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**The Becker Bulldog Dance Team** took home double conference championships last Saturday at North Branch. This is the fourth time in a row for the team taking the title for both jazz and kick categories. See the story on page 12. (Submitted photo.)

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Clearview students learn about electricity

Employees from Stearns Electric Association recently visited fourth graders from Clearwater Ele-

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mentary School to provide interactive presentations on energy efficiency and electrical safety.

Throughout the one-hour sessions, students learned about the different types of electricity, conductors and insulators, and sources of energy. Students also participated in an all-class knowledge check and provided ideas on how they can conserve more energy at home.

Stearns Electric's live, energized home and farm model was the highlight of the presentation. Used as a tool to show students what can happen when they get too close to electrical equipment, students were fascinated with the electrical sparks and arc flashes demonstrated on the model.

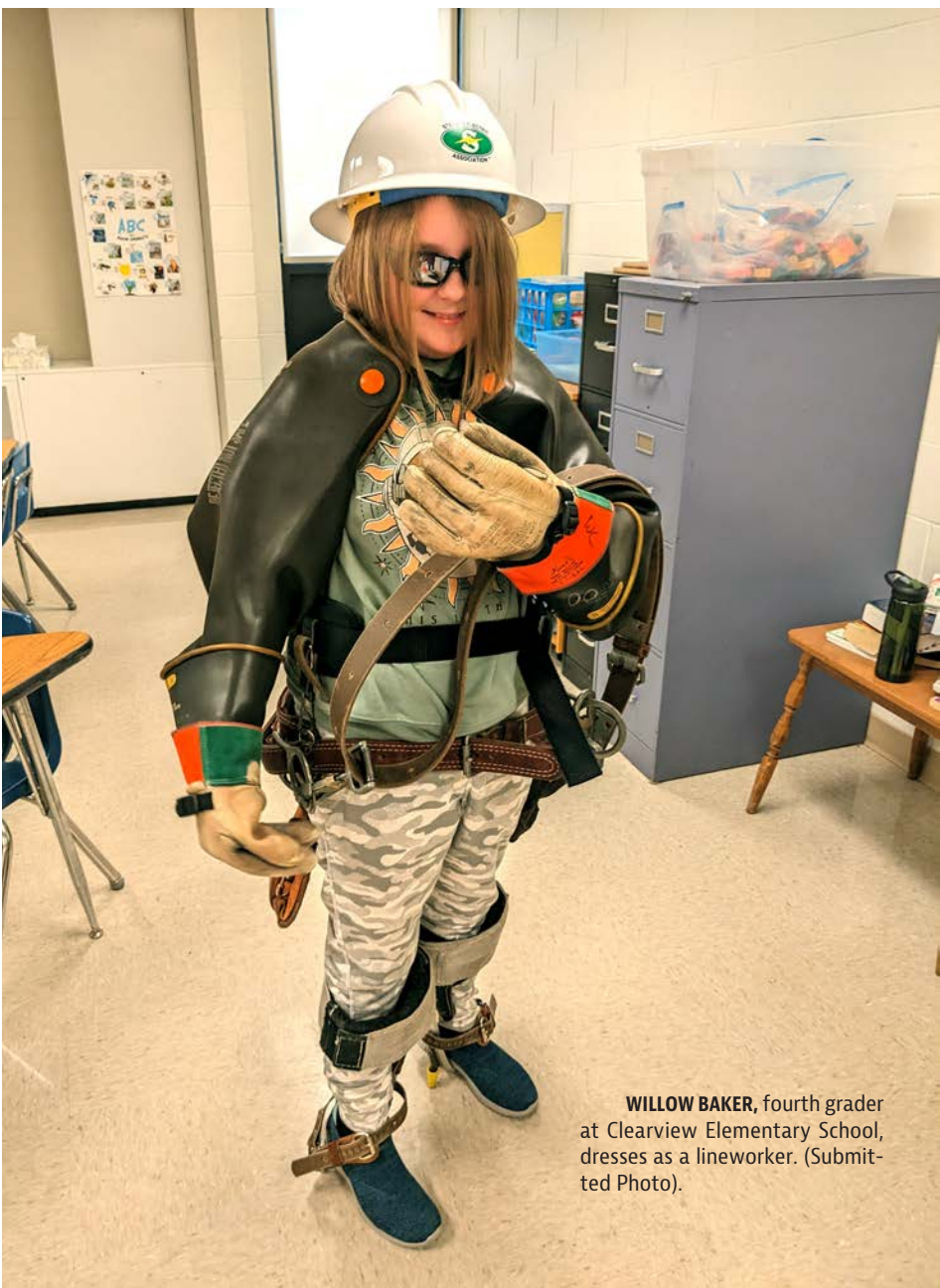
The most important piece of knowledge students walked away with

was information on how to react in a vehicle accident involving any electrical equipment. As the fourth grade students can tell you, you should always stay in your vehicle if it hits a power pole, unless your vehicle is on fire. If your vehicle is on fire near a power pole, you should jump out of your vehicle, keeping your feet together, and shuffle as far away from the accident as you can.

Following the live demonstration, one lucky student from each presentation was selected to dress up as a lineworker. Donning a hard hat, rubber gloves, pole climbers, safety glasses and a utility belt, these students got to experience the real-life equipment line workers use on a daily basis.

As part of Stearns Electric's commitment to safety and community, the Cooperative presents an annual one-hour energy efficiency and safety demon-

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WILLOW BAKER, fourth grader at Clearview Elementary School, dresses as a lineworker. (Submitted Photo).

2 locals live out their dreams of playing pro baseball

Two area amateur baseball players with Becker connections squared off in the championship game of the Minnesota Twins Fantasy Camp in Fort Myers last Sat., Jan. 14.

By Bill Morgan, Editor, Staff Writer  
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Josh Stoll, former Becker High School pitcher, pitched seven scoreless innings of baseball for Game 7, coached by former Twins greats, Frank Viola and Jeff Rardon. Stoll allowed only one hit, with no walks and

nine strikeouts. He also went two-for-two at the plate with a double and a walk.

Mike Doetkott, current Becker resident and former Becker Buzzard, played for the opposing team, the Big Dogs, coached by former Twins greats, Kent Hrbek and Tim

Laudner. At the Minnesota Twins Baseball Fantasy Camp, participants dress in a big league locker room, play on the same fields used by today's major leaguers, wear and keep a personalized major league

uniform, be coached by former big league greats and share in their incredible insights and stories.

During the Fantasy week in camp, athletes play a minimum of eight games, including an end of the week camper team tournament and championship game. One afternoon they got the opportunity to match their skills against the major leaguers in the Pro/Camper game played in beautiful Hammond Stadium – Spring Training Stadium of the Twins. Athletes played as little or

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JOSH STOLL (L) AND MIKE DOETKOTT (R) played on opposing teams in Game 7 of their baseball contest in Florida last weekend. Stoll and Doetkott have connections with the Becker area. (Submitted Photo).

Becker PD introduces a Security Camera Registration program

The Becker Police Dept. has developed a Security Camera Registration program that allows for the Becker PD to partner with Becker

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residents and city businesses in solving, investigating, and preventing crimes.

The proposal submitted by Officer Jenna Voigt stated, "It is becoming more common for Becker residences and businesses to have cameras. Camera footage is often an incredibly beneficial tool in solving and preventing crimes. Whether it is a doorbell camera, a camera on a back porch, or other external camera surveillance systems, security camera footage can assist the Becker Police Dept. with investigations."

Voigt goes on to say, "This initiative will afford local citizens and businesses the opportunity to assist the Becker PD with investigations. This program will be based on voluntary participation from citizens and businesses, which can be termi-

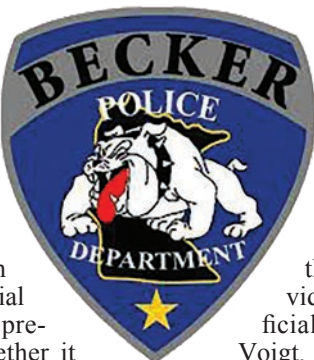
nated at any time. Citizens will have the ability to complete an online registration form listed on the BPD's website. The information provided through this form will assist officers in solving and preventing crimes in areas in which external cameras may be located."

The Becker Police Dept. will not have direct access to camera footage or systems. However, in the event that there is potential camera footage that can be helpful to the Becker Police Dept. an officer will contact the registered individual or business.

"The information that is voluntarily provided will be used for official purposes only," Says Voigt.

Police Chief Brent Baloun added, "we are excited to start this program and work closer with the community to solve crime. This will offer a huge benefit to our investigations."

The link to assist the Becker Police Dept. in this initiative can be found on the Police Department's website or at <http://ci.becker.mn.us/381/Neighborhood-Security-Camera-Program>.



United Way Hosting "United We Shiver"

On Saturday February 4, 2023 local changemakers will flock to the shores of Big Lake for United We Shiver. In its second year under

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the production of the Sherburne County Area United Way, United We Shiver is a community fundraising event where brave souls plunge into the icy waters to support local nonprofits. In 2022 over \$30,000 was raised and 100% of proceeds stay local.

So much more than just an icy plunge, United We Shiver is a full day family friendly event that is free to attend and filled with activities for everyone.

The Shiver Family Festival starts at noon, with winter activities on the lake including sleigh rides, sled bowling, face painting, hot cocoa, coffee, a scavenger hunt, and more.

Food and drink will be available for purchase throughout the day from Style Catering of Big Lake.

The highlight of the event is the 2 p.m. plunge, where teams jump to support their favorite nonprofit or-

ganization. The event emcee this year is "PT" Paul Thomas from the Wolf and #LIVIN Foundation.

New this year is the first annual Shiver Bowling Tournament. Teams of two bowl down ice lanes for cash prizes. Ice bowling is popping up around the state as a new favorite winter activity and the Sherburne County Area United Way is looking forward to bringing it to the area.

Back again is the competition BBQ Ribs cookoff. Local BBQ teams smoke ribs to gain cash prizes and a People's Choice Award. The public tasting starts at 3 p.m. Head to [SherburneUnitedWay.org](http://SherburneUnitedWay.org) to sign up to jump, volunteer, or find out more details.

Since 1969, the Sherburne County Area United Way has worked to drive lasting change in the Sherburne County Area by uniting changemakers to advocate for the common good of the community and to develop innovative solutions to local complex challenges that cannot be solved alone.



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### Under New Ownership

Santiago has always been my family's town. It was our go-to place while growing up.

Mabel and Oswald Lee were owners of The General Store. As was common in the early years, they had living quarters above the store.

Other businesses included Santiago (Sherburne) State Bank, Santiago Locker, the hardware store, Centra Sota Co-op, Santiago Creamery, which later became The Hanging Kettle restaurant owned by Hilda McLamb (famous for broasted chicken).

There was also the Country Store (gas station) owned by Virgil Gilyard. My older sister Ruth, and my twin sister Terri and I worked at the Country Store as cashiers in the 1980's and early 1990's. In the 1970's and 1980's, a barber had a chair in the back room at the Country Store and came once a week to cut hair.

Prior to being Country Store, there was a powerful Ford dealer for many years in the same location that was owned by Virgil Gilyard's uncle (Abner Gilyard).

There was also a bar on the strip called the Gin Mill in the 1970's where Bailey Ray's Roadhouse now sits.

Food brings people together. Going back to the 1970's, there was an amazing mom and pop style diner - Tom Sexton's Cafe - kitty corner from The Country Store. Sadly, Tom Sexton's burned down the fall of 1976 and was not rebuilt.

Some of my older sisters (Judy, Gloria and Karen) and my brother Roger's wife, Sandy (Bakken), were waitresses at Tom Sexton's and often didn't get home from their shifts until 5 am. Tom had the best hash browns around. He peeled more than a five gallon pail of potatoes every Saturday.

My oldest sisters played softball at the ball diamond on the edge of town in the 1960's and there were so many teams they had to practice at the Blue Hill ball field a few miles away.

By Mary Nehring  
Contributing Writer

**PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT):** Husband and wife team Ray Mulvey and Terry Scheck are pictured with Bailey Rays Roadhouse new owners Pat and Rebecca Obrien. Submitted photo.

For the past 22 years, husband and wife team, Ray Mulvey and Terry Scheck have owned Bailey Ray's Roadhouse in Santiago, serving up delicious food and cocktails.

Ray and Terry look forward to retirement and spending more time with their family in their newfound free time. The Mulveys will certainly be missed; yet they are confident the new owners will do a marvelous job carrying on the tradition of delivering scrumptious food and drinks on the strip in Santiago. Many of the current staff at Bailey Ray's will be retained with the new ownership.

Supporting local businesses is so important. People realized what a gift it is to spend time with one another after COVID.

I will continue to support Bailey Ray's and other local businesses. I am grateful for all of the local businesses in our area!

### Tax Conformity Bill

*(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Paige Pearsonof the Andrew Mathews team)*

The Senate today (Jan. 11) passed a tax conformity bill, bringing Minnesota in line with recent federal tax changes and cutting tax collections by more than \$100 million. The bill was passed with bipartisan support and is headed to the governor's desk for his signature.

The Senate's passage of the tax conformity bill is a bipartisan victory that will help many Minnesotans who urgently need financial relief. However, I am severely disappointed to see our seniors left out of this legislation. When Senate Republicans brought forward an amendment to fully eliminate the tax on Social Security, Democrats refused to move it. As session advances, I will continue to fight for our state's enormous \$17.6 billion surplus to be given back to taxpayers.

The bill aligns the Minnesota tax code with Federal tax changes that resulted in many tax changes, including: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act from 2020, The American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Act

By Sen. Andrew Mathews

from 2021, and The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) from 2022.

Notable provisions in the bill:

- Expand eligible expenses to college savings accounts through Section 529 plans;
- Exclude shuttered venue operator grants from being counted as income;
- Allows for student loan payments by employers;
- Increases the amount a business can provide for employee child care benefits.

Missing from the bill is the elimination of the tax on Social Security, or any reduction in personal tax rates. Senate Republicans tried to amend these changes to the bill, but Democrats opposed the move through parliamentary procedure.

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### Glaring Differences

*(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Chad Urdahl of the Shane Mekeland team)*

The 2023 legislative session is underway with a state surplus of around \$18 billion and an escalated rate of violent crime in Minnesota as the backdrop.

With that in mind, our top priorities for the new session should be providing tax relief to help families struggling with inflation, improving public safety, fighting waste and fraud in our public programs, and helping students catch up from learning loss they suffered the last couple of years.

Democrats in the House majority said they supported these items last fall. They touted eliminating the state tax on social security and advocated for investments in public safety.

Now, it's time to walk the walk.

The House already showed some bipartisan spirit in the first days of this session by uniting to approve – without a single “no” vote – a common-sense tax conformity bill that will make things easier during filing season. That was a good start, but we need to move on to real, meaningful tax relief so Minnesotans can keep more of their money month after month and year after year instead of the one-time checks governor has proposed.

We could start by once and for all getting rid of the tax on social security benefits, a place where there has been bipartisan agreement. This should be done as soon as possible this session. A standalone bill could pass right now with strong bipartisan support instead of waiting until the end of session when all bets are off and things can fall to the cutting-room floor.

Also, last session an agreement was reached to reduce income taxes for lower- and middle-income

By Rep. Shane Mekeland

Minnesotans. Reducing income taxes will put money back in the pockets of families.

While I support returning the state's over-collected tax dollars to Minnesota taxpayers, there are areas where increased spending will be discussed this session. For example, this historic surplus is an opportunity to make investments in public safety to help communities hire more law enforcement officers and keep their community safe.

Since Democrats control the House, the Senate and the governor's office they do not appear compelled to reduce government spending.

Unfortunately, the first bills House Democrats introduced this session reflect entirely different priorities, from extreme abortion legislation to legalizing marijuana and adopting energy policies that would make power less reliable and more costly.

Time will tell what transpires between now and when the session is set to adjourn in late May. For now, I urge Democrats to remember that, while the DFL has a trifecta in St. Paul, Minnesotans still expect us to work together. House Republicans represent nearly three million Minnesotans and are echoing their collective voices at the Capitol. Democrats have said they want to work collaboratively and I'm taking them up on that offer.

### Letters To The Editor

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Long-term Care is in crisis! Compassionate, caring staff are leaving in droves because they don't make a livable wage. Some nursing staff feel forced to leave having to choose between picking up their children at daycare and being mandated to work additional shifts covering staff who have called in. Our caregiving staff are beyond exhausted from working extra hours; they simply cannot physically, emotionally, and mentally do it anymore. LeadingAge Minnesota reports that we have the most severe caregiver shortage in the nation. It's heartbreaking to deny admission because we don't have enough staff. Other industries pass on increasing costs to their customers, we can't. The State sets our rates. People working in fast-food earn more. Caregiving should be an honored profession with livable wages! We MUST find a solution to reforming the Elderly Waiver (EW) payment system to support higher wages. Good Shepherd serves >67% of our assisted living population on EW services. We can't sustain getting paid less than the cost of care, in an economy where EVERYTHING costs more. Older adults MUST be a priority this session! The legislature MUST act to ensure access for all seniors who need care!

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## County seeking \$2 million EPA grant for recycling

The Sherburne County Commissioners Tuesday gave their go-ahead for the Planning and Zoning Dept. to apply for \$2 million

them to participate in the program and would allow us to purchase bins and receptacles so they can contribute to the program.”

trail-grooming equipment.

### Corrections Appointment

The board appointed the following individuals to serve a two-year term on the Sherburne County Community Corrections Advisory Board (SCCAB): Citizens Kenneth Asangwe and Mary Jo Cobb; Commissioner Gregg Felber; Corrections: Carter Diers, DOC District Supervisor and J. Hancuch, Sherburne County Community Corrections Director; Education: Nicole Stottlemayre, ISD 728 Coordinator of Prevention and Safety; Judiciary: Judge Walter Kaminsky, 10th Judicial District; Law Enforcement: Sheriff Joel Brott and Steve Doran, Sherburne County Chief Deputy (Alternate); Prosecution: Dawn Nyhus, Lead Assistant County Attorney and County Attorney Kathy Heaney, Sherburne (Alternate); Public Defense: Lisa Hallberg, Sherburne County Chief Managing Attorney; Health & Human Services: HHS Director Amanda Larson, Sherburne County Health & Human Services Director and HHS Planner Jodi Heurung-Dick; Rivers of Hope: Hannah-Ruth Patterson, Executive Director.

### Public Works

The board awarded the contract for the construction of the Zimmerman Community Trail from Co. Rd 45 to Co. Rd. 4 in 2023

to New Look Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$196,495.50. There were 13 companies bidding on the project. The engineer's estimate was \$230,115.50.

The board awarded the contract to Design Electric Inc. for the installation of street lights at 23 various county road intersections in 2023 at a cost of \$521,577. The other bidder for the contract was Killmner Electric Co., Inc. at \$670,400 The engineer's estimate was \$365,000. Public Works will use Local Option Sales Tax revenues to cover the additional funds above the engineer's estimate.



from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Recycling Education and Outreach Grant.

The EPA is soliciting applications for grant dollars to inform and educate the general public about recycling, increase overall collection rates and decrease contamination in residential and community recycling programs.

Last year, the county applied for a separate infrastructure grant for a source-separated organics facility. Planner Addison Otto said the two grants have a different purpose.

“The other grant - that’s for purchasing equipment, infrastructure and it can cover constructing a facility,” she said. “This [grant] would cover education and outreach to businesses and residents to get

employee for program development - someone who could come up with outreach strategies, training and seminars for schools and businesses that generate large amount of food waste. The goal is to keep organics out of landfills and lower greenhouse gases.

The are no matching funds required. The application deadline is Feb. 16.

### ARPA Funding

The board approved ARPA expenditures in the amount of \$72,317.50. Of that amount, \$22,317.50 is for personal protection equipment (gowns, masks and nitrile gloves) in the jail to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The other \$50,000 is for the purchase of a one-ton pickup truck with a lift gate for the parks department. The vehicle must be able to handle a plow blade and pull

## 5 injured in Palmer Twp. accident

Five people were injured in a two-vehicle accident Tuesday afternoon in Palmer Twp.

and 10) and one male aged 16 — all from Clear Lake. The three passengers in the Hyundai were transported to St. Cloud Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. All occupants of the Hyundai were reported to be wearing seatbelts.

Janson was also injured and transported to St. Cloud Hospital. He too was wearing a seatbelt and his injuries are considered non-life threatening.

Assisting at the scene were the Clear Lake Fire Dept., Sherburne County Sheriff's Office and Mayo Ambulance.

A 2013 Chrysler Town and Country van, driven by 31-year-old Tyler Steven Janson of Foley, was raveling southbound on Hwy. 25 when the van collided with a 2007 Hyundai Elantra driven by an unnamed 16-year-old female from Clear Lake at the intersection of Hwy. 25 and Co. Rd. 3. The accident occurred at around 1:41 p.m.

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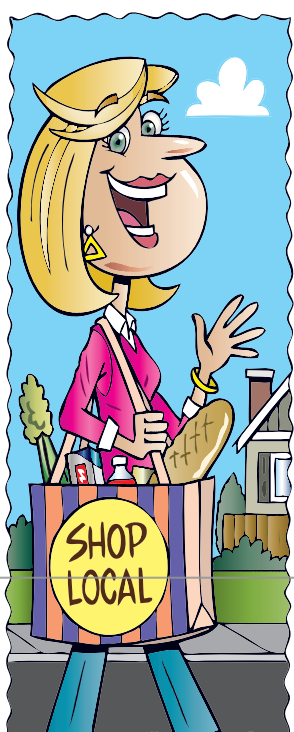
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## Highway Dept. offers snow plowing tips

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Wright County.)

### Submitted Article

The Wright County Highway Department would like to remind Wright County citizens of the hazards and liabilities of pushing snow from driveways onto any public highway. The snow, which may be left on the roadway or piles of snow left on the side of the road, can create real hazards not only for motorists but also for snow removal crews and equipment. In the past, snowplows have been damaged when hitting compacted and frozen snow deposited on or next to the County Highways.

Minnesota Statutes (160.27, Subdivision 5) prohibits plowing, shoveling, blowing or in any way depositing snow on any public highway. The violation is punishable as a misdemeanor. In addition, the property owner and/or person dumping the snow could be liable should a civil lawsuit result.

### Snowplow Safety Tips

Make sure to educate children on the dangers of snow removal and make sure they play safely!

Please remind them to:

- Never build tunnels or snow forts in the snowbanks near the street. The force and weight of the snow coming off the plows can collapse the tunnels or forts and harm or bury the child.
- Keep sleds and toys out of the street and away from the edge of the road. Snowbanks can make it hard for plow drivers to see children playing in these areas.

Five Tips for Sharing the Road with Snowplow Drivers:

- Start to slow down as soon as you see the snowplow and stay at least five car lengths (70 feet) back.
- Don't stop too close.
- Give the snowplow room to work.
- Take extreme caution when passing.
- Permit the plow extra room in high-risk areas.

If you have any questions or comments, please let us know. Contact: Nate Helgeson, Highway Maintenance Superintendent, (763) 682-7374.

## Correction: Parenting Event

In last week's article entitled, "Parenting in 2023 Event coming January 30", information on Dr. Steven Loos was deemed incorrect. Following is the correct information.

By Bill Morgan, Editor

Steven Loos is Chief Clinical Officer at Central Minnesota Mental Health Center, a Nonprofit Community Mental Health Clinic with an estimated 300 employees; and founded in 1959. Loos graduated from University of St. Thomas after receiving a Bachelor's Degree from St. John's University.



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Prizes include Quarry Park annual parking permits, gift cards to Revolution Cycle & Ski, gift cards to Fitzharris Ski & Sport, and Wildwood Ranch Maple Syrup. Winners will be announced February 21, 2023.

Warner Lake Co. Park in Clearwater is one of the four parks featured. With three types of trails, for beginners to experts, there's a trail for everyone. The north loop adds a challenge for expert skiers. Vehicle parking permit is not

required, nor is the Great Minnesota Ski Pass.

Along with cross country skiing trails, Warner Lake Co.

Park offers a number of multi-use trails for those who enjoy winter walking, dog walking, snowshoeing, or riding fat tire bicycles. There is also access to a MnDNR snowmobile trail.

Warner Lake Co. Park is located at 1485 Co. Road 143 in Clearwater. The other parks included in the challenge are Quarry Park, 1802 Co. Rd. 137, Waite Park, Kraemer Lake-Wild-

wood Co. Park, 12857 Co. Rd. 51, St. Joseph, and Mississippi River Co. Park, 41300 Co. Rd. 1, Rice.

To register in the drawing, participants should go to [Secure.Recl.com/MN/stearns-county-mn/catalog](http://Secure.Recl.com/MN/stearns-county-mn/catalog), log in or create an account, then choose the park they skied in from the Park Events tab in the catalog.

Those interested in joining or just learning more about the Nordic Ski Club of Central Minnesota, can go to [NordicSkiClub-CentralMN.org](http://NordicSkiClub-CentralMN.org).

animal therapy include decreased anxiety and blood pressure, help with physical therapy, and improved emotional and mental well-being.

For more information on therapy animals, visit their website at [CMTAA.org](http://CMTAA.org).

## 3 hurt in 2-vehicle crash on Hwy. 10

Three people were hurt in a two-vehicle crash in Sherburne County last Sunday evening.

### Submitted Article

The Minnesota State Patrol says the incident happened just before 7:00 p.m. Sunday on Hwy. 10 in Big Lake.

A car driven by 20-year-old Morgan Rassatt of Ramsey was going west while a vehicle driven by 22-year-old Bryce Cameron of Big Lake was going east. Cameron's vehicle turned left onto 168th St. and the two vehicles collided.

Rassatt, Cameron, and a passenger — 52-year-old Suneeta Kisson-Cameron of Big Lake — were all taken to CentraCare in Monticello with non-life-threatening injuries.

## Clearwater kids enjoy 'Paws to Read'

There was an unusual guest at the Clearwater Library last Saturday — Certified Therapy Dog Luna.

during the library's Paws to Read program, the second one they've held. The first wasn't nearly as exciting, however, as it had to be held over Zoom due to the pandemic.

"Kids love it and it's a great chance to them to read out loud with no judgement," said Clearwater Library Assistant Jen Randall.

Luna is registered through Pet Partners. She and Carlson are part of Central MN Therapy Animal Assoc. (CMTAA), and visit hospitals, nursing homes, schools, colleges, and more. Luna was found as a stray and has been a therapy animal since 2019.

"It's been really rewarding," said Carlson. Along with reading practice, benefits to assisted

The rescue mix visited the library with her owner, Carmen Carlson, looking for kids to read to her.

Area kids could sign up to read to her for 15 minutes

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## School Board welcomes new members

The Becker School Board met for the first time in the new year two weeks ago and welcomed four new members.

By Bill Morgan, Editor, Staff Writer  
reporter.bill@patriotnewsnmn.com

On Jan. 9, the school board met for their regularly scheduled meeting. This meeting was the organizational meeting and consisted of a number of consent agenda votes to prepare for the calendar year. All members were present including newly elected members Pete Weismann, Troy Berning, Corey Stanger and Ryan Hubbard.

The meeting opened with each of the new and returning elected members being sworn in with the ceremonial oath of office.

Following the oath was the election of new officers. The following nominations were made and approved through acclamation:

**Chair:** Aaron Jurek - nominated by Troy Berning; **Vice-Chair:** Connie Robinson - nominated by Pete Weismann; **Clerk:** Pete Weismann - nominated by Troy Berning; **Treasurer:** Ryan Hubbard - Nominated by Corey Stanger.

The committee assignments were updated.

There was no public comment.

A presentation was made by Intermediate

School Principal, Nat Boyer and on their new SEL curriculum, which aligns with one of Becker Public Schools' Strategic Plan under Student Growth and Achievement and Safety and Well-Being.

"If you would like to support the SEL fundraiser taking place at the Intermediate School, please reach out to the Intermediate Office," said Supt. Jeremy Schmidt.

The Superintendent Report included updates on the MSBA Conference, which will take place Jan. 12-13 for board members. Schmidt also gave an update on the district strategic plan. In addition, there was sharing of the nomination opportunity for board members to serve on the RT&S Board, a facility update, and information relevant to the first Monday in January Organizational Board Meeting.

### Student News

Student School Board Representatives, Kayla G. and Emilia H. spoke about the school yearbook, winter sports (basketball, dance, wrestling, gymnastics, hockey all continuing to do very well overall in their events). They also shared information on the One-Act Play practice and on the 26th, there is subsection competition. Hallway decorating took place in December and the winner was

announced upon the return to school.

Robotics hosted a season kickoff event this past weekend. Student council had door decorations and events for the holidays. Speech has begun meeting and workshoping and NHS has completed a number of service projects over the first few months of the school year.

### Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was passed on a unanimous vote after item 5H, Designate Official Newspaper was pulled. Other items on this specific agenda included: • Set Annual Agenda for Board Meetings; • Designate Sherburne State Bank as Official Depository; • Designate Bergen KDV, Ltd as Auditor; • Designate Kennedy and Graven as Legal Counsel; • Designate *Patriot News* as Official Newspaper; • Designate School Board Meeting Dates (First Monday of each month, with a few exceptions due to holidays - July 10th, September 11th); • Authorize Superintendent and Business Manager to Conduct EFT's; • Authorize Director of Transportation to Schedule Routes and Establish Stops; • Approval of the Indoor Air Quality Plan; • Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places; • Authorize Superintendent and Business Manager to Enter Into/Sign Contracts.

### Other Items

Gifts were also ap-

proved and recognized on a unanimous vote.

"Thank you to everyone who has supported our school programs with donations," said Schmidt.

A discussion took place on the 2023-2024 School Calendar. The calendar was approved on a unanimous vote.

A review of policies 102-Equal Educational Opportunity, 202 - School Board Officers, 203 - Operation of the School Board-Governing Board, 203 - 1 - School Board Procedures; Rules of Order, 203 - 6 - Consent Agenda took place. Policy 208 provides the opportunity to review policies in a single reading if no substantive changes take place. Policy 208 also provides for each policy needing to be reviewed/updated once every three years. Policies 201 - Legal Status of the School Board, 203.2-Order of the Regular School Board Meeting, 223 - Strategic Goals and 534 - School Meals were approved following a second reading on a 6-0 vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

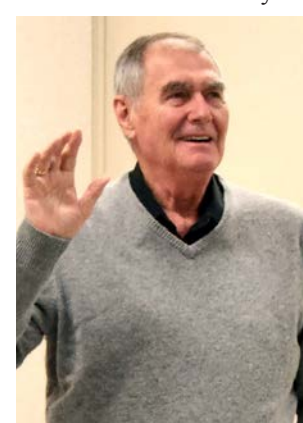
**Reminder:** The February Regular Board Meeting will take place Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

## BL Twp. swears in Brenteson, Alfords

During the recent Big Lake Town Hall meeting, Supervisor Dean Brenteson was sworn in to office once

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer  
reporter.katie@patriotnewsnmn.com

again, after being re-elected during last fall. Supervisor Larry Alfords, who was also re-elected, was sworn in to his office prior to the meeting, as he was not available at the January 11



**SUPERVISOR DEAN BRENTESON** was once again sworn in to the Big Lake Town Board after winning his re-election campaign last fall. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

meeting.

### Roads

Council received a clarification on the Legacy Landscaping contract that was proposed at the last meeting. Having received clarification, the board approved the contract for plowing services. Supervisor Brenteson noted that Legacy has done a very good job for the township in the past.

On the note of plowing, snow storms in December cost the township around \$134,000 in December. Brenteson said that the township intended to keep a close eye on buildup at intersections to ensure visibility for traffic.

Brenteson also said that the road committee hoped to soon go out for bids for summer road work. Another board member suggested that the board allow the committee to go out for bids as soon as they were ready, without needing to present the final plan before the board before doing so. (Note, the plan

will still be approved by the board before engaging in a contract, this proposal was only implemented to save time and help get contracts secured more quickly.)

The road committee's rough estimate at the time was to do overlays on five miles of roads for around \$700,000.

Trimming and brushing has been put on hold due to the weather.

### Reorganizational Meeting

After regular business was concluded, the board launched right into their reorganizational meeting. Committee appointments were kept the same as the previous year. There was a slight change in town hall office hours to accommodate individuals who could not be there until later in the day. They authorized the township's banks as First Bank Elk River, Sherburne State Bank, US Bank, PMA, and Old National Bank. The legal posting location is town hall. The legal newspapers are *Patriot News* and *Elk River Star News*.

The board changed the gopher bounty to three dollars as opposed to two dollars, in the hopes that more trappers would pursue catching the pests.

The board also changed the rental of the Lions Park Building to \$300 per day, which they felt was a little closer in line with similar event spaces.

### In Other Business, the Board:

• Wrote a letter of support for Big Lake City Engineer Layne Otteson to apply for grants for roadwork on a shared project between the city and county;

• Heard a brief report from the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office;

• Noted there would be a community meeting from the Northland Reliability Project at Pebble Creek in Becker, Thursday, January 26, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. (attendees can pick the presentation time that best suits their schedule.)

## Free country music concert aims to salute our Veterans

Area residents are invited to the Becker High School Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. for a free concert dubbed "A Salute to Veterans".

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer  
production@patriotnewsnmn.com

The music will be provided by "Cover Fire" - a country band Musical Support Team from the 34th Infantry Division Band.

The "Red Bull" Division Band has 10 different sub-groups that provide musical outreach free of charge for different functions across the state of Minnesota.

According to the unit's website, the band provides "music throughout the spectrum of military operations to instill in our forces the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens, and promote our national interests at home and abroad."

Originally organized in 1900, the 34th Infantry Division Band has proudly served the Coun-

try in WW1, WW2 and the Global War on Terrorism.

"Whether performing for the public, supporting military ceremonies, or entertaining US Service members and our allies, the Soldier-Musicians of the Red Bull Band are honored to serve in one of the US Army's most respected Divisions," states the website.

As further described on the website: The 34th Infantry Division Band maintains an active performance schedule, to include many free public performances throughout the state of Minnesota. The Red Bull Band has been a featured group at the Minnesota Music Educators Conference, the Minnesota Band Director's Association Summer Workshop, as well as the International Tuba Euphonium Conference where the band accompanied six internationally renowned soloists. Other events include: Minnesota State Fair, Minneapolis Aquatennial, St. Paul Winter Carnival, Anoka Halloween Parade,

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Marching Band, Cover Fire Country Band and the Red Devil Rock/Pop Band, of which Becker High School Band Director Craig Vogl is a member.

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# Public Notices

## Notices

### CITY OF BECKER ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Electronic Bids will be received by the City of Becker Minnesota, on the Quest-CDN.com website via the VirtuBid electronic bidding application. Only electronic bids will be accepted for this project. Bids will be received on the QuestCDN.com website, until **11:00 A.M., CST on Thursday, February 16, 2023**, at which time they will be opened electronically and reviewed for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and all else necessary for the following:

#### Becker Community Center AHU Replacement Project

In general and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 429, the work consists of the construction of HVAC Equipment with approximately the following quantities:

- Demolition of 2 indoor air handling units
- Demolition of 2 outdoor DX Condensing Units
- Provide 1 new indoor air handling unit
- Provide 1 new outdoor DX Condensing unit
- Provide 2 new Variable Air Volume boxes
- Ductwork and piping modifications
- Provide new DDC controls
- Provide electrical modifications to accommodate mechanical changes.

Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) by inputting **QuestCDN eBidDoc #8375393** on the website's Project Search page.

A pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **Thursday February 2, 2023 at 11:00 A.M., CST at Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave. Becker, MN** Attendance at the pre-bid conference is encouraged but not required.

Direct inquiries to Engineer's Project Manager, Jason Lindquist, at (763) 252-6801 and [Jason.Lindquist@Stantec.com](mailto:Jason.Lindquist@Stantec.com). Instructions for viewing the bid opening will be made available through QuestCDN and posted on the City's website.

Bid Security in the amount of 5 percent of the amount of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. For this project, the City will only accept online electronic bids through Quest-CDN. To access the electronic bid, download the project documents and click on the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right to retain the deposits of the 3 lowest Bidders for a period not to exceed 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids. No Bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the date and time set for the Opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and further reserves the right to award the Contract to the best interests of the Owner. The successful bidder must be a "responsible contractor." The term "responsible contractor" means a contractor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3. Any prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that does not meet the minimum criteria or fails to comply with the verification requirements is not a responsible contractor and is not eligible to be awarded a construction contract for the project or to perform work on the project. A prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that makes a false statement under oath verifying compliance with the minimum criteria will be ineligible to be awarded a construction contract on the project, and the submission of a false statement may result in termination of a contract awarded to a prime contractor, subcontractor, or motor carrier that submits the false statement. A prime contractor shall include in its verification of compliance a list of all of its first-tier subcontractors that it intends to retain for work on the project. Before execution of a construction contract, a prime contractor shall submit a supplemental verification under oath confirming that all subcontractors and motor carriers that the prime contractor intends to use to perform project work have verified to the prime contractor, through a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer, that they meet the minimum criteria for a responsible contractor.

Greg Lerud, City Administrator  
City of Becker, Minnesota  
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### STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type: 14 - Other Civil  
Court File No.:

Order of the City Council  
of Big Lake, Sherburne County,  
Minnesota concerning Hazardous  
building on the property  
Located at: 421 Eagle Lake Rd.  
N., Big Lake, Minnesota 55309.  
Legally described as: The North  
Half of Lot 11 (N1/2) of 11) and  
all of Lot Twelve (12), Block  
Four (4), in Fair Oaks Addition  
to the Village of Big Lake, in  
Government Lot Four (4), Section  
Nineteen (19), Township  
Thirty-three (33), Range Twenty-  
seven (27), in Sherburne  
County Minnesota.  
Parcel Identification Number  
(PIN): 65-412-0445  
SUMMONS

THE CITY OF BIG LAKE  
TO THE OWNERS OF THE  
ABOVE-NAMED PROPERTY:

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Order against you is attached to these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within twenty (20) days of the date on which you received this Summons under Minn. Stat. § 463.17, subd. 2. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at: Campbell Knutson, P.A. Grand Oak Office Center I 860 Blue Gentian Road, Suite 290 Eagan, Minnesota 55121

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Order. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Order. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Order, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE ORDER TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within twenty (20) days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Order. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Order, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Order.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to be or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Order even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

Dated: January 18, 2023  
/s/ Jack S. Brooksbank  
Jack S. Brooksbank (0402593)  
Soren M. Mattick (27785X)  
City Attorneys  
860 Blue Gentian Rd, Suite 290  
Eagan, Minnesota 55121  
Telephone: (651) 452-5000  
(Published in the *Patriot*:  
01/21/23. 01/28/23, 02/04/23,  
02/11/23.)



### STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Informal Probate Court File No.: 71-PR-22-177 In Re the Estate of Leroy Ervin Claassen Deceased.

Notice of Informal Probate  
of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated September 14, 2018 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Chad Claassen, 11808 30th St., SE. Clear Lake, MN 55319 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

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 (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Dated: January 9, 2023  
/s/ Pamela Kreier  
Probate Registrar  
/s/ Sarah Lindahl-Pfiffer  
Court Administrator  
(Published in the *Patriot*:  
01/21/23. 01/28/23).

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CP 71-663-017 - RECONSTRUCTION OF CR 63 FROM CSAH 8 TO PARK-N-RIDE SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that electronic bids will be accepted through the Sherburne County online bid portal <https://bidvault.mn.uccs.com/> until 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. This will be the only means of submittal of a bid.

#### The Major Quantities of Work are:

Common Excavation/Embankment	CY	2,900
Granular Borrow	CY	880
Aggregate Base and Shouldering	TON	5,600
SP 9.5 & 12.5 Wearing Course Mixture	TON	1,300
12"-24" Storm Sewer Pipe / Culverts	LF	220
Drainage Structures	EA	3
Concrete Curb & Gutter	LF	1,400
4" Concrete Walk	LF	8,600
Seeding	AC	2
Pavement Markings	LF	6,200

The bids will be reviewed by the County Engineer and County Attorney for the approval of the bid bond and the results of the review shall be posted within 3 business days at the following website: <https://mn-co-sherburne.app.rtvision.com/oneoffice>. Review of the bids by the County Engineer and the County Attorney should not be construed as an award of the bid. The final approval of the bid requires action by the County Board.

Plans & specifications may be examined at the office of the Sherburne County Highway Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330, Monday-Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm, or online at <https://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php> & follow the Construction Projects & Bids (eGram) link. A user ID & password is required to download the Plans & Specifications. Contact Public Works at 763-765-3300 to obtain the necessary information.

The advertisement for this project may also be viewed at the MnDOT State Aid for Local Transportation eAdvert web site at <https://eadvert.rtvision.com>

The cost to download the Plans & Specifications is free.

The cost to obtain a hard copy of the Plans & Specifications is **\$50.00** with an additional **\$10.00 mailing fee**.

THE COST TO SUBMIT A BID WILL BE \$25.00 PAYABLE TO RTVISION WHICH ALLOWS ACCESS TO THE ELECTRONIC BID DOCUMENTS VIA BID VAULT AT <https://bidvault.mn.uccs.com>

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond for at least five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid.

No bidder may withdraw their bid (which shall include the bid bond) within 15 days of the scheduled bid submittal date of Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive minor irregularities. The County Board will consider award of the contract at the February 21, 2023 County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review.

It is the County's intent to begin construction mid May 2023 and completed by end of June 2023.

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities.

DATED: January 6, 2023

SIGNED:

Bruce Messelt  
County Administrator,  
Sherburne County, Minnesota  
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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2023 BUSINESS PARK PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS BECKER, MINNESOTA SEH NO. BECKR 165233

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Online Bids will be received by the City Administrator until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2023, via **QuestCDN** for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2023 Business Park Pump Station Improvements.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

**2023 Business Park Pump Station Improvements Bid Opening Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: [https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting\\_ZTEwMzY1YTktN2UwMC00ZjA5LTkwNjgtNjAwZTdkNjRiMWU1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22642f4553-88f1-43dc-9a29-90842cd19d4c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22248472820-a408-4d5c-b262-d033b1c6fa20%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_ZTEwMzY1YTktN2UwMC00ZjA5LTkwNjgtNjAwZTdkNjRiMWU1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22642f4553-88f1-43dc-9a29-90842cd19d4c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22248472820-a408-4d5c-b262-d033b1c6fa20%22%7d)

**Meeting ID:** 284 006 001 408 **Password:** hQWRND

Or call in (audio only) +1 872-242-7640,,13022591# United States, Chicago

**Phone Conference ID:** 130 225 91#

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply.

#### Major quantities for the Work include:

17,000	SQ YD	Full Depth Reclamation
6,000	TONS	Bituminous Surfacing
5,300	CU YD	Aggregate Base
24,000	CU YD	Common Excavation
1,000	LIN FT	8-Inch PVC SDR 35 Pipe Sewer
320	LIN FT	21-Inch PVC PS 115 Pipe Sewer
360	LIN FT	24-Inch PVC PS 115 Pipe Sewer
8,100	LIN FT	14-Inch HDPE Force Main
450	LIN FT	Jacked Steel Casing (20 - 42-Inch)
3,800	LIN FT	B618 Concrete Curb and Gutter
16	ACRE	Turf Establishment
2	EACH	Decommission Lift Station
1	LUMP SUM	Triplex Lift Station

The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of SEH located at 2351 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 300, Sartell, MN 56377, 320.229.4300.

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 8369372 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com).

For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid **will** be charged an additional \$42 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service **QuestCDN.com**. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated January 3, 2023.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from DocuNet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$100.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with the State of Minnesota.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the Owner.

SIGNED:

Greg LeRud, City Administrator, Becker, Minnesota  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 1/14/23, 1/21/23)

City of Clear Lake, Minnesota				
2023 Budget				
	<u>Total 2023</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>% Chg</u>
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 403,810	\$ 378,792		7%
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ -	1,600		-100%
Special Assessments	\$ -	-		0%
Licenses and Permits	\$ 17,740	11,740		51%
Intergovernmental	\$ 41,773	39,615		5%
Charges for Services	\$ 270,372	271,558		0%
Interest Income	\$ 5,000	5,000		79%
Enterprise Funds	\$ 513,810	470,650		9%
Miscellaneous	357	200		79%
Total Revenues	<u>\$1,252,862</u>	<u>\$1,177,969</u>		6%
Other Financing Sources:				
Bond Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -		
Transfers In	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>		
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000		
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	<u>\$1,257,862</u>	<u>\$1,183,969</u>		6%
Expenditures:				
General Government	\$ 370,723	\$ 344,521		8%
Public Safety	\$ 265,573	265,573		0%
Streets and Highways	\$ 39,950	38,050		5%
Culture and Recreation	\$ 38,800	32,810		18%
Enterprise Funds	\$ 503,527	464,422		8%
Miscellaneous	<u>30,500</u>	<u>30,500</u>		-2%
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,248,573</u>	<u>\$ 1,175,875</u>		6%
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfers Out	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 36,000</u>		
Total Other Financing Uses				
Copies of the entire City budget in detailed format are available for inspection during regular hours of operation.				
(Published in the Patriot: 01/21/23).				





**Sherburne County Board of Commissioners**  
**January 3, 2023 - County Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Call to Order**  
The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on January 3, 2023, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the County Administrator Bruce Messelt was at 9:00am.  
Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance  
Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda  
Danielowski/Fobbe were unanimous to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented.  
**Oaths of Offices**  
Oaths of Offices for Elected County Commissioners and County Officials. Administration  
**Honorable Judge Walter Kaminsky**  
Honorable Judge Walter Kaminsky performed the following Elected Officials Oaths of Office for their respective elected positions:  
• County Commissioner - District 1: Andrew Hulse  
• County Commissioner - District 2: Raeanne Danielowski  
• County Commissioner - District 3: Gregg Felber  
• County Commissioner - District 4: Gary Gray  
• County Attorney: Kathleen Heaney  
• County Auditor/Treasurer: Diane Arnold  
• County Recorder: Michelle Ashe  
• County Sheriff: Joel Brott  
Recess Regular Meeting, Break  
Reconvene Regular Meeting  
**Election of Board Chairperson**  
Election of 2023 Board Chair. Administration  
Bruce Messelt, County Administrator  
Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, called for nominations for Chair of the County Board of Commissioners for the year of 2023. Danielowski/Gray were unanimous to elect Commissioner Lisa Fobbe as Chair for 2023.  
**Election of Vice-Chairperson**  
Election of Vice-Chairperson. Administration  
Board Chair, County Commissioner  
Chair Fobbe called for nominations for the 2023 Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners. Danielowski/Gray were unanimous to elect Commissioner Gregg Felber as Vice-Chair for 2023. Chair Fobbe said a few words welcoming the new commissioners to the Board of Commissioners.  
**Consent Agenda**  
County Board Meeting Minutes: December 20, 2022. Administration  
Approved County Board Meeting Minutes: December 20, 2022.  
Commissioner Expense Claim. Administration  
*Bruce Messelt, County Administrator*  
Approved an Expense Claim for Commissioner Fobbe for reimbursement of expenses incurred while attending the AMC Annual Conference. The total transportation reimbursement for Commissioner Fobbe is \$17.88.  
December 16, 2022, and December 23, 2002, Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer  
Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer  
Approved December 16, 2022, and December 23, 2002, Commissioner & Manual Warrants, as follows:  
December 16, 2022 Commissioner Warrants \$1,243,173.70  
December 16, 2022 Manual Warrants \$365,554.34  
December 23, 202 Commissioner Warrants \$698,186.67  
December 23, 2022 Manual Warrants \$2,408,604.25  
2023 Signature Authorizations and Designation of Depositories. Auditor / Treasurer  
Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer, Loraine Rupp  
Approved and authorized execution of the following:  
1.) Resolution No. 010323-AD-3065 designating Depositories of Public Funds for 2023 for The Bank of Elk River and First Bank Elk River. (On file.)  
2.) Resolutions attesting to Chairperson's signature of record at the bank for checking accounts at US Bank/MAGIC and First Bank Elk River and 2023 Board Chair endorsement of appropriate signature forms. (On file.)  
3.) 2023 Board Chair signature for check signature image for 2023 warrants (as required by M.S. 385.05). (On file.)  
December 23, 2022 HHS IFS Admin Warrants. Health & Human Services  
*Amanda Larson, HHS Director*  
Approved December 23, 2022 HHS IFS Admin Warrants, as follows:  
December 23, 2022 HHS IFS Admin Warrants \$39,754.26  
UHL Company 2023 Service Agreement. Maintenance  
Steve Becker, Maintenance Department Head  
Approved the 2023 Service agreement with UHL Company. The estimated cost for 2023 will be \$45,365.00. The term of this agreement shall be January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023. (On file.)  
2023 Appointments to the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Commission. Planning & Zoning  
*Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator*  
Approved the appointment of the following Township representatives and alternates to the Planning Advisory Commission, for the term of January 1, 2023-December 31, 2025:  
**Clear Lake Township:**  
Alternate: Ross Imholte  
**Haven Township:**  
Representative: Kathi Sims Kosloski  
Alternate: Bruce Hentges  
**Livonia Township:**  
Representative: Butch Hass  
Out of State Travel for Public Works Employee. Public Works  
*Brett Forbes, GIS Coordinator*  
Approved travel to Futureview Conference in San Antonio, TX from April 23rd to the 26th for Public Works Employee Brett Forbes. Estimated cost of expenses is \$300.00 for ground transportation and no-provided meal expenses. There is no cost for meals, lodging, airfare, and conference registration.  
Resolution No.010323-AD-3062 and Agency Agreement with MnDot for Contract No. 1052035. Public Works  
*Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head*  
Approved Resolution No.010323-AD-3062 and Agency Agreement with MnDot for Contract No. 1052035. (On file.) This agreement shall commence on January 3, 2023 and shall stay in effect

until it is superseded.  
Resolution No. 010323-AD-3063 in Support of Sponsoring the CSAH 5/Elk River Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge in Seeking Transportation Alternatives Program Funding from MNDOT. Public Works  
*Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator*  
Approved Resolution No. 010323-AD-3063 in support of sponsoring the CSAH 5 Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge over the Elk River. (On file.)  
Final Payment to Knife River for 2022 Overlays. Public Works  
*Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head*  
Approved and authorized final contract payment with Knife River for the 2022 Overlays, including projects CP 71-604-012, CP 71-609-021, CP 71-613-21 & CP 71-661-019. (On file.)  
Resolution No. 010323-AD-3064 Agreeing to Maintain the CSAH 5 Pedestrian Bridge Over the Elk River. Public Works  
*Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator*  
Approved Resolution No. 010323-AD-3064 agreeing to maintain the CSAH 5 pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Elk River. (On file.)  
Acceptance of a Donation from River of Life Church to the Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy Program. Sheriff  
*Joel Brott, County Sheriff*  
Approved the acceptance of a donation from the River of Life Evangelical Free Church to the Sheriff's Office chaplaincy program in the amount of \$2,000.00.  
Out-of-State Travel for a Sheriff's Office Employee.  
Sheriff  
*Joel Brott, County Sheriff*  
Approved out-of-state travel for a Sheriff's Office employee to attend an Investigative Techniques Training, presented by the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College in Birmingham, Alabama, from January 23-27, 2023. Estimated cost will be \$320.00 for meals and other necessary travel expenses. The Minnesota BCA will reimburse all costs associated with the hotel and flight.  
Notification of Participation in the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 10-33 Program. Sheriff  
*Joel Brott, County Sheriff*  
Approved the notification of the Sheriff's Office's participation in the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 10-33 Program.  
**Announcements**  
County Administrator Bruce Messelt reminded the Board of the following upcoming events:  
- January 19th there will be an Annual Legislative Forum Dinner at Jack and Jim's in Duell, Mn from 2 pm to 8 pm.  
- January 19th there will be a Joint Meeting of Big Lake City, Big Lake Township, Orrock Township, Sherburne County Board of Commissioners and ISD #727 School Board at the Big Lake City Council Chambers in Big Lake, Mn  
- January 25th the Government 101 conference will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel in St. Paul.  
- The NACO Legislative Conference will be held on February 11th -14th in Washington, D.C.  
Mr. Messelt also extended kudos to the Public Works staff for all their hard work this season and keeping our roads plowed. The Board was asked to keep an eye out in their email for a survey regarding Economic Development that would come from staff members Dan Weber and Jessica Barthel.  
The Board inquired if there would be a Sherburne County Association of Townships meeting coming up, staff will inquire and update the commissioners on the inquiry.  
**Open Forum**  
Brett Collier of Big Lake, Mn spoke to the Board regarding Northstar ridership, Regional Rail levy, Northstar Link, Google data center, the Consent Agenda, tax abatements and election integrity.  
**Regular Agenda**  
Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of Schroer Estates - Taylor and Taylor Schroer. Planning & Zoning  
*Lynn Waytashek, Planning & Zoning Administrator*  
Danielowski/Felber were unanimous to approve a requested Residential Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of "Schroer Estates" consisting of (2) lots, with the following (1) Condition as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission and listed below in the background justification: PID #10-545-0105 and #10-561-0115; Legal Desc: Lot 1, Block 1 of Fernwood and Lot 3, Block 1 Carlson Estates; Sec 1, Twp 33, Rge 27, Big Lake Township; with 19.6 acres in the General Rural District.  
CONDITION:  
1. The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of the Final Plat.  
EPA's Solid Waste Infrastructure Recycling Grant Application. Planning & Zoning  
*Gabrielle Holman, Environmental Specialist, Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator, Jillian Carlson*  
Felber/Gray were unanimous to authorize the County Staff to submit an application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Solid Waste Infrastructure Recycling Grant, in the amount of: \$3,630,000.  
Awarding Bid for the 2023 Official County Publications. Auditor / Treasurer  
*Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer*  
Approved and awarded the bid for 2023 Publication of the Commissioner's Proceedings, Delinquent Tax Listing, 2022 Financial Statement and alternate 2022 Financial Statement, as presented separately by the Auditor-Treasurer.  
Danielowski/Felber were unanimous to award the Patriot News with a bid of \$3.25 per inch, as the publisher of choice for Commissioner's Proceedings.  
Felber/Gray were unanimous to award the Patriot News with a bid of \$3.50 per inch, as the publisher of choice for the Delinquent Tax Listing.  
Hulse/Danielowski were unanimous to award Elk River Star News with a bid of \$3.95 per inch, as the publisher of choice for the 2022 Financial Statement.  
Danielowski/Gray were unanimous to award the Patriot News with a bid of \$12.00 per inch, as the alternate publisher of choice for the 2022 Financial Statement.  
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update and Recommended Approvals and Expenditures. Administration  
*Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator*  
Approved the bi-weekly ARPA related expenditures as fol-

lows:  
Gray/Felber were unanimous to approve expenses less than \$50,000.00 totaling \$89,912.00. (On file. Updates to County Administrative Policy Manual. Administration  
*Bruce Messelt, County Administrator*  
Danielowski/Felber were unanimous to approve updates to the following Sections of the County Administrative Policy Manual, as proposed: Purpose and Administration; County Board Agenda Development and Review Process; and Operating Rules. (On file.) Commissioners Hulse and Danielowski requested a future workshop on Ceremonial Procedures.  
2023 County Board Meeting Schedule. Administration  
*Bruce Messelt, County Administrator*  
Danielowski/Felber were unanimous to table the 2023 County Board Meeting Schedule.  
Commissioner Correspondence, Committee Reports, Upcoming Meetings, Future Agenda Items  
Commissioner Danielowski: Commissioner Recognition of Felix Schmiesing and Barbara Burandt, Substance Use Prevention, NACO Women in County Government, Commissioner Tim Dolan Recognition, Xcel Energy meeting, constituent issues  
Commissioner Felber: Commissioner Recognition of Felix Schmiesing and Barbara Burandt, Onboarding activities, Xcel Energy Meeting  
Commissioner Gray: AMC Conference, Commissioner Recognition of Felix Schmiesing and Barbara Burandt, Commissioner Dolan Recognition, Xcel Energy meeting, Visited townships in District 4, Onboarding activities  
Commissioner Hulse: Onboarding activities, Xcel Energy Meeting  
Commissioner Fobbe: Legislative Briefing, Xcel Energy Meeting, Commissioner Dolan Recognition  
**Recess Regular Meeting, Open Regional Rail Authority Meeting**  
**Close Regional Rail Authority Meeting, Open Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting**  
**Close Housing Redevelopment Authority Meeting, Break**  
**Reconvene, Open Workshop Meeting**  
**Close Workshop Meeting, Adjourn Regular Meeting**  
**Commissioner Warrants**  
12/16/22 560,635.77 General Revenue Fund  
217,596.78 Public Works Fund  
5,007.65 Human Service Fund  
23,865.00 Solid Waste Fund  
37,161.77 Jail Commissary Fund  
269,027.03 Shero RRA  
64,610.23 Justice Center Ent. Fund  
450.00 Agency Collections  
7,340.32 Taxes & Penalties Fund  
57,479.15 Payroll Fiduciary Fund  
1,243,173.70 Total  
**Manual Warrants**  
12/16/22 1.00 General Revenue Fund  
365,553.34 Agency Collections  
365,554.34 Total  
**Commissioner Warrants**  
12/23/22 39,493.38 Human Service Fund  
260.88 Agency Collections  
39,754.26 Total  
**Warrants**  
12/23/22 5,251.44 Atmosphere  
58,745.26 Comm. Interiors  
2,000.00 Central Mn Jobs & Training  
12,000.00 Fraboni, MD/ Americo  
363.88 Greater MN Family Services  
1,232.84 Kapsner/Lori  
598.64 Main Street  
2,764.89 Family Services  
1,022.77 McCoss/Daniel J Mn Dept Of Human Services  
1,174.95 - SWIFT  
1,161.34 Mn Dept Of Human Services-SWIFT  
86,316.01 Office Of MN.IT Services  
346,265.47 12 Payments less than 300 Total  
**Commissioner Warrants**  
12/23/22 346,265.47 General Revenue Fund  
207,700.88 Public Works Fund  
51.59 Human Service Fund  
4,998.53 Solid Waste Fund  
112,036.77 Jail Commissary Fund  
276.94 Shero Regional Rail Authority  
7,906.99 Justice Center  
18,829.50 Enterprise Fund  
120.00 Agency Collections  
698,186.67 Taxes & Penalties Fund  
Total  
**Manual Warrants**  
12/23/22 2,400,780.50 General Revenue Fund  
7,823.75 Agency Collections  
2,408,604.25 Total  
Lisa A. Fobbe, Board Chairperson  
Bruce Messelt, Administrator  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 01/21/23.)

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**DISTRICT COURT**  
**COUNTY OF SHERBURNE**  
**TENTH JUDICIAL**  
**DISTRICT**  
**Case Type: 14 - Other Civil**  
**Case File No.:**  
**Order of the City Council**  
**of Big Lake, Sherburne County,**  
**Minnesota concerning Hazardous building on the property**  
**Located at: 421 Eagle Lake Rd. N., Big Lake, Minnesota 55309.**  
**Legally described as: The North Half of Lot 11 (N1/2) of 11) and all of Lot Twelve (12), Block Four (4), in Fair Oaks Addition to the Village of Big Lake, in Government Lot Four (4), Section Nineteen (19), Township Thirty-three (33), Range Twenty-seven (27), in Sherburne County Minnesota.**  
**Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 65-412-0445**

TO: Ronald E. Skoog, deceased, Owner in Fee Simple of the Subject Property, 421 Eagle Lake Rd. N., Big Lake, MN 55309, service by publication; Dean A. Skoog, Presumed Tenant of the Subject Property, 421 Eagle Lake Rd. N., Big Lake, MN 55309; and Minnesota Department of Human Services, a Lienholder of the Subject Property, located at: 444 Lafayette Rd, St. Paul, MN 55155.  
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 463.15, et seq., the City Council of the City of Big Lake having duly considered the matter, finds the above-described property to be hazardous for the reasons set forth herein.  
Big Lake City staff have observed the conditions present at 421 Eagle Lake Rd. N., Big Lake, Minnesota 55309 [hereinafter: Subject Property]. Their observations revealed that the Subject Property constitutes a hazardous property within the meaning of Minnesota Chapter 463. Specifically, the

Subject Property has been inadequately maintained and contains excessive storage that constitutes a fire and safety hazard to public safety or health within the meaning of Minn. Stat. § 463.15, subd. 3. Specifically, the City Council finds that the following hazardous conditions exist at the Subject Property:

- 1 The Subject Property has excessive storage and rubbish throughout the home and yard. This constitutes a violation of Minnesota State Fire Code § 304.2. There are other residences bordering the property. The rubbish is easily combustible, thus creating a hazard to the public health, safety, and welfare of any occupants of the Subject Property and the neighboring properties.
2. The Subject Property fails to maintain a means of egress that is free from obstructions in violation of Minnesota State Fire Code § 1030.3. Combustible storage inside the house and throughout the yard of the Subject Property obstructs the means of egress from the Subject Property in the event of an emergency. There are only small corridors through the rubbish. There is accumulated rubbish on the back deck preventing egress or even access to the back door. These are hazardous conditions.
3. The Subject Property constitutes a health and safety hazard to any occupant as well as neighboring properties. The Subject Property contains rubbish and debris that have not been properly disposed of. The Subject Property contains improperly stored and likely rotten food in violation of City Code § 500.02(A). The inadequate maintenance of the Subject Property has created damage to the structure and roof of the building, allowing

for the infiltration of water into the building leading to damp and unsanitary conditions in violation of City Code § 505.05, subd. 3. There is visible water damage inside the Subject Property and visible water damage to the exterior of the Subject Property. Damage to the property from inadequate maintenance further includes exposed insulation and crumbling drywall, creating a health hazard for any occupant. The accumulated rubbish and general unsanitary conditions has created a shelter for, and likely infestation of, vermin. These are substantial public safety concerns and indicate that the Subject Property is a hazardous building within the meaning of Minn. Stat. § 463.15, subd. 3.

4. The Subject Property constitutes a threat to the health and safety of the public due to the risk of fire. The rubbish it contains is easily combustible and further blocks access to the building. If the Subject Property were to catch on fire, the Big Lake Fire Department would not be able to nor attempt to make an entry into the home on the Subject Property. The excessive combustible storage on the Subject Property and the blocked means of egress render the Subject Property unsafe for firefighting crews. The Big Lake Fire Department would be forced to allow the Subject Property to burn and instead focus their efforts on properties the surrounding properties only. This is a substantial public safety concern and indicates that the Subject Property is hazardous within the meaning of Minn. Stat. § 463.15, subd. 3.

5. The Subject Property contains a detached garage that is a threat to the health and safety of the public. The detached garage also contains rubbish preventing adequate access. The detached garage is also

in a state of inadequate repair. The roof is damaged, and the doors are dilapidated in violation of City Code § 505.05, subd. 3. Accumulated rubbish blocks entrance into or exit from the detached garage. Upon information and belief, the detached garage also contains accumulated rubbish that has not been properly disposed of. The state of disrepair and accumulated rubbish renders the structure unsafe for firefighting crews and has created access and shelter for, and a likely infestation of, vermin. This is in violation of City Code § 500.04(P). These are substantial public safety concerns and indicate that the Subject Property is a hazardous building within the meaning of Minn. Stat. § 463.15, subd. 3.

Pursuant to the foregoing, in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 463.17, unless the hazardous conditions listed above are removed within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, the City shall cause the hazardous conditions on the Subject Property to be removed. The removal of the above-referenced hazardous conditions may include, if reasonably necessary, the demolition of the Subject Property, the detached garage, or both, the removal of the foundation, and backfilling to prevent any dangerous exposed excavation in violation of City Code § 500.04(q).

If you fail to remedy the hazardous conditions, the City will seek permission from the District Court for the City to do so. The City will move the District Court for summary enforcement of this Order pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 463.19 unless you remedy the situation within said thirty (30) day period or unless an answer is filed within twenty (20) days of service of this Order upon you pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 463.18. Upon enforcement

of the Order by the City, all costs expended by the City will be assessed against the real property and collected as other taxes as provided in Minn. Stat. § 463.21.

If you fail to remedy the hazardous conditions, you must remove all personal property or fixtures within thirty (30) days of service of this Order upon you pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 463.24. If the personal property or fixtures are not removed within that by time, then the City may sell the personal property or fixtures at public auction as provided in Minn. Stat. § 463.21 or the City may destroy the same.

Moreover, you are advised that if the City of Big Lake is compelled to take any action to abate these hazardous conditions, all necessary costs expended by the City will be assessed against the real estate and collected as other taxes as provided in Minn. Stat. § 463.21.

Dated: January 18, 2023  
/s/ Jack S. Brooksbank  
Jack S. Brooksbank (0402593)  
Soren M. Mattick (27785X)  
City Attorneys  
860 Blue Gentian Rd, Suite 290  
Eagan, Minnesota 55121  
Telephone: (651) 452-5000  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 01/21/23. 01/28/23, 02/04/23, 02/11/23.)

**Big Lake Senior Center**

The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake St. North.  
We would love to have you join us for card games, refreshments & conversation.  
**For More Information Call:**  
**(763) 309-1010 and/or**  
**(763) 207-8703**

**Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events**

**BASC Now At BCC! All Area Seniors Welcome. Senior Center Open Mon. - Fri. 5am-5pm. Coffee Is On At 5am.**  
**Tues., Jan. 24: 7am:** Wake-up & walk! **7:30 am:** Boosted walk (BCC Gym). **9am:** Cards/conversation.  
**Wed., Jan. 25: 10 am:** Dementia Caregiver Support w/facilitator, Tami Kolbinger - Room 109.  
**Thurs., Jan. 26: 11am:** Tech Safety Talk: "Frauds & Scams". Joe Kaul & Police plus "Cut the Cord" - Learn to set up streaming (Sponsor: Central Community Services Program).  
**Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271**  
**Blood Pressure available whenever BASC is open**  
**Send activity/class to basc.becker@gmail.com. Planning meeting 3rd Wed. at 1pm. Next board meeting Jan. 18 from 3pm-5pm.**



# Public Notices

**APPLICATIONS BEING  
ACCEPTED FOR  
SHERBURNE COUNTY  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Sherburne County is currently taking applications for volunteers to serve on the Sherburne County Board of Adjustment. This Board meets one time a month on the second Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Sherburne County Government Center in Elk River, MN and is paid a per diem plus mileage. This Board reviews variance requests and appeals in the unincorporated areas of the County. If you have an interest in serving, please contact the Sherburne County Zoning Department at (763) 765-4450 or 1-800-438-0578 for an application or on-line at <https://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/308>.

The application deadline is February 6, 2023. Appointments will be made by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners. (Published in the *Patriot*: 01/21/23, 01/28/23.)

**City of Big Lake  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN AMENDMENT, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
AMENDMENT, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT  
AMENDMENT AND PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR CAR  
CONDOS PHASE 3 AT 16795 198TH AVENUE**

You are hereby notified that the Big Lake Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Conditional Use Permit Amendment, Planned Unit Development Amendment and Preliminary Plat for Car Condos Phase 3 at 16795 198th Avenue. The hearing will be held in the Big Lake City Hall Council Chambers located at 160 Lake Street North on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at or about 6:00 p.m.**

**Applicant:** Structural Buildings of MN, 12926 First Street, Becker, MN 55308  
**Owner:** Richard Hinrichs, 161 Mount Curve Avenue, Big Lake, MN 55309  
**Location:** North HWY 10, east of CR 43, west of 177th St NW and south of 205th Ave NW  
**PID#:** 65-528-0405  
**Request(s):** Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Conditional Use Permit Amendment, Planned Unit Development Amendment and Preliminary Plat to construct a 10-unit car condo building.

If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to Consultant Planner Kendra Lindahl, AICP at [klindahl@landform.net](mailto:klindahl@landform.net) or mailed to City Hall at 160 Lake Street N.

Lucinda Spanier  
City Planner  
City of Big Lake  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 01/21/23.)

**NOTICE TO CLEARWATER RIVER WATER-SHED  
DISTRICT RESIDENTS**

The Stearns County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for an appointment to the Clearwater River Watershed District Board of Managers. This appointment would be to serve a three year ending on August 13, 2025. If you are interested in being appointed to this board and you reside in the Clearwater River Watershed District in Stearns County, send a brief resume giving your place of residence and any other information about yourself which you would like to share with the Board regarding your qualifications or interests in serving on this board. An on-line application form and more information on this board is available on the Stearns County website: [stearnscountymn.gov/880](http://stearnscountymn.gov/880).

You can also contact us at 320-656-3900, send resumes to the Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Administration Center, 705 Courthouse Square RM 148, St. Cloud, MN 56303, e-mail Randy Schreifels at [auditor.email@co.stearns.mn.us](mailto:auditor.email@co.stearns.mn.us) or contact your county commissioner, Jeff Bertram, at [jeff.bertram@co.stearns.mn.us](mailto:jeff.bertram@co.stearns.mn.us). Applications are due by February 1, 2023. (Published in the *Patriot* 01/21/23)

**Sherburne County  
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION  
Warrants Approved For Payment 12/13/2022**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mn Dept Of Revenue	357,334.34
State Of Minnesota	2,843.25
5 Payments less than 2000	5,376.75
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>365,554.34</b>

(Published in the *Patriot* 01/21/23.)

**Sherburne County  
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION  
Warrants Approved For Payment 12/20/2022**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alerus Financial	2,068.00
Home Security Abstract	2,398,712.50
5 Payments less than 2000	7,823.75
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>2,408,604.25</b>

(Published in the *Patriot* 01/21/23)

**CITY OF BECKER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Becker Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30th, 2023 at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing at this meeting:

**Approximately 6:00 p.m. – Public Hearing in accordance with MN Statute 462.357 for an application to rezone a 35.42 acre parcel located in the City of Becker, Sherburne County, Minnesota – RO-LIZ, LLC (Owner and Applicant) and John Osterman and Mel Beaudry (Co-applicants) have submitted an application to rezone a recently annexed 35.42 acre parcel, currently identified as PID 05-325-2401, from AG (Agriculture) to R-2 (Limited Multiple Family District). The comprehensive land use designation of this property is medium density residential.**

Anyone interested in this issue is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to [jsanders@ci.beckermn.us](mailto:jsanders@ci.beckermn.us) by 4:30 p.m. January 30th, 2023.

Jacob Sanders  
Community Development Director  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 01/21/23.)

**CITY OF BECKER  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Becker City Council will hold their bi-monthly meeting at 5:00 p.m. on February 7th, 2023 at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue. The City Council will hold the following public hearing at this meeting:

**Approximately 5:00 p.m. – Revision of the City of Becker EDA (Economic Development Authority) Enabling Resolution, By-Laws and Related Ordinances in Section 2.47 of the City of Becker City Code.** Revisions to align all related EDA by-laws, resolutions, and ordinance with each other and statutory regulations.

Anyone interested in this issue is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to [jsanders@ci.beckermn.us](mailto:jsanders@ci.beckermn.us) by 4:30 p.m. February 7th, 2023.

Jacob Sanders  
Community Development Director  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 01/21/23, 01/28/23.)

**Sherburne County  
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION  
Warrants Approved On 12/16/2022 For Payment  
12/16/2022**

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Angela Nelson & Custom Septic Inc	20,000.00
Anoka County	100,036.00
Atlas Staffing, Inc	5,907.20
Auld's Communications	11,517.22
Big Lake Comm Food Shelf	4,850.00
BROMAX CONTRACTING LLC	2,758.75
Century Link	2,215.86
Chase C/O Corelogic Refunds	2,154.00
Clearview AI	5,495.00
Crawford Supply Company	2,051.02
Dacotah Paper Co	3,277.36
Daikin Applied	10,761.00
DESIGN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS	5,715.21
Diamond Acoustics Inc	7,560.00
Emily J. & Scott E. Schlagen	126,588.17
Glover Consulting LLC	2,550.00
Granite Electronics Inc	4,485.51
Hoisington Koegler Group Inc	15,988.84
Houston Engineering Inc	3,696.00
Ice Man Properties LLC	6,708.12
Jeremy's Lawn Service Inc	9,650.00
Keefe Supply Company	15,147.24
Law Enforcement Labor Service	3,914.83
Lockridge Grindall Nauen PLLP	7,000.00
Magnet Forensics USA, Inc	2,300.00
MANSFIELD OIL CO	24,362.63
McDowall Comfort Management	147,886.50
Metropolitan Council	268,358.25
Minnesota Industrial Battery	6,702.00
MNPEA	4,858.00
Office Of MN.IT Services	2,373.27
Omnicare Inc	4,626.90
Phoenix Supply	4,988.02
PRO WEST & ASSOCIATES INC	7,844.42
Promise Neighborhood	4,020.10
Ran Properties LLC	32,486.09
S & B LLC	2,707.11
Sand Creek EAP LLC	2,587.50
SBH Properties LLC	3,594.23
Scott Morrell LLC	8,179.26
Sir Lines a lot, LLC	11,056.16
Split Rock Management Inc	6,450.00
Teamsters Local 320	4,594.50
The Garage Guys LLC	2,051.07
The Hartford	42,331.29
Treas City Of Elk River	47,559.24
Trinity Services Group Inc	96,255.56
Uhl Company Inc	3,560.00
Videotronics Inc	32,759.83
WSB & Associates Inc	34,282.75
YMCA - Elk River	10,015.30
108 Payments less than 2000	44,356.39
<b>Final Total:</b>	<b>1,243,173.70</b>

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*Summons*

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
Court File Number:  
71-CV-22-1388  
SUMMONS**

Accent Construction LLC,,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Stacy Hollenbeck,  
Defendant..

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO: Defendant Stacy Hollenbeck, 635 Rose Dr #3, Big Lake, MN 55309.

**1. YOU ARE BEING SUED.** The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Amended Complaint against you is attached to this summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this summons.

**2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this summons located at: Smith & Raver LLP, 2900 Washington Av N, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

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**4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.** If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the complaint.

**5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

**6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

Dated: 2 August 2022  
SMITH & RAVER LLP  
BY: /s/ Morgan Smith  
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411  
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**Sherburne County  
Board of Commissioners  
January 3, 2023  
County Board Workshop  
Minutes**

**The Board Chair opened the County Board Workshop Meeting.**

**2023 Committee Assignments. Administration**  
*Bruce Messelt, County Administrator*

- Reviewed and discussed the 2023 County Commissioner Committee Assignments.

**Potential 2023 State and Federal Legislative Priorities. Administration**  
*Bruce Messelt, County Administrator*

- Discussed potential 2023 Committee assignments & Legislative Priorities.

**Adjourn Workshop Meeting.**  
/s/ Lisa Fobbe, Board Chairperson  
/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Clear Lake City Council will hold a Public Hearing for the following reason:

**Property located at 8825 Main Ave Clear Lake, MN 55319**

**Applicant – T NOG**

A special Council public hearing has been scheduled for February 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. This public hearing is being schedule to review an Interim Use Permit application for the construction of a 1-megawatt Community Solar Garden. This meeting will take place at City Hall located at 7684 1st Ave West.

The public is urged to attend this hearing and all persons desiring to be heard with reference to the proposed conditional use permit request will be heard. Written and oral arguments will be considered. Written comments must be received in the Clerk's office prior to hearing date.  
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12/23/2022**

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Marco Inc	2,340.42
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Uhl Company Inc	6,600.00
Xcel Energy	5,448.87
101 Payments less than 2000	42,742.51
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**City of Big Lake  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO  
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INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT**

You are hereby notified that the Big Lake Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Zoning Code Amendment increasing the amount of outdoor storage permitted in the Innovation Industrial (I-4) zoning district. The hearing will be held in the Big Lake City Hall Council Chambers located at 160 Lake Street North on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at or about 6:00 p.m.**

**Applicant:** Bob's Towing and Recovery Inc., Nick Christenson, 22288 167th St NW, Big Lake, MN 55309  
**Owner:** LGL Real Estate Investments LLC, Larry Palm, 8300 10th Ave N, Golden Valley, MN 55427  
**Location:** South and west of HWY 10, east of 166th St NE and north of BNSF Railroad.  
**Request(s):** Amend City Code Section 1062 to allow outdoor storage at a 7:1 outdoor storage to building ratio. Current City Code restricts outdoor storage to 3.5:1 outdoor storage to building ratio.

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# Obituaries

## Janet Kohnert Cotton, 89 St. Cloud, MN August 1, 1933 – January 14, 2023

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tues., Jan. 24, 2023 at First Presbyterian Church in St. Cloud for Janet Cotton, 89 of St. Cloud and formerly of Becker who died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023 at Edenbrook Care Center in St. Cloud. Pastor Darin Seaman will officiate and burial will be in the Melrose Cemetery in Melrose, WI. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday at the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in St. Cloud and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church in St. Cloud.

Janet was born Aug. 1, 1933 in Melrose, WI, the daughter of Gustav and Celia (Sonnenberg) Kohnert. Janet grew up on a farm in Melrose with her four brothers and sisters. She graduated from Melrose High. She married Thomas Cotton in 1954 upon his return from service in the US Army stationed in Korea. They made their home in Wirona, MN for 18 years where they raised two daughters. Janet was a busy stay at home

mom and was active in school activities and her church. She and Tom moved to Becker with Tom's job at the Sherco Power Plant where they lived for 38 years. During this time Janet was employed by First American Bank (now Bremer) for 25 years, first as a teller and then director of human resources until her retirement. Janet was an active member in the Clear Lake Lioness and First Presbyterian church in St. Cloud. As a grandmother she was active and attended as many activities as possible.

She is survived by her daughters, Joan (Mike) Karl of St. Cloud; Jan Shaver of St. Cloud; grandchildren, Andrew Karl, Abby Mock, Katy O'Connell, Matt Shaver, sisters, Elnor Thompson of Florida; June Spors of Black River Falls, WI.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Tom in 2017, brother, Clark Kohnert, sister, Lois Pontorio, and infant sister, Mavis Kohnert.



## Robin Ann Edwards, 57 Vina, AL (Formerly of Becker) February 22, 1965 – January 6, 2023

Robin Ann Edwards, 57, passed away Friday, January 6, 2023 at her residence in Vina, AL. Funeral services were held January 6 at 2 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vina, AL with Brother Matthew Haney officiating. Burial was at the Ebenezer Cemetery.

Robin was born on February 22, 1965 to Harold and Anna Marie Simonsmeier in Minneapolis, MN. She graduated from Becker High School and worked at Tom Thumb. She enjoyed helping her dad on the farm and going on trips with her mom and nieces and nephews.

On August 19, 1995, she married Randy Edwards and moved to Vina, AL. She worked at the hospital in Red Bay for many years. Robin looked forward to coming

home for family picnics and visits.

Robin touched many lives in Minnesota and Alabama over the years. We all miss her wonderful smile. Leukemia took her from us much too soon.

Preceded in death are Robin's father, Harold Simonsmeier and brother Scott Simonsmeier. She is survived by her husband, Randy Edwards Sr., children Rebecca and Eugene, five grandchildren, mother Anna Marie Simonsmeier; brother Randy (Susan), niece Melanie Ashton (Lon), nephew Eli Simonsmeier, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends.



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## Marlene A. Gohman, 72 Clear Lake

**July 4, 1950 – January 15, 2023**

Memorial Services will be 11:30 a.m. Sat., Jan. 21, 2023 at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater for Marlene A. Gohman, age 72, who

passed away Sunday at the St. Cloud Hospital. Rev. James Bump will officiate and burial will be at the Clear Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services Saturday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Clear Lake.

Marlene was born July 4, 1950 in Monticello to Harold and Alice (Jensen) Laughton.

She married John Gohman on September 23, 1967. Marlene lived in the Clear Lake area all of her life. She was a homemaker and also worked at McDonald's Meats in Clear Lake for 11 years. Marlene was a member of Rejoice Lutheran Church. She enjoyed camping, gardening, baking mint brownies and homemade bread, hosting family gatherings, and attending her grandkids activities. Marlene was selfless, dedicated, and a hard-worker. She was always willing to help her kids with any project or task, no matter

how unglamorous or tough the job was. She volunteered for six years with the St. Cloud School District reading with young students twice a week. Marlene was most proud of her kids and grandkids.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, John of Clear Lake; son and daughter, Bret (Julie) of Annandale and Danna (Alex) Hard of Clear Lake; sister, Geraldine (Gary) Mealhouse of Backus; grandsons, Sam and Andy Gohman, and Brayden Hard; and nieces and nephews. Marlene was preceded in death by her parents.

Obituary and Guest Book available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).

# DEADLINES

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# Becker Sports/Area News

## Bulldog gymnasts qualify for True Team Championships

The Becker Bulldog gymnastics team put together a strong first half of the season and earned a

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berth in the Class A True Team State Championships (January 21). Because Becker was ranked sixth in the latest Class A ratings, this secured the team a spot in the true team finals.

"I couldn't be more proud of the hard work this team has done to reach this amazing accomplishment," Coach Jen Harmoning said last week after the team's conference win over Chisago Lakes. "We have a little over a week now with no competitions, so we will be working hard to get well, heal nagging injuries, and prepare to come out strong for the final weeks of our season."

Last Tuesday, the Bulldogs fought through fatigue to score a 132.575 to 131.025 victory over M8

foe Chisago Lakes and remain undefeated in conference action.

"We traveled to Chisago Lakes for our third meet in six days... as expected, the gymnasts were feeling pretty tired from the past week," Harmoning said. "Even though they were weary and we were down several gymnasts due to injury and illness, the team put forth a good effort and was able to come away with another conference win."

Karli Kirk led the team on the vault, scoring a first place finish with her personal best time of 9.4. She was followed by Emma Hennessey (third - 8.85) and Lillian Bonsante (fifth - 8.425).

The next event was bars and again Kirk paced the team with a 1st place score of 8.475. Other Bulldog placers included Lauren Woelfel (third - 7.75) and Hennessey (fifth - 7.625).



**BULLDOG EMMA HENNESSEY** showed off her backflip as part of her beam routine earlier this season. (Submitted photo.)

Beam was the next rotation and Hennessey finished second overall with a score of 8.675, while Alison Woodard was third overall (8.25) and Kirk was fifth (8.0).

Hennessey continued her strong performance with a second place score (8.5) on the final event - floor - while Kirk and Cassie Larson tied for fourth (8.325).

In the all-around event,

Becker placed second through fourth, with Kirk (34.2), Hennessey (33.65) and Larson (31.25) pacing the Bulldogs.

Harmoning was pleased overall with the win, as she highlighted her team's depth as a strength heading into the half way point of the season.

"We have had a lot of kids stepping up to fill in holes left due to injuries and illnesses," Harmoning

said. "Every one of these athletes has been doing a really wonderful job under pressure and I'm really proud of their efforts."

Harmoning mentioned Hailey Deters, Cassie Larson, Sabrina Jensen, Hailey Duncombe, and Lillian Bonsante as some of the performers helping to bolster the team's depth.

"We have been working really hard to continue to upgrade our routines with some more difficult skills," Harmoning said. "This has been challenging with the extreme lack of practice time, but we have still managed to try some new things. I've been really happy to see some of the gymnasts willing to try new things. It doesn't always go well at first, but it's important that they push themselves out of their comfort zones in order to take a step forward."

Complete details of Becker's True Team State results will be covered in next week's *Patriot*.

## Bulldog wrestlers rack up wins with busy schedule

Forgive the Becker Bulldog wrestlers if they need a bit of a break after having a very busy three

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day stretch last week that included a 5-1 record in six matches. In posting the five wins, Becker showed some incredible team depth as a total of 19 wrestlers posted wins for the team during the six events.

### Wildcats

The action started Thursday night with a dominant win over Chisago Lakes, 71-6. Becker won the first 13 matches and scored four falls during the Mississippi 8 Conference matchup.

Forfeit winners: Bennett Kujawa (106), Jackson Fischer (120), Drew May (145), Aiden Golley (182), Tyson Ricker (220).

Fall winners: Kaden Nicolas (132 - 2:13), L. Kujawa (138 - 1:11), Ethan Duncombe (152 - 5:31), Owen Angell (170 - :41).

Other winners: 113 Andrew Fischer 15-4 Maj Dec., 126 Nolan Jurek Tech Fall 17-0, 160 Adam Jurek Tech Fall 24-9, 195 Dylan Weber Dec. 6-0.

### Vikings,

### Magic

Friday night, Becker traveled to Monticello for a pair of M8 matches and came away with dominating wins over both North Branch (83 to 0) and Monticello (66 to 12).

In the first tilt of the night, Becker was aided by eight Viking forfeits in the shutout win.

Scoring forfeit wins were Blayne Kuschel, N. Jurek, L. Kujawa, May, A. Jurek, Angell, Weber and Ricker.

B. Kujawa won by second period fall at 106, while Tyler Hall pinned his man in 41 seconds at 120 pounds.

Nicolas recorded a 17-1 tech fall at 132, while Duncombe pinned his man in the first period at 152 for the Bulldogs. Golley

picked up a second period pin at 182, while Lance Lyndal was a first period victor by pinning his man at 1:15.

In the win over Monticello, Bennett Kujawa started off the match with a major decision 15-4 win at 106 before the Bulldogs reeled off nine straight falls en route to the rout.

Picking up pins for Becker were Kuschel (113 - :58), Tyler Hall (120 - 1:18), Nolan Jurek (126 - 1:27), Nicolas (132 - 3:34) Landen Kujawa (138 tech fall 16-0), May (145 - :51), Duncombe (152 - 2:45), Jurek (160 - 4:40), and Angell (170 - :30).

Dylan Weber (7-2 decision at 182) and Ricker (fall 4:19 at 195) finished off the Becker scoring, as the Bulldogs led 66-0 entering the final two matches.

### Kiffmeyer Duals

Last Saturday, Becker traveled to Tech High School to participate in the Kiffmeyer Duals. The opening match was another shutout for the Bulldogs, as they calmed the Sauk Rap-

ids Storm, 81-0. It was the match of forfeits and falls for the Bulldogs, as they won 13 of the matches by one of those two results.

Forfeit winners: B. Kujawa, Nicolas, L. Kujawa, A. Jurek, Angell, Weber, Golley and Landon McChesney.

Winners by fall: Kuschel (2:32), J. Fischer (2:40), May (:56), Jake Rosenow (:41), and Ricker (5:05).

Ethan Duncombe picked up the other win with a 7-1 decision at 152 pounds.

In the second match of the day, the Bulldogs were 57-14 winners over Cambridge-Isanti.

Boston Kuschel started things off with a second period fall at 106, followed by a Hall pin at 113. From there, Becker added four straight first period falls with Nicolas, Ryan Boecker, L. Kujawa and May all sticking their opponents within the first two minutes of their matches.

Duncombe then scored

a major decision at 152, while Jurek tech falled his opponent at 160 for a Becker 45-4 lead.

Final winners for Becker included Weber's 7-0 decision, Golley's 7-2 decision and Ricker's fall at 4:32.

In the final match of the day, Becker suffered a 21-42 defeat to New Prague.

The Trojans raced to a 10-0 lead after the first three matches before Nicolas scored five team points via a 16-1 tech fall and L. Kujawa scored a major decision 17-4 to pull Becker to within 9-10. However, the Trojans reeled off five straight wins to put the match out of reach.

Angell then wrestled up a spot to score a fall at 1:11 of the 182 pound match for the Bulldogs, before Ricker scored the final team points with a third period pin at 220.

## Westin, Nuest reach 1,000 point milestone in win over Vikings

Tuesday night was a special moment for the Becker girls basketball team, as a pair of stalwart

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Bulldogs achieved the 1,000 career point milestone in a 75-30 win over the North Branch Vikings.

"This was special as both girls have been instrumental in our amazing run over the last five years," Coach Dan Baird said after the game. "Both these players have put the team first and have played ball the right way."

In addition to the impressive individual scoring records, the duo (along with Ayla Brown) also keep racking up career wins.

"Every time these girls get a win they break the school record for career wins by players which now sits at 108," Baird added. "Tonight was special. Dani showed off her three point prowess, while Maren of course tried to get everyone else going before she just

decided to take over. Both have represented Becker so well on and off the court over the last five seasons!"

The game itself was never in doubt, as Becker held the Vikings

to just 13 first half points and eight field goals for the entire game. Offensively, the Bulldogs hit 17 three-pointers on the evening.

With the win, Becker moved to 9-2 overall on the season and a perfect 5-0 in the Mississippi 8 Conference. The Bulldogs are currently ranked #2 in the state in Class AAA.

Becker scoring: Nuest 18, Westin 14, Hannah Dierkes 9, Brown 8, Madi Bass 14, Alexa Voller 2, Lauren Croal 2, Adele Changamire 6, Evelyn Krefit 1, Liz Mackedanz 2.

### Wildcats

Last Thursday, the team knocked off Chisago Lakes for another M8 win, 84-50.

"Dani Nuest led the way with 20 points on some hot first half shooting,"



**MAREN WESTIN AND DANI NUEST** each scored their 1,000th point in Tuesday's win over North Branch. It was the first time in school history that two teammates reached the coveted milestone during the same game. Both girls have already signed to play college basketball, with Westin going to Div. 1 Wisconsin Green Bay and Nuest playing for Div. 2 Michigan Tech. (Submitted photo.)

Baird said. "Madi Bass sparked us by coming off the bench and connecting on three threes for a career high 13 points."

Baird said his team's ability to take care of the ball and score in transition were keys to the game.

"We won the turnover



**MADI BASS** provided a spark for the Bulldogs in last week's win over Chisago Lakes, hitting three of six three-pointers. (Submitted photo.)

battle 12 to 26 which tells the bigger story, as we held a 35 to 2 points off turnovers advantage."

Becker scoring: Nuest 20, Westin 12 (6 rebounds), Hannah Dierkes 6, Ayla Brown 12 (4 assists), Reese Hausmann 7, Madi Bass 13, Adele Changamire 2, Avery Johnson 5, Evelyn Krefit 2, Liz Mackedanz 5.

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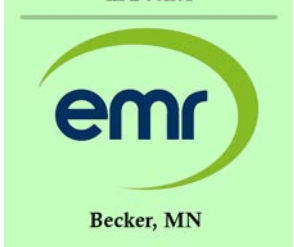
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# Becker dancers repeat as M8 champs



**THE BECKER 2022-23 DANCE TEAM** posed for a photo with their Mississippi 8 Conference trophies for Jazz and Kick. (Submitted Photo).

The Becker Bulldog Dance Team took home double conference championships last Saturday at North Branch.

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This is the fourth time in a row for the team taking the title for both jazz and kick categories.

“I’m very proud of how hard the team worked for this,” said Head Coach, Nadia Fischer-Danzeisen. “Over winter break, the leadership discussed strategies in ways to improve the scores. We decided to make several changes to both kick and jazz and surpassed our predicted growth in scores. It’s very exciting to

see this growth this late in the season and makes me excited as we move into the post season!”

Monday, the team travelled to Little Falls for a meet with their JV and B-squad dancers. The next two meets for the Bulldogs will be in Monticello on Sat. Jan. 28, then onto Sections Feb. 4 at Sauk Rapids Rice High School.

# Dancers set new records at home invite

The Big Lake Dance Team made history this past Monday as they hosted their first-ever home invite.

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Big Lake’s Varsity Kick team achieved a new program record, scoring a 306. This was also the first time the Hornets broke 300 for varsity kick (previous record being a 297 from the 2020-21 season.)

Big Lake’s Varsity Jazz team also achieved a new program record, scoring a 307 (previous record was a 306 from the 2020-21 season.)

The Hornets’ JV Jazz team also achieved a new program record, scoring a 232. This was the third time they’ve done so this season!

This was also the first invite where three of Big Lake’s teams placed.

Schools that were in attendance were: Academy



**THE BIG LAKE 2022-23 DANCE TEAM** hosted their first-ever invite on Monday and had some historical results with their varsity and JV kick and jazz teams. (Submitted Photo).

of Holy Angels; Big Lake; Cooper; Glencoe Silver Lake; Monticello; PACT Charter and Spectrum.

## Varsity Kick Top 3 Results

- 1.) Monticello;
- 2.) Academy of Holy Angels ;

## 3.) Big Lake. Varsity Jazz Top 3 Results

- 1.) Monticello;
- 2.) Big Lake;
- 3.) Academy of Holy Angels.

## JV Jazz Top 3 Results

- 1.) Monticello;

## 2.) Big Lake; 3.) Academy of Holy Angels.

## JV Kick Top Team

Monticello.

## B-Squad Jazz Top Team

Monticello.

# Correction: Gymnastics

In last week’s article on the Big Lake gymnastics team, it was reported that Britney Krumrei set

By Bill Morgan, Editor

a school record in the all around with a score of 38.100. We have since been informed that Alyssa Cox in fact set the school record (38.3125) in the 2002 State Tournament.

The Patriot regrets the error.



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# Bulldog boys remain atop M8

Another two conference wins in the past week have kept the Becker boys basketball team atop the

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rankings in the Mississippi 8 Conference.

## Wildcats

Last Thursday, the Bulldogs hosted Chisago Lakes and were able to hit their shots down the stretch for a 73-67 win.

The Wildcats led by one, 39-38 at halftime, but Becker clamped down defensively in the second half to secure the win.

Becker’s dynamic offensive tandem of Brady Paumen and Julius Hendricks each scored 19 points for the Bulldogs, while Paumen was a menace on the defensive end of the floor. He gathered 10 rebounds to complete his double-double and added five blocks to go along with two assists.

Becker scoring: Bengtson 5, Weiss 5, Vogl 2,

Blomquist 13, Brown 3, Hendricks 19, Paumen 19, Soltau 7.

## Vikings

Tuesday night, Becker needed OT to remain perfect in the M8, as the Bulldogs outdistanced North Branch 80 to 75.

Becker led at halftime 36 to 33, and the second half was also an even affair with both teams tied at 68 at the end of regulation. In the overtime period, Becker gained a 12 to 7 scoring advantage to secure the win.

Kyan Blomquist led the team offensively with 23 points, while Hendricks and Paumen were also in double figures with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

With the win, the Bulldogs pushed their record to 7-3 overall and 4-0 in the Mississippi 8 Conference. They were tied with Cambridge-Isanti going into Friday night’s matchup against the Bluejackets in Cambridge. Complete details on the battle for first will be available in next week’s Patriot.

Becker scoring: Ryan Bengtson 8, Alex Weiss 7, Kevin Vogl 2, Kyan Blomquist 23, Sawyer Brown 5, Julius Hendricks 16, Brady Paumen 14, Mitchell Soltau 5.



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