will only be one town hall meeting for the remainder of the calendar year, Dec. 14, 6 p.m.

Clear Lake/Clearwater - Announcements

Clear Lake Legion
Meets the second Tues. of the month at 4180 105th Ave., Clear Lake. The Legion will meet at 7:30pm. Bud Stimmler at (320) 761-5793.

Clear Lake Lions
Meets the first & third Tues. of the month at Palmer Twp. Hall at 7pm. Please contact any Lions member or website: www.clearlakerlionsmn.org

Clear Valley Business Connections

Meets quarterly on the 2nd Thurs. of the month from 11:30am-1pm at various locations. Glenna Soenneker, President, (320) 267-4361, clearvalleybc@gmail.com.

Clearwater AA/Al-Anon

Meets at 7pm, Sun. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. (320) 310-1399 for AA or (320) 558-6613 for Al-Anon.

Clearwater AA Meeting

Meets Mon. nights, 7pm at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 CR 75, Clearwater. (612) 801-7317.

Clearwater Area Friends of the Library

Clearwater Area Friends of the Library are currently accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs & CDs for their used bookstore located in the Clearwater Library.

Clearwater American Legion Post 323 & Auxiliary

Clearwater Legion meetings are held the second Thurs. of the month. Auxiliary 6:30pm, S.A.L. at 7pm, Legion 7:30pm. Clearwater Legion, Clearwater.

Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

Open Mon. 5:30-7pm, Tues. 9-11am & 6-8pm, Wed. 3-5pm & in the brown Lions Community Building beneath the water tower in Clearwater.

Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous

Meets at 7pm, Wed. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. (612) 607-4484.

Free Grace Recovery

Sun. 6-8pm at Clear Lake Town Hall, 7684 1st Ave. W. Clear Lake. Justin or Renee at (612) 384-9069.

Lions Club of Clearwater

Meets second Tues. of the month at 8pm. Clearwater Lions Pavilion. www.clearwaterlionsmn.com

Miscellaneous - Announcements

Every Child Deserves a Family! WE NEED YOU!

Sherburne County is recruiting Foster Homes! Chelsea Doherty 763) 765-4033 or chelsea.doherty@co.sherburne.mn.us.

FREE - Advocates for Independence

First & third Wed. of the month 2-4pm at Independent Lifestyles, 215 North Benton Drive, Sauk Rapids. Michele Pelka (320) 281-2042.

FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

(PD) Support Group "Coffee & Conversation" the last Wed. monthly at 10am at Edgewood Living 677 Brianna Drive, Sartell. Bobbi (320) 281-3343.

Mental Health Discussion Group

Meets Mon., 6-7pm at Independent Lifestyles, 215 N. Benton Dr., Sauk Rapids. Ricky (320) 281-2025.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Meets third Mon. of the month, from 1-2:30pm at ILICIL Independent Lifestyles, 215 N. Benton Dr., Sauk Rapids. Independent Lifestyles at (320) 529-9000.

Rivers of Hope

Working in partnerships w/schools, law enforcement, social service agencies & the court system in Sherburne & Wright Co. (763) 295-3433 or 1-800-439-2

Public Notices

Becker Public Schools #726 Notices

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TITLE: **Becker Public Schools-Transportation Building**
LOCATION OF WORK: **Becker Public Schools-Transportation Building**
10791 150th Ave SE
Becker, MN 55308
OWNER: **Becker Public Schools**
12000 Hancock Street
Becker, MN 55308
763-261-4914
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: **ICS**
1139 Franklin Ave Suite 1
Saug Rapids, MN 56379
320-493-9836
Contact: Dan Hiemenz dan.hiemenz@icsbuilds.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:
This is a re-bid for the Fire Protection Work Scope consisting of the work necessary for the fire protection system at the new transportation facility including but not limited to holding tank/pump system, and the complete system for the both heated and unheated spaces.
BID DATE AND LOCATION:
Sealed Bids will be received at **Becker Public Schools District Office: 12000 Hancock St., Becker, MN 55308** then publicly opened in the ICS Job Trailer, located at the South end of the football field parking lot and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to **2 p.m. local time on December 1st, 2022** Bids submitted after allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

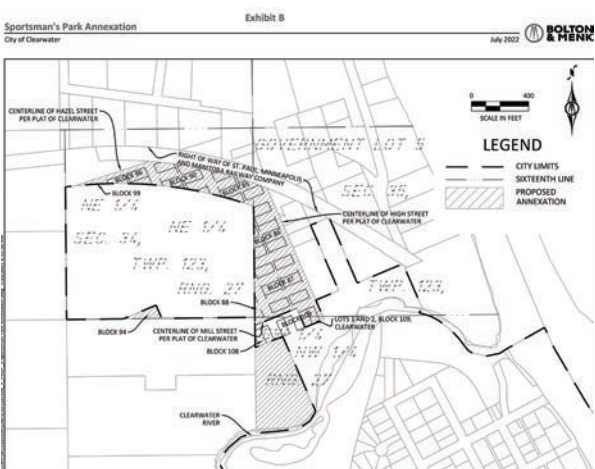
EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:
Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.
For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact Kris Shattuck at 612-808-9855. ICS can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors 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 re-assure 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.
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 al-ternates, 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
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 Sub-contracts). 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 **2 pm on November 22nd, 2022 at 12000 Hancock St., Becker, MN 55308**; in the ICS job trailer, located at the South end of the football filed parking lot. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference at 10791 150th Ave SE, Becker, MN 55308. 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 December 5th, 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 no later than December 19th, 2022.
SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:
Owner requires all work to be substantially by March 9th, 2023. (Published in the *Patriot*: 11/19/22; 11/26/22.)

City Public Notices

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CLEARWATER
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND OWNED BY THE CITY IN LYNDEN TOWNSHIP
THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. Legislative Findings. The City Council of the City of Clearwater finds and determines as follows:
a. The City owns the property legally described in the attached Exhibit A and shown on the map attached as Exhibit B ("City Property").
b. The City is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 414.033, subdivision 2(1) to annex by ordinance unincorporated land that it owns.
c. The notice and hearing requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 414.033, subdivision 2a do not apply to the annexation of City-owned land.
d. The floodplain, shoreland, and electric utility notice requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 414.033, subdivisions 11 and 12 do not apply to this annexation.
e. The City Property:
1. Includes property in Lynden Township ("Town") containing approximately 14 acres identified in Stearns County records as PIN #19.10994.0030 and legally described in the attached Exhibit A;
2. Is currently used as a city park and has a population of zero;
3. Is not subject to real estate taxes and so the City is not required to pay any tax reimbursement to the Town under Minnesota Statutes, section 414.036 related to this annexation;
4. Is not subject to any special assessments and there is no Town debt attributable to the City Property;
5. Is not immediately adjacent to any Town roads; and
6. Is not part of an orderly annexation agreement.
SECTION 2. Annexation. Per Minnesota Statutes, section 414.033, subdivision 2(1), the City Council hereby declares the City Property, as legally described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B, to be annexed to the City of Clearwater effective as of the date approved by the Office of Administrative Hearings.
SECTION 3. Filing. The City Administrator is authorized and directed to file a copy of this Ordinance with the Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit of the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Minnesota Secretary of State, the Stearns County Auditor, and the Town Clerk.
SECTION 4. Designated Zoning District. Upon the Office of Administrative Hearings' approval of the subject annexation, this Ordinance designates the zoning district of the annexed property as PI, Public/Institutional. The Official Zoning Map of the City of Clearwater shall be updated to reflect this change upon its next publication.
SECTION 5. Not Codified. This is a transitory ordinance and shall not be codified as part of the City Code.
Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication, which is hereby authorized by the City Council.
ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022
APPROVED BY:
/s/ Andrea Lawrence Wheeler, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator
Exhibit A
Block 94, CLEARWATER, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota;
AND
That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 123, Range 27, Stearns County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the right of way of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company, lying southeasterly of the centerline of Hazel Street, as dedicated and delineated on the plat of CLEARWATER, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota, and

lying northerly of a line run parallel with and distant 100 feet southerly of the following described line:
From a point on the East line of said Section 34, distant 422.70 feet south of the northeast corner thereof; run southeasterly at an angle of 64 degrees 28 minutes with said east section line for a distance of 418.8 feet, to the point of beginning of line to be described; thence run northwesterly along last described course a distance of 100 feet; thence deflect to the left on a 2 degree 00 minutes curve, delta angle 30 degrees 59 minutes, for a distance of 1549.20 feet; thence on tangent to said curve for a distance of 200 feet and there terminating.
AND
That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 123, Range 27, Stearns County, Minnesota, lying northerly and northwesterly of the Clearwater River, and lying southeasterly of the south line of Block 108 and its northeasterly extension to the southwest corner of Block 109, CLEARWATER, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota, and lying westerly of a line being the southwesterly line of said Block 109 extended southeasterly to the centerline of said river.
AND
Lots 1 and 2, Block 109, CLEARWATER, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota, and the southwesterly half of High Street being adjacent to the northeast line of said Block 109, as dedicated and delineated on said plat of CLEARWATER, and the southeasterly half of Mill Street being adjacent to the northwest line of said Block 109, as dedicated and delineated on said plat of CLEARWATER.
AND
That part of Government Lot 5 of Section 35, Township 123, Range 27, Stearns County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the right of way of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company, lying southwesterly of the center line of High Street, as dedicated and delineated on the plat of CLEARWATER, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota, and lying northwesterly of the centerline of Mill Street, as dedicated and delineated on said plat of CLEARWATER.
AND
The Northwesterly half of Mill Street being adjacent to the southwest lines of Blocks 87 and 88, CLEARWATER, according to the recorded plat thereof, Stearns County, Minnesota, within the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 123, Range 27, Stearns County, Minnesota.



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GENERAL OVERVIEW OF POSITION Under general supervision, provide service and program information to seniors and assist clients with money management. Provide support to Social Workers within the agency.

WAGE RANGE 2023 January 1 wages: \$21.72 - \$29.18, depending upon qualifications.

BENEFITS Group health, dental, vision, life, disability, critical illness, hospital, and accident insurance. Two-week's vacation and sick leave accrual annually, 1 personal day, 11 paid holidays, and 7.5% employer contribution to PERA (retirement).

REQUIREMENTS Bachelor's degree in Nursing, Social Work, or a related behavioral science field. Experience in health insurance, Medicare, prescription drug program and medical institution billing practices and relevant experience working with seniors and senior programs preferred.

EMPLOYMENT VARIABLES The typical schedule is 37.5 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Additional hours may be required but vary based upon workload demands.

APPLICATION INFORMATION Got to: www.co.stevens.mn.us to apply under Employment Opportunities by 4:30 p.m., December 2nd, 2022. ADA accommodations available.
Stevens County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Most tax rates lower in 2023

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

Although actual taxes due in 2023 may be higher than in 2022, tax rates across the county will be lower next year.
A report released by the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer's Dept. earlier this month shows all 10 townships and five of seven cities in the county could have lower tax rates in 2023.
The biggest proposed rate drop is in the City of Big Lake, which will fall almost nine percent from 47.505% to 38.765%. The rural service district in the city (RSD) will fall from 13.821% to 9.067%. (RSDs are typically undeveloped properties in a city that are not benefitted to the same degree as other lands.)
The City of Clear Lake

is next, with a proposed rate drop from 61.062% to 53.695%.
Zimmerman's rate is expected to fall from 42.697% to 36.783%, with the RSD dropping from 14.945% to 12.873%.
Princeton's rate continues to be the highest in the county, but that rate will drop from 63.980% to 57.099% in 2023. The RSD in the city will also fall from 20.357% to 15.291%.
Elk River will have a lower tax rate in 2023, from 43.957% to 39.898%.
The only cities in the county with proposed increases are Becker (44.322% to 44.905%) and East St. Cloud (50.904% to 51.995%).
All 10 townships are proposing tax rate decreases for 2023.

The biggest drops will be in Blue Hill Twp. (18.083% to 12.872%) and Livonia Twp. (22.113% to 17.337%).
The remaining eight townships all have proposed decreases less than four percent. They are: Baldwin (16.590% to 12.859%), Becker (17.987% to 15.639%), Big Lake (21.592% to 20.039%), Clear Lake (15.598% to 13.479%), Haven (17.990% to 14.521%), Orrock (22.187% to 18.440%), Palmer (16.101% to 13.242%) and Santiago (16.429% to 14.027%).
Total taxes payable will also be affected by the market value of the home or business, local levies, and by other taxing districts, such as Sherburne County, fire departments and school districts.

The county's tax rate is expected to fall from 44.080% to 38.768%.
All seven school districts that affect Sherburne County properties will also have lower tax rates in 2023. They include Foley Dist. 51 (25.378% to 22.031%), Princeton Dist. 477 (24.658% to 21.260%), Becker Dist. 726 (21.835% to 19.264%), Big Lake Dist 727 (35.401% to 29.825%), Elk River Dist. 728 (30.889% to 26.483%) and Monticello Dist. 882 (15.459% to 12.815%).
Tax notices were sent out beginning Nov. 16. They include line items for each taxing jurisdiction, tax rates and proposed 2023 taxes.

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Becker Baptist Church
Pastors: Nathan Bucher (Senior), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. of Child/Fam. Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am. During the school year: AWANA for Kids/Sun. School 9:15am. Midweek Connect for Kids 6:30pm. Please register Kids on our website. Youth Group: Wed. 6:30pm. www.beckerbaptist.org.

Becker Evangelical Free Church
Pastors: Gerald Deppa (Interim Senior), Chris Salvevold (Youth), 763-261-4125, Becker High School, Office: 11373 150th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Teaching/Fellowship 10am.

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month. (Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays in Big Lake).

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers & Vicar Molly Wills, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am (Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays) Nursery available. Sun. school 9:55am, Refreshments & fellowship at 10:30am, Wed. programs: 6:00pm Wed. Worship, 6:30pm 7th ~ 9th grade confirmation, 7:30pm Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. Bible Studies: Tues. 9:00am www.faithlutheran-becker.org.

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God
Pastors: Gerry Bass & Sarah, 763-220-6004, 13140 1st St (SW Corner of Becker Furniture World). Services: Sun. Bible Study/Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.

Snake River Free Church
Pastor: Steve Johnston, 612-219-8648, 180th St SE. Services: Sun. Worship/ Sun. School 10:30am., Hymn Sing is second Sun. of every month.

Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church
Pastor: Ken Hanson, 763-262-2177, 15455 59th St SE. Services: Sun. Praise & Worship 9:30am, Wed. Family Fellowship 7pm.

Beacon House of Prayer
Pastors: Brian & Linda Holmes, 763-263-3771, 12264 Pleasant Ave. Services: Thurs. Worship 6:30pm.

Free Grace United
Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, Becker High School, 12000 Hancock St, Enter door 11. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

• **BIG LAKE**

Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church
Pastor: Bill Nixon, 763-263-2287, 20455 187th Ave NW. Services: Sat. Worship 9am, Sat. Sabbath School 10:15am.

Bethany Bible Church
763-263-2167, 511 Eagle Lake Road. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.

Bridgeview Assembly of God
Pastor: Steve Royalty, 763-263-6274, 20500 County Road 11. Services: Sun. Worship 9am & 10:45am, Wed. groups (kids/youth/adults) 6:30pm.

SVEA Hill Covenant Church
Pastor: Don Bellach, 763-263-6322, 16392 235th Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

Cornerstone Baptist Church
Pastor: Gordon Langdon, 763-263-7878, 15300 County Road 35.

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock
763-262-0028. www.hopelutheranrefuge.weebly.com.

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Lord of Glory Lutheran Church
Pastor: Marty Mably, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10:30am.

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm; Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays in Becker).

Riverside Church
Online: www.myrcc.church, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.

Saron Lutheran Church
Pastor: Kyle Sidlo, 763-263-2209, 311 Lake St. S. Services: Sun. Worship

9:30am, indoors or livestream.

Spirit Life Church

763-262-LIFE, 221 Lake St N. Services Sun. mornings 9:45am. Going Deeper Sun. 9am. Prophetic Prayer Wed. 7pm.

• **SANTIAGO**

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor: Allison Peterson, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am. and 10 am, Sun. School 9am.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School
Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.

Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Pastor: Shari Routh, 920-573-0193, 1100 186th Ave NE. Services: Sun Good Shepherd 9am, Sun. Glendorado 10:30am.

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) – Ronneby

Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

Glendorado Evangelical Country Church

Pastor: Sam Alfano, 763-662-2244, 16999 Glendorado Road NE. Services: Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

• **CLEAR LAKE**

Living Waters Church

320-699-0876, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Starting in Sept. Wed. night Ladies in Recovery study at 6:30pm.

Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Pastor: Josh Reber, 320-743-2919, 8641 Main Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 8:45am, Sun. School 9:45am.

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Pastor: TBD, 320-241-0123, Palmer Town Hall, 4180 105th Ave. Services: Sun. 5pm. www.shedchurch.org.

St. Marcus Catholic Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Mon. & Wed. Mass 8am, Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. 8am.

• **DUELM**

St. Lawrence Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Services: Sun. Mass 10am, Tues. Mass 8am.

• **CLEARWATER**

Clearwater United Methodist Church

Pastor: Alison Hendley, 320-558-2581, 405 Main St. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am.

Freedom Bible Baptist Church

320-434-347, 605 Lime St. (Old Clearwater Post Office). Services: Sun. Prayer 9am, Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:45am.

Rejoice Lutheran Church – ELCA

Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. School that begins in Worship 9:30am.

Livestream worship at Rejoice's Youtube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWYi5wmGw>

Church of St. Luke

Father: Dennis Backer, 320-558-2124, 17545 Huber Ave NW. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8am & 10am, Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8am/ Sat. 9am.

Tri-County Alliance Church

Pastor: David Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

• **SILVER CREEK**

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Pastor: Ken Tatenhorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am

Silver Creek Community Church

Pastor: Zach Pryor, 320-963-3957, 4282 114th St NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am, Sun. Fellowship 10am, Sun. School 10:30am.

• **SAINT CLOUD**

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School District 742 expands Language Immersion programs

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by Laurie Putnam Superintendent of St. Cloud Area School District)

St. Cloud Area School District is excited to announce expanded options in its language immersion programming to be piloted for incoming kindergartners in the 2023-2024 school year. Dual Immersion in Spanish will be offered at Clearview and Westwood Elementary Schools, and Dual Immersion in Somali will be offered at Discovery and Talahi Community Schools.

At Clearview, kindergartners in the fall of 2023 will transition to a dual immersion program in Spanish from full immersion. In a dual language immersion program, or two-way immersion, the goal is for students to receive instruction half the day in the target language and half the day in English.

In a full immersion program, students are immersed in a second language while they learn, math, reading, writing, social studies, science, health and other subjects. (Specialty classes such as art may be taught in English.) Current Spanish Immersion students at Clearview will remain in full immersion programming.

Fall 2023 will mark the first year for language immersion programming at Westwood and provide open enrollment opportunities for neighboring north and west school districts.

Dual Immersion in Somali will be piloted for

kindergartners for the first time in Fall 2023 at Discovery Community School for the Discovery and Oak Hill attendance areas, and at Talahi Community School, serving the Talahi and Lincoln attendance areas. This pilot program will be the first Dual Immersion Somali program in the state of Minnesota.

The benefits of immersion education are

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far-reaching. It enhances academic and linguistic performance in both languages. It physically enhances cognitive brain development and increases social emotional development and self-confidence. It broadens student understanding of language and culture while preparing students to become global citizens. English (only) sections will continue to be offered at all schools. Chinese Immersion at Madison Elementary will remain a full immersion program in 2023-2024. Spanish and Chinese Immersion in secondary schools will remain as scheduled for the 23-24 school year.

Families interested in learning more about language immersion programming for the 2023- 2024 school year are invited to attend upcoming kindergarten open houses (dates to be determined and posted on the district website.)

For questions and further information, contact Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Mike Rivard at michael.rivard@isd742.org or 320.370.8006.

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Obituaries

Nancy Carol-Helen Begin, Age 68

Monticello, MN

March 17, 1954 – November 17, 2022

Nancy passed away Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Nancy was born March 17, 1954, to Elmer and Olga Gulbrandson in Chisolin, MN. Her family moved to Monticello when she was 5. Nancy graduated from Monticello High School in 1972.

She was a woman of strong faith, and her family was the most important thing in the world to her. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Gloria.

She is survived by her loving husband of 32 years Ron; children, Tami (Britt) Emanuel, Travis (Becky)

Langley, Dajon, Kara (Logan) Schumann, Ron (Jackie) Begin Jr., Brian Begin, Desiree Coons, Rajon Begin;

17 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sister, Pat (George) Sawatzke; brother, Dick (Dawn) Gulbrandson; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was held on Friday, November 25, at Peterson-Grimsmo Funeral Chapel, 250 E Broadway, Monticello. Funeral service is Saturday, November 26 at 11am, visitation one hour prior at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 9300 Jason Ave NE, Monticello.

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Gerald passed away Tuesday, November 15, 2022. He was born August 3, 1936, in St. Cloud, MN, the youngest of three sons born to Albert and Florence (White) Johnson of Big Lake, MN.

Jerry graduated from Big Lake High School in 1954. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served for three years. He was Post Commander in 1974 for Big Lake American Legion Post 147.

Gerald married Marlene Nickerson in March of 1955. They had four children: Gary, Bruce, John and Kitty.

Jerry was employed at Hoffman Engineering in Anoka for 31 years until his retirement in 1995.

Gerald married Carol Johnson in 1998 and became a wonderful stepfather to Cindy, Shelly and Todd.

Jerry was an avid outdoorsman enjoying fishing, trapping and hunting. He also enjoyed playing horseshoes, cribbage, pull tabs, socializing and sharing stories.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Florence; first wife, Marlene; son, Bruce Johnson; daughter-in-law, Amy Johnson;

Ornament Party at Sherburne History Center

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by Mike Brubaker t the Sherburne History Center.)

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step-daughter, Shelly Jansson; and brother, Donald (Betty) Johnson of Rochester, MN.

Gerald is survived by his loving wife, Carol Johnson of Ramsey, MN; son, Gary (Kathy) Johnson of Big Lake, MN; son, John (Barb) Johnson of Big Lake, MN; daughter, Kitty (Scott) Johnson of Elk River, MN; step-daughter, Cindy Burke of Coon Rapids, MN; step-son, Todd Johnson of Coon Rapids, MN; 8 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Richard (Ardell) Johnson of WI; and many other family and friends.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 1:00 PM, and visitation was at 11:30 AM, at Peterson-Grimsmo Funeral Chapel, 250 East Broadway, Monticello, MN. A private family burial will be held at Big Lake Cemetery, Big Lake, MN.

Serving the family is Peterson-Grimsmo Fuenral Chapel of Monticello, MN. 763-295-2918. www.peterson-grimsmofuneralchapel.com.

snowmen. Fun for family and friends of all ages. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments are sponsored by Bill's Family Foods.

For more information, contact the Sherburne History Center at 763-261-4433 or 763-262-4433 (metro line) or visit their website at www.sherburne-historycenter.org.

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Blue Star Mothers donating to deployed soldiers

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Blue Star Mothers.)

The Annual Blue Star Mothers Holiday Project of hand-decorating 300 felt Christmas stockings for service men and women is well under way! Decorating the stockings was held Nov. 6 at the Buffalo American



VOLUNTEERS WORKED HARD to decorate stockings to send to deployed soldiers. Blue Star Mothers, the spearhead organization for the project, is seeking donations to fill the stockings with goodies. (Submitted photos.)

items needed to be individual serving sizes.

Each year Blue Star Mothers participate in the Halloween give back program through Wright County area schools so there will be plenty of candy to add to the stockings. Three hundred chapstick have already been acquired as well as Girl Scout cookies. Blue Star Mothers would accept more boxes of Girl Scout cookies if anyone has any to donate. Please no mints or gum.

In addition to the donated items, Blue Star Mothers are accepting monetary donations. Shipping this project costs approximately \$3,000 each year in addition to costs for the stockings, decorating supplies and other items needed to be purchased to meet the quota of 300. Checks may be sent to: Blue Star Mothers, PO Box 234, Buffalo, MN 55313.

Homemade Christmas Cards or Thank-You for Your Service cards are also needed. Each year organizers like to send three or four cards per stocking, meaning a grand total of 900-1200 handmade cards. Packages will be mailed this week so they arrive in plenty of time for Christmas.

Also being accepted are addresses for loved ones in the military! If anyone would like the Blue Star Mothers to include their loved one in the annual holiday project please email their name and complete address along with

how they are related (so volunteers can include that information in the package) to: President.MN13@BlueStarMothers.us. Blue Star Mothers will include a message stating who gave the organization their address. Also please notify them in advance to be expecting a package from the Blue Star Mothers from a Buffalo address, for safety purposes.

Update

Jen Pecarina of Blue Star Mothers sent in the following update on this story to the *Patriot*:

"The stockings are decorated! We had so many community members from all over the county help decorate the stockings! From the very young children, carried in a backpack, to grandparents. The stockings look wonderful! I'm sure that every hero that receives one this year will be thrilled! Now we need to collect the items to go inside the stockings!" (Which they did.)

About Blue Star Mothers

Blue Star Mothers are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans. Members support each other and their children while promoting patriotism. The organization focuses on their mission every single day and will never, ever, forsake the troops, veterans, or the families of our Fallen Heroes.

Blue Star Mothers has nearly 6,000 members from over 200 Chapters throughout the nation.

PetNet Works

Working with the community to find homes for needy pets

Chives

is a 4-year-old spayed dog who came to Tri-County Humane Society as a transfer. She is a smart girl who already knows how to "sit," "shake" and "lay down." Chives is staying in a TCHS Adoption Ambassadors foster home; contact the shelter to learn more about her or to arrange a meeting.

Dap

is 7-year-old neutered mixed breed pup who arrived at the shelter as a stray, so we don't know much about his background. He has been a very well-behaved resident during his time here; he walks nicely on a leash and appears to be poty-trained because he will "hold it" for his walks. He would love durable toys and plenty of exercise in his new home.

Gus

is a chatty, friendly 1-year-old cat who's on the prowl for a home. He's got a laid-back attitude, and he's done well with other cats and dogs in the past. What Gus has struggled with are tummy troubles. In the shelter, he's on a prescription diet and using his litter box appropriately. Gus qualifies for our Fabulous Five Dollar Feline promotion.

Jaya

is spayed and 14 years young. While she's been timid in the shelter, she is a true sweetheart when given the time and attention to warm up to you. What she is a big fan of: Scratching posts and wet food! Her adoption fee has been waived.

Kapoor

is a 2-year-old guinea pig who's looking for a home. Guinea pigs are social and vocal creatures who need appropriate enrichment and supervised time outside of their cages daily. Talk to a TCHS staff member for tips about guinea pig care.

Lady

is a 7-year-old spayed large mixed breed pup who is on allergy and thyroid medications that will likely be needed for the rest of her life. Lady qualifies for our Passed-Over Pups promotion; her adoption fee has been lowered to \$30 (tax not included) to spur interest.

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Big Lake School Board thanks sandbox sponsors



SANDBOX SPONSORS. Staff of the Big Lake School District thanked the sponsors of the Sandbox program with plaques of appreciation. Back row: Matt Vogel, Sandbox instructor; Bri Ana Vogel, Viet; Adam Eggert, PGI Roads; John Hass, Veit; Scott Weness, RDO Equipment; Bob Dockendorf, High School Principal. Front row: Kelly Hansen, Veit; Shalynn Tordeur, BLHS Assistant Principal; Andrea Ibberson, Peer Coach; Wade Olson, Tech Ed and Work-Based Learning instructor. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

By Katherine Cantin,
Staff Writer
Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com

During the monthly meeting, the Big Lake School Board heard an update on how the year is going for the high school, and, in particular, they heard about the success of the new sandbox program.

The sandbox program is a class that allows high school students to study excavating by actually using equipment on school grounds. Matthew Vogel, teacher for the program, said the students who enrolled in the course were having a blast working with the machines. The course is being offered as a means for the district to help broaden the scope of what students consider for a career after high school. Vogel said there were a variety of students taking the course this fall, some hoping to move into a career where they operate similar machinery, and some who were interested in civil engineering or in being a diesel mechanic, and who saw the opportunity to become acquainted with the operation of the machines.

The program was created with the help of several local businesses. As a thank-you, Vogel distributed plaques to each of the business partners on behalf of the high school and the district.

Financial Report

Before giving her financial report, Angie Manuel, Director of Business Services, invited Matt Mayer of Bergan KDV to give the school's financial audit report for the year. Mayor said he and his company were presenting an unmodified (or clean) opinion of the school's finances, without any significant issues. He furthermore noted that the staff was very helpful and he and no issues working with them.

With that, Manuel moved on to her financial report. Average daily membership is still higher than what was budgeted for the year, even after a slight loss of nine students (several students moved out of district.) Manuel also noted some concerns moving forward, as the district had been spending into a deficit. This has not been an issue as the general fund had enough money in order to do so, but he noted that a new plan would be

needed for the future.

Student Representative

Student Representative Grace John noted that she had reached out to various school districts in the area to learn about what their policies regarding hats were. She found that many did allow hats. She will continue to meet with administration in an effort to change the Big Lake policy.

John noted that the blood drive hosted by NHS was a success as all slots were filled. Likewise, the NHS food drive also exceeded its goal.

The Giving Tree will once again be featured at the school. Items can be donated that will go directly to district students who are struggling.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Heard an update on how the year is going so far for the high school;
- Heard an update from community education and the activities department;
- Approved bids for work for the referendum plan;
- Canvassed the election results.

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Practicing for Winter



The Big Lake wrestling team started practice this week with one-on-one drills. The Hornets open the season with their own invitational Dec. 2.



The Hornet boys basketball team worked on dribbling during a practice session this week. They have a scrimmage at Delano today (Nov.26). (Photos by Ken Francis.)



The Big Lake gymnastics team practiced this week in preparation for their season, which starts with an invitational tournament in Brainerd Dec. 17.

Becker/BL Hockey continues to grow

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was written by Elizabeth Boger, journalist at the Minnesota Hockey Journal magazine. She gave the Patriot permission to re-run an article that came out in the November/December issue of MHJ.)

Hockey may not be in season during the summer, but kids in Becker and Big Lake still spent countless hours shooting pucks. Their goal was to shoot thousands of them as part of the 10,000 Pucks Challenge, which encourages offseason development. Some of them even took it even further—racking up as many as 12,000 shots.

“The challenge just shows how motivated these kids are,” said Ben Rusin, president of the Becker/Big Lake Youth Hockey Association. “Even during the off-season, they’re passionate, focused and committed to getting better.”

When they weren’t shooting pucks in the driveway, the kids were rollerblading alongside the association’s parade float in nearby towns. They wore their jerseys and handed out candy to spectators—which went a long way in generating excitement for Becker/Big Lake’s hockey program.

“We’re definitely in



BECKER/BIG LAKE HOCKEY COACHES gather the young skaters along the boards for a teaching moment. (Submitted Photo).

growth mode,” Rusin said. “We have a great core group of Mite leaders that have been helping grow the program. Word is out that it’s fun to play, and we’ve got a lot of really passionate skaters and families.”

Bridging the Gap

Especially over the past few years, Becker/Big Lake is making strides to connect the youth and high school teams.

Zach Barzee, head coach of the Becker/Big Lake boys’ high school program, spends time guiding youth coaches and arming them with the tools they need to succeed. He advises them on everything from practice structure to building good habits, which

could help lead to a smooth transition from youth to high school hockey.

“We’re all working for the same goal,” Barzee said. “And I think that’s a common theme throughout the state—bridging the gap between the high school program and the youth program.”

Barzee has worked to build a culture of hard work, accountability and positivity at the high school level. As his involvement at the youth level increases, he’s anticipating those values to trickle down and be a strong focus for the association.

“I think that’s going to make everybody feel like we are one big family,” Barzee

like, as our numbers grow, we’d like to have three teams at every level.”

As more and more players flock to the rink, Becker/Big Lake is grateful for the opportunity to call Princeton Ice Arena its home ice.

“It’s worked out great, and we’re extremely thankful to have ice at Princeton,” Rusin said. “The Becker Big Lake Ice Association—which is a separate entity—does have a goal of building an arena here someday.”

With the potential addition of a hometown rink, Becker/Big Lake anticipates even more growth. In the meantime, the association relishes in its devoted members and volunteers that keep it running smoothly.

“We’re not a huge association,” Rusin said. “But our members are very passionate and committed. People really step up to help out and volunteer because we are a smaller association—everyone from the coaches to the managers to the parents to the board. It wouldn’t happen without the dedication, passion, commitment and volunteer time that’s put in by so many of our members. They truly care about our kids.”

Keeping it in Perspective

At the start of the 2022-23 season, Barzee asked members of a Becker/Big

Lake youth team to raise their hand if they’d been on the ice recently. Despite being early in the season, nearly everyone had their hand up.

“That shows me how much these kids want to be on the ice, and how much they want to improve and put the extra time in,” Barzee said.

That dedication translates well on the ice, and it also runs much deeper.

“We practice so we can have fun playing games,” Barzee said. “But, you know, while being out there and putting the time in, spending time with their friends getting better at the sport—most of them develop a lot of life skills in the process.”

Becker/Big Lake is doing its best to help each player thrive on and off the ice.

“We’re trying to get them better at this sport, but we can’t lose perspective on the fact that the whole reason we’re doing this is so that our kids can develop into good people in the future,” Barzee said. “We want them to gain a lot of life skills, learn how to work with other people, learn how to deal with adversity, and learn to work hard. All of this is about the kids and making them not only good hockey players, but good people, too.”

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Early Ice Jiggin' 101 - Choosing the Right Bait!

Back in the day, the go to ice jigging bait for early ice perch or wall-eyes was a silver Swedish Pimple. The other option was a Kastmaster. Today, the shelves at the local bait shop are decorated with hundreds of icy fish enticing vertical jigging options geared towards helping you catch the big one. For many ice anglers, the choice of what to drop down the hole can be quite overwhelming. Actually, it's quite simple if you understand just a few



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them. I think that classic Christmas song "Silver and Gold" by Burl Ives was actually about these lures! Classic examples of these lures are the Swedish Pimple or the Kastmaster. The JB Weasel is

another example. Just about any jigging spoon falls into this group. This group of lures is in my opinion the most versatile in regards to catching active or inactive fish. I probably catch 75% of my fish throughout the winter using this lure group. I also

tend to use smaller sizes (1.5"-1/8 oz. type of stuff) to help catch numbers of wall-eyes and big perch. I use the same line as I do with the swimming/gliding baits but a small cross lock snap

is always used in this case. I also recommend tipping the bait each time with a fresh minnow head. Minnow tails work too, but the heads are better most of the time. I start with a more aggressive jigging approach using 1-3 foot upward pulls, let it settle and sit for 5-10 seconds, twitch for 3 seconds, let it sit for 5-10 seconds, then another upward pull. That's where I start, and I tweak from there depending on the bites. Gold or silver with a little blue, glow, green, orange or white will do the trick in the color department.

3. Basic jig head. Yup, the jigs you in your left in your boat now in storage you should go get. My summer tackle is in my ice box and my ice tackle is in my boat. There's a hint. I use jig heads through the ice the least amount amongst the three groups. However, they are very important in catching non-aggressive fish. Slowly tapping the bottom with a 1/16-1/4 o. jigs (1/8 oz. seems to be most consistent) tipped with a whole minnow (lip hooked or threaded onto the hook). The entire lead head jig approach is less invasive. Slow short lifts, resting on the bottom, hovering and twitching a few inches off the bottom. With the jigs I use 6lb. test Berkley monofilament. I like the stretch in the line which offers less resistance to help a non-aggressive walleye "inhale" the bait in easier. This combined with a lighter action rod and a slow rod tip will help put more fish on the ice. A jig set up in this fashioned can easily be used as a dead stick. Pull the fish to you with an Updown lure and watch them smack the dead stick.

Pretty basic but deadly. By adding jigging lures to your "bag o ice fishing tricks" this ice fishing season (use them in the summer too!), I'm confident you will wonder why you didn't do it sooner!

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key points in regards to the jigging lure itself and how to match the lure to the aggressiveness of the walleye or perch your chasing.

Let's keep this simple and break down the multitude of ice jigging lures into 3 basic groups. The groups of jigging lures are based on the action/characteristics of the lure themselves and the general activity level of the fish. Drum roll please..... The three basic jigging lure groups are:

1. Swimming/gliding lures, 2. Updown lures and 3. Basic jig heads (like your favorite lead head jig you use all summer long). Let's quickly chat about each category and the basic application.

1. Swimming or gliding lures. Swimming or gliding lures themselves make up the most aggressive lure group of the three groups. After the initial upward pull (usually 1-2 ft), these lures swim or glide up, then out to the side as they begin an unpredictable darting quarter to full circle type pattern downward as it settles back to its original starting point. Let it sit still for 10-15 seconds, then "twitch" it about 5 seconds, let it sit still again for another 10-15 seconds and repeat! That's a lot of action fishing through a hole in the ice! Common examples of these lures are the Jigging Rapala, Northland Puppet Minnow, Salmo Hornet, or the Moonshine Shiver Minnow. I use these lures 90% of the time to catch aggressively feeding fish of all species—like a hot crappie bite, "golden hour" walleyes, or pike in general. The other 10% of the time I use swimming/gliding lures to trigger fish that are not aggressive at all. Can you say dead on finicky walleye? In other words, this group of lures can be quite versatile. Keep the colors basic. Bright "fire tiger" type colors in stained water, golds/oranges/glow in tannic stained water (i.e. Lake of The Woods/Rainy), and the classic silver/black, gold/black, white, perch, silver/ blue in clear water situations. Fish the baits "naked" or tipped with a small minnow head for scent (a big minnow head can ruin the action). Experiment with different upward pull lengths and pause time in between your customized jigging sequence. I hang 'em up on a lighter monofilament line like Berkley Trilene 8-10 lb. test tied directly to the lure or with a small cross lock snap to make switching lures faster. Generally, once I settle on particular lure, I will remove the snap and tie it direct.

2. Updown lures (yes I just created that word) are just that. When pulled upward at a fast rate, they basically travel straight up flutter or dart just about straight down. These lures are typical "flashy" chrome colored lures. Silver and gold on almost all of

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liked or didn't like about Freedom Days past. It also asked for any suggestions to make the event more successful and also asked if any of the guests would like to be on the committee or non-profit organization.

"We'd like to see the community grow the event over the next couple years," said Knutson. "We'd still be involved at the city level for services, of course, but we just want the community to drive this thing."

Several suggestions were made at the meeting to generate fundraising including re-instituting the t-shirts with sponsors on them, bringing in pull-tabs, etc. The city also said they are committed to their budget of \$14,000 for this next year to go towards the event.

Kuha suggested this committee be organized soon since planning for the summertime event usually begins just after the first of

the year. He said the commitment for the committee would most likely be meeting, serving at the event and attending planning meetings.

"We'd like to get a team built soon, so spread the word about this opportunity," Kuha said.

For anyone interested in volunteering to be a part of the Freedom Days committee, contact Josh Kuha at JKuha@ci.becker.mn.us.

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tact from the city to the last few year's and the dealings with the COVID-19 epidemic.

"A couple years ago we canceled it because of COVID and the last few years, we just didn't feel like putting a hardship on area businesses with requests after all they went through with the disease," said Gevens.

A survey was initially introduced to the guests asking them what they