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A HOLE IN ONE! Thurs., Sept. 29, Greg Leiferman of Clear Lake got a hole in one on hole seven on the blue course at Pebble Creek. Witnessed by his sons Jeremy and Kevin Leiferman, Greg has only been golfing for three months and it was only his 10th time golfing! (Submitted photo.)

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Equipping our readers for election day

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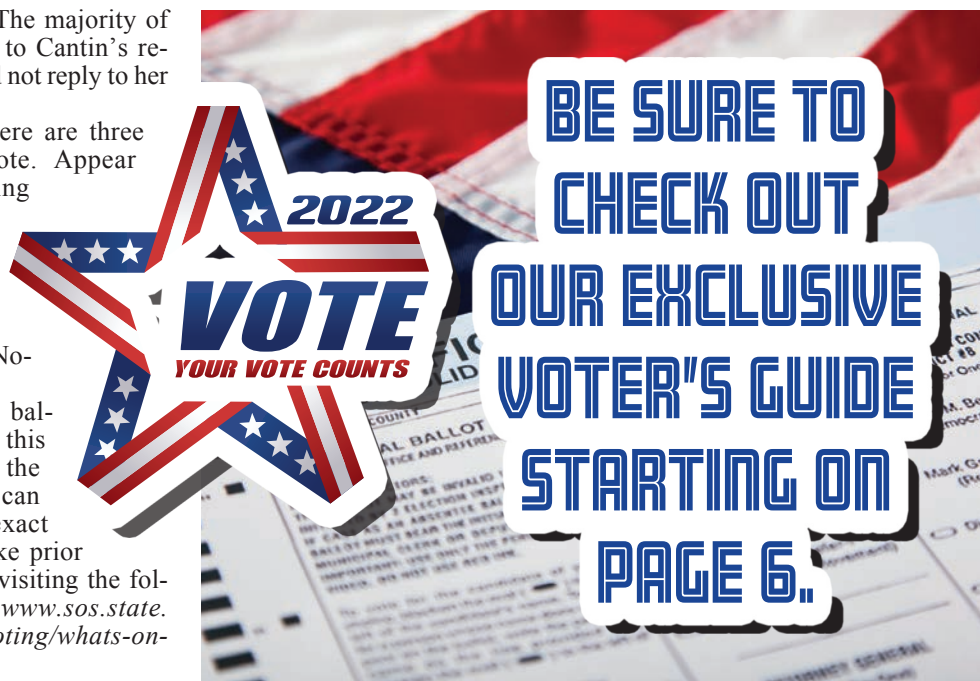
In preparation for the upcoming election, we at the *Patriot* are providing our readers with a comprehensive election guide to help identify each candidate and their platforms. We believe that every candidate evaluated is applying for an incredibly important job—the opportunity to represent their constituents in each community. The candidate profiles in this voter guide are essentially their resumés, and as their prospective boss (you), it is crucial for all to understand what each candidate stands for and how they plan to perform their duties if given the opportunity.

Our staff writer, Katie Cantin, contacted every candidate that is to appear on the local ballots and offered them 100 words or less to

state their tenets. The majority of candidates replied to Cantin's request, but a few did not reply to her requests.

As always, there are three ways one can vote. Appear live at your polling place on the day of the election (Nov. 8), vote by mail-in ballot or vote early in person (Sept. 23-November 7).

Some sample ballots are printed in this week's issue of the *Patriot* and one can find what their exact ballot will look like prior to the election by visiting the following website: www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot/.



BLFD Open House is a Blast!

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Members of the Big Lake Fire Dept. — along with other public servants from the local sheriff departments, emergency services and other jurisdictions — saw a plethora of citizens and their families descend on the fire station to honor the people who put their lives on the line every time a call comes in.

On a grey and chilly day, families donned their heavy coats, hats and mittens and visited the BLFD Saturday at the station. A state trooper helicopter landed in the grassy area and guests were invited to get up-close and personal with the craft and its pilots. Another chopper, this one from North Memorial Health also made an appearance.

Rescue trucks, boats and gear were also on display inside and out.

Inside the station, families huddled for warmth and received a free lunch served by the firefighters and volunteers. Two bouncy castles were set up outside the station for some fun for the youths and demonstrations



THIS YOUNGSTER got some help from a seasoned Big Lake firefighter and water gushed through the hose and the boy took aim at a bucket on a line. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

were held throughout the day to show how sprinklers work and how to keep one's house safe.

The Minnesota DNR had a truck parked outside where guests could get a view at the equipment the officers use and get explanations of their duties.

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Barktoberfest Can't be Licked!



RYDER posed with two Newfoundlands during Saturday's Barktober festivities at Becker City Park. Ryder is the son of one of the owners of Canine Cabin, a lodging, training, grooming company located in Clear Lake. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

By Bill Morgan
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Saturday, the City of Becker held their annual Barktoberfest at City Park to the delight of many dogs and their masters. Kids, adults, vendors and curious guests all had a howling good time at the ever-popular Barktober Festival. The three hour event featured

pet and kid parades, costume contests, crafts, games, activities and numerous pet-related vendor booths. There were also concessions and food trucks in the park as well.

Some kids and dogs donned their Halloween costumes with a shot at prizes and praise. A laser tag game was offered as a fun

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Proposed tax increases could mean substantial increases

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

In several weeks, area residents will begin receiving their Truth in Taxation notices in the mail, and these documents will contain estimates for the amount property owners will be expected to pay to their local units of government in 2023.

According to MN Statute 275.065, by the end of each September, local taxing authorities (i.e. cities, townships and counties) must certify their proposed tax levies for the following year to the County Auditor's office. This allows that office to estimate each taxpayer's proposed property tax by using the

value of a person's property (as determined by the County Assessor's office) and multiplying it by the total tax rate of the district in which the property is located.

From there, that Truth in Taxation notice is generated (between November 10 and 24) and sent to property owners, indicating what the estimated proposed taxes will be for the next year. These same jurisdictions must also schedule a "Truth in Taxation" meeting,

often times held in the beginning weeks of December (after Nov. 24 by statute and never before 6 p.m.), to discuss and explain the proposed budget. These meetings are open to the public and allow residents and taxpayers the chance to speak to the taxing authority. Often times, the meetings also include a presentation of some sort where residents can see where the tax monies collected are expected to be spent.

This year, residents across Sherburne and Wright Counties

could be looking at substantial increases in their property tax bills based on these proposed increased levy amounts.

Sherburne County is proposing a 6.99% increase to its tax levy, whereas Wright County has proposed an increase of 3.89%. Neighboring Benton County set its preliminary levy at 5.5%, while Stearns proposed to collect 4.33% more in taxes.

Area municipalities proposed increases as well, including 4.77% in the city of Big Lake and 6.1% in Monticello. The City of Becker set its preliminary budget at a 9.4% increase in the proposed levy. Local

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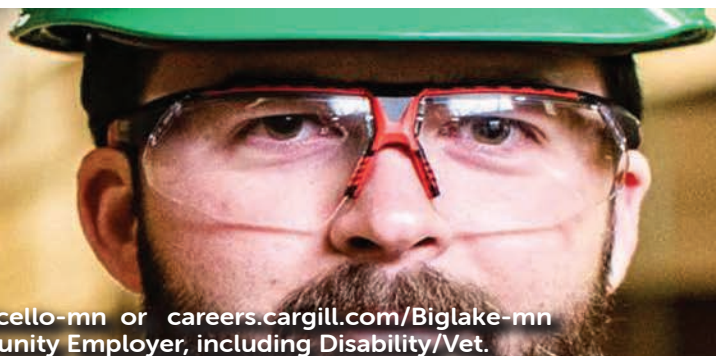
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Clearwater Heritage Days is now Clearwater Heritage Festival

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

Clearwater Heritage Days has been rebranded as Clearwater Heritage Festival and will be back in 2023. Heritage Days was cancelled this past summer after a clerical error was found during planning for the event, and it was discovered there were issues with its tax-exempt status. Not knowing how long it would take to correct the error, organizers made the tough decision to cancel it.

gauge interest in continuing it.

During the meeting, a motivated group of community members and business owners in Clearwater, Clear Lake, and surrounding areas stepped up. Thanks to them, Clearwater's celebration has been revived and will be returning next summer.

Clearwater Heritage Days will now be known as Clearwater Heritage Festival. During their meeting the group formed a board of representatives, and at their next meeting on October 27 they will be looking for directors to lead the specific events that make up the festival. Many of the great features that have been part of the celebration in years past will continue as well as the

addition of some exciting new features.

"We continue to value the input of our community and local businesses so we encourage both to get involved, whether that be joining a committee, hosting your own event at your business, or a financial donation to the festival," said coordinator Brandii Thomas. "Feel free to reach out with any questions, comments, ideas, or concerns you may have."

Although the planning group's needs aren't entirely clear this early in the planning process, Thomas stressed they all felt it was important to include businesses in the planning process as they're such large stakeholders in the event. "Business owners may

be hearing from me to request input and feedback," she said.

Anyone interested in being part of the festival in any capacity is invited to attend the group's next meeting on October 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Rejoice Lutheran Church. The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize directors and form committees for each of the core components of the festival as a whole.


For more information contact Brandii Thomas at ClearwaterHeritageFestival@gmail.com.

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Rejoice Church holds annual Fall Festival

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

The community once again came out to enjoy a traditional Scandinavian meal, purchase new and used items, bid on silent auction items, and play games during Rejoice Lutheran Church's annual Lutefisk and Swedish Meatball Dinner and Fall Festival on September 24.



THE FARMER'S MARKET AT REJOICE'S FALL FESTIVAL featured fresh vegetables, fruit, and plants for purchase. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

carnival style games and bounce in a giant bounce house as well as purchase fun items from Granny's Attic kids' room.

Although Ole's Beer Garden & Grill provided refreshments for guests throughout the event, the highlight of the day was, as always, the Lutefisk and Swedish Meatball dinner. Guests filled the tables during both afternoon serving times, filling up their plates with traditional Scandinavian foods and enjoying conversations with their neighbors.

Thanks were extended to the community, volunteers, and everyone who brought in donations for helping to make the event such a success each year. The festival is Rejoice's largest fundraiser of the year; all money raised goes



THE ALWAYS POPULAR GRANNY'S ATTIC was hopping during Rejoice's annual Fall Festival. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

to the church's general fund.

Rejoice's Fall Festival was begun as a traditional way of honoring the area's Scandinavian heritage.

Along with the meal, activities were added to reach out to others and make the day one that can be enjoyed by all.



Area News

Fundraiser for Clearwater Fire Dept. exceeds goal



THE CLEARWATER LEGION was packed with people enjoying a spaghetti dinner during the recent fundraiser for the Clearwater Fire Dept. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

The Clearwater Fire Dept. Motorcycle and Car Run fundraiser on October 8 was a big success, with total funds raised exceeding their goal.

The event, held by the Fire Relief Assoc. and hosted by the Clearwater Sons of the American Legion (SAL), started out a little chilly but warmed up fast and turned into a beautiful day, with over 50 participants in the motorcycle and car run portion of the fundraiser.

The run began at the Clearwater Legion, with kickstands up at 11 a.m. Stops were held at Up the Creek, Bedrock, and Son of a Butcher, with giveaways at all three locations.

The remainder of the day's events took place at the Clearwater Legion, starting with the spaghetti dinner from 4 to 6 p.m., which was crowded with people eager to partake. The evening concluded with live music from 7 to 10 p.m.

Around 140 individuals and businesses dominated the silent auction and raffles, with big prizes including flag and firefighter artwork, ice fishing gear, Yeti cooler and fishing gear, bean bag boards adorned with the flag and firefighter emblem, and a Harley Davidson barrel

table with the Clearwater Fire & Rescue emblem emblazoned on the top.

"When I first walked into the room and saw all the things that had been donated I was kind-of overwhelmed," said Fire Chief Mike Keller. "I can't thank the community enough, all the individuals, businesses, and organizations that supported us."

Thanks were also extended to the Fire Relief Assoc. and Clearwater SAL for holding the fundraiser and firefighters for volunteering their time. All the proceeds were donated to Clearwater Fire & Rescue.

The fundraiser was held to raise money for

the new SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus) the department needs, which are the life-saving air packs firefighters wear into fires in order to breathe clean air. With their current SCBAs nearing the end of their useful life, the department was aware the time to purchase new ones was fast approaching and had planned for it, however, with inflation they were facing a budget shortfall.

The Clearwater Fire Dept. is always looking for new firefighters. Anyone who would like to apply is encouraged to stop by city hall to pick up an application.



THE CLEARWATER LEGION RIDERS donated \$2,500 to the fire department to help them reach their goal of purchasing new SCBA gear for the firefighters. (Submitted photo.)

CVBC meeting held at Zylla-Rolf Studio in Becker

By Mary Nehring, Contributing Writer

Business members gathered at Zylla-Rolf Studio in Becker Thursday, October 13 for the quarterly meeting of Clear Valley Business Connection (CVBC).

A recap of Music and Movies in the Park events held at Eldorado Park in Clearwater this past summer was given. The event was deemed very successful and plans are already underway for summer 2023 events. Some suggestions were offered to the committee and will be implemented for next summer's event(s) to make the event even better.

Members had a short discussion of a Meet The Candidates forum for Clearwater City Council candidates, which will be held in the meeting room at Clearwater Legion Thursday, November 3rd at 6pm.

Pastor Dave Fogal of Tri County Alliance gave an update on the newcomer packets that are being distributed. A decision was made to order plastic bags going forward for the program. Until this point, bags have been donated by Mary Kay consultant Glenna Soenneker. The group expressed their gratitude to Soenneker for donating bags for the program since its inception, but agreed it will be ideal for the new-



TIFFANY MCDWALL OF MCDWALL CUSTOM EMBROIDERY is pictured at the CVBC business networking quarterly meeting that was held Thursday, October 13 at Zylla-Rolf Studio in Becker. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



CVBC MEMBERS POSED FOR A PHOTO. Pictured left to right: Sandra Meer (Clear Waters Outfitting/NorthWest Canoe), Eron Bordson, Clearwater Family Chiropractic (CVBC Treasurer), Jeff Rolf and Sandra Rolf, Zylla-Rolf Studio (located in Becker), Lori Johnson, Root of Wellness (CVBC Vice President), Glenna Soenneker, Mary Kay Cosmetics (CVBC President), Jenny Massman, American Heritage Bank (CVBC Secretary). (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

comer packets/bags to transition to personalized CVBC newcomer plastic bags.

Membership dues have not been raised in several

years. It was decided to raise the membership rate to \$75 per year for 2023, which is still very economical.

The next meeting of

the CVBC will be held at Tri County Alliance Church in Clearwater January 12th, 2023 and will feature the popular chili contest.

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Sen. Anderson earns NFIB award



MINNESOTA STATE DIRECTOR JOHN REYNOLDS, RIGHT, presents Senator Bruce Anderson with the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award. (Submitted Photo.)

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by Paige Pearson, Media Relations Specialist with the Minnesota Senate Republican Caucus.)

The state's major small business organization, the National Federation of Independent Business, or NFIB, presented Sen. Bruce Anderson (Buffalo Twp.) with the prestigious Guardian of Small Business Award, Oct. 12.

"Small businesses are the cornerstones of our communities and truly what make our hometowns so great," Sen. Anderson said. "While they may be considered small individually, these businesses have an enormous impact on our state's economic success."

Sen. Anderson earned the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award with a 100% score on the NFIB Minnesota Voting Record for 2021-22.

"Now more than ever, Main Street needs strong advocates in the Minnesota Legislature, and they have one in

Sen. Bruce Anderson," said John Reynolds, NFIB Minnesota State Director. "Bruce earned the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award by working tirelessly for small business over the last two years."

The Guardian of Small Business Award is reserved for legislators who vote consistently with small business on the key issues identified by small business owners. Minnesota lawmakers who voted with small business on key issues 80% or more of the time during the 2021-22 legislative session earned the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award.

Lawmakers are informed prior to Key Votes of consensus positions developed through NFIB's one member, one vote policy and asked to support the priorities of small business with their vote. Key Votes are recorded in the biennial NFIB Minnesota Voting Record and distributed to the more than 10,000 small businesses that belong to NFIB here.



Santiago supervisors asked for input into planning and zoning

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The future of land use planning and zoning was on the agenda last Wednesday at the meeting of the Santiago Township Board of Supervisors, as a trio of Sherburne County Staffers visited to seek input into the re-writing of the Comprehensive Plan.

Senior Planner Marc Schneider, Planner Addison Otto and Building Official Doug Malscher were all on hand to discuss the monumental task of re-writing and updating the county's main land use planning document.

Schneider noted that the county has just under 100,000 residents as of the last census and projects indicate another 22% increase in population within the next 40 years. Sherburne remains one of just a handful of non-metro counties in the state experiencing a growth rate, while most outstate counties continue to shrink in population.

current situation was probably the most desirable, although some people would like to split their land. After a lengthy discussion, the supervisors felt that the status quo with a bit more flexibility might be the best plan going forward.

Otto next led a discussion about the agriculture zoning ordinances and spoke of the conditions that govern those rules.

A recent survey of residents showed that balancing property owner's rights while keeping the agricultural landscape was important in the township.

Solar Farms were a discussion, with Schneider noting that any restrictions on development must be defensible in court.

The concept of hobby farms and their ideal size was also broached, with several rhetorical questions posed to those in attendance.

The final topic was natural resource management, including water quality and contaminants that can easily filter the sandy soils in the area.

One issue which the supervisors talked about was how the St. Francis and Elk Rivers are both getting plugged with deadfalls and sediment, thus creating issues with drainage ditches not flowing properly.

Schneider indicated this was a new issue to him and he felt that part of the Comp Plan's re-write could include engaging and better connecting local units of government with other

agencies such as the Army Corps of Engineers or the DNR. By making these connections, it could be possible for local elected officials to have better access to helping guide policy and decision making.

Supervisor Stu Nelson summed up the feeling of the board, noting that whatever changes were happening should go through a process and should be carefully studied.

"Whatever we do, we need to move slowly," Nelson said. "Once something is developed, we cannot go back."

Schneider thanked the supervisors for their input and assured them that the draft proposals will come back again for review, including at several meetings held by the county.

Citizen Complaint
Township resident Kristin Goenner addressed the board next and directed a complaint at Clerk Kathy Woolard, whom she accused of being rude at the primary election.

Goenner had previously contacted Board Chair Jeff Pappenfus about the issue and was also less than pleased about his response.

A lengthy back and forth ensued, including from several residents in attendance who had served as judges at the primary election and spoke in defense of Woolard.

Goenner claimed she was being discriminated against in her quest to be an election judge because

of her membership in a religious group, Restore Minnesota.

The board noted that the election judges had all been secured before the primary election and they are following all applicable laws, including having representation from the two most prominent political parties.

Woolard offered an apology to Goenner and it was noted that Goenner is listed as an alternate for election judges should her services be needed in the future.

In Other Business, the Supervisors:

- Heard from SCSO Sgt. Andy Ochs about last month's 79 calls for service, which included 26 traffic stops. Since the installation of dynamic speed signs along Co. Rd. 11 about a month ago, the supervisors all noted better traffic speed patterns on the main drag in town;

- Listened to Supervisor Dave Jehoich updating the board on ditch mowing and road maintenance accomplished by Township contractor John Herbst;

- Heard from Commissioner candidate Lefty Kleis, who was on the agenda to answer questions related to his candidacy.

Palmer hears planning and zoning update

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Palmer Township Board met Monday evening, with a planning and zoning update from Sherburne County staff members taking up the majority of the agenda.

Assistant Zoning Administrator Zach Guttormson and Senior Planner Marc Schneider were on hand to discuss the county's efforts in updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Comp Plan). After the original adoption in 1970, the plan has undergone three major revisions in the past 28 years, including in 1994, 2004 and 2011. Another major update is planned for 2023.

Earlier this year, a county-wide survey was conducted to gather resident input into guiding principles that will shepherd the development of the new plan.

While the overall plan is an all-encompassing document that guides nearly every action the county takes, the two men focused their discussion with the board in three areas: housing, natural resources and agriculture.

Housing
Schneider explained that Sherburne is one of just a handful of counties outside of the metro area that continues to see a growing population and this is putting a significant strain on the housing market.

Across the county and in Palmer township, there continues to be a shortage of entry level and senior housing. The idea of residents being able to stay within their community throughout their lifespan was referred to as Life Cycle Housing and the needs for local residents were discussed.

Possible ideas to address the issue included having better defined growth areas, allowing accessory dwelling units and considering smaller lot sizes.

Natural Resources
Guttormson pointed out that in 2019, over 9

billion gallons of ground water were withdrawn from across the county and with the sandy soils in the area, this leads to pollution susceptibility. According to the county-wide survey, residents valued protecting water quality more than promoting tourism or increasing land use.

Supervisor Steve Demeules noted that the Briggs Lake chain experiences a higher level of water fluctuation than other lakes in the county and therefore a need to control development within the flood plain would need to be part of the future discussion.

Other needs identified included more education about things such as septic systems, as well as long term protection of soils suitable for agricultural production.

Agriculture

Approximately 35% of the county's land surface, or 102,544 acres of land, are currently used for agriculture, and this production makes up 4% of the county's Gross Domestic Product (GDP). According to the two presenters, 96% of county farms are family owned and the resident survey indicated that local folks value protecting agricultural land for future farms, but also providing land owners with flexibility in developing their property.

One of the discussions was about whether or not to remove the 75% wooded requirement for new housing parcel development, while Chairman Mike Ganz asked about the possibility of having different zoning requirements for different sections within the township.

Schneider said this could be possible, as different tracts of land have different characteristics.

Supervisor Richard Larson asked about solar farm development and their effects on the environment and how it is taking acres out of food production.

Schneider noted that solar farms will have to be a major discussion point in

the new comp plan and is currently part of the conversation. One resident asked about solar's positive effects to the ground water issue, as he wondered how many gallons would not be pumped for irrigation. Larson indicated there may be a need for ground water testing to resolve ongoing questions around the panels leeching toxic substances into the environment, and even suggested that utilizing synthetic liners might be a good requirement to contain any possible pollutants from reaching the ground water.

Next Steps

In the coming months Schneider indicated that there will be a vision statement created, along with goals and policies that will guide discussions until early 2023 when the comp plan starts to take shape. He said there will be ample opportunity for the township to weigh in on different proposals.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Heard from SCSO Commander Ben Zawacki, who reported on 107 calls for service from September, including four motor vehicle accidents, 11 medicals and 37 traffic stops;

- Heard from Fire Chief Ron Koren, who reported on the township's five calls last month, including four medicals and one fire alarm;

- Learned from Ganz that some culvert work will be bid in early 2023 (north side of Lake Julia) and an enormous amount of brushing has been accomplished on township roads;

- Approved trading in the current mower tractor and the New Holland ditch mower (not used in five years) to Arnold's Equipment for a new mower, with the amount being only approximately a \$1,200 difference;

- Heard from Demeules that the Lake Association is planning to send out weed control notices in early 2023.

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Harvest Fest fun at Sherburne History Center

Submitted Article

Scarecrows, cornhusk beads, origami pumpkins and more!

Join the fun on Sat., Nov. 5, 2022, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sherburne History Center in Becker for a fun-filled morning of make and take fall crafts.

Local retired central Minnesota art educator, Kathy Gerdts-Senger, will guide participants of all ages in making cool crafts

of their choice. Harvest your inner artist and come create your own fall masterpiece!

This family-friendly event is free and open to

(metro line) or visit our website at www.sherburne-historycenter.org.

The Sherburne History Center is located at 10775 27th Ave. SE in Becker. Its mission is to foster a sense of community by providing resources to help people discover the past and gain perspective on the present so they can make informed choices about the future.

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Stop Flushing Away Your Money!

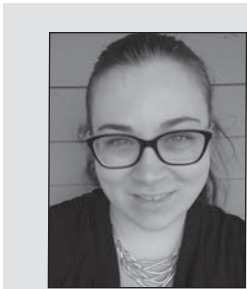
Corporations have been lying to us in order to make more money, and it's been costing you tax money on top of it, but most of the people who fall for this particular scheme are the most reluctant to change their ways.

With the upcoming election, everyone's talking about ways to save taxpayer money. I wanted to share with you all one way we can all help to bring down local taxpayers' expenses, regardless of who is on the ballot November 8.

During a Big Lake City Council meeting earlier this month, water/wastewater superintendent Dan Childs shared some photos and noted that his team recently cleared out a large blockage of "flushable" wipes from the city's sewer system. The council members were intrigued, as was I.

I sat down with Dan Childs and Chris Lisson (from Becker) to talk about how so-called flushable wipes are something that should never be flushed down the toilet.

The sewer systems in both Big Lake and Becker operate using gravity to direct the flow of wastewater. In certain areas, however, the wastewater needs to be lifted up again so it can continue to flow downward. These areas are called lift stations, and this is where the issues happen the most. If the wastewater contains anything that can't be broken down, it clogs together



By Katherine Cantin
Staff Writer

and causes the lift station to slow greatly or to stop functioning altogether. If not dealt with immediately, this can also make the whole system stop working, making it so home and business owners cannot use their toilets and sinks (not ideal!).

One of the main culprits of these clogs is "flushable" wipes. That's right: they are NOT flushable, regardless of what the packaging says. These will clog our public sewer systems or can even cause blockage in a homeowner's system.

The packaging straight up lies to people. Why? Money talks, that's why. Even though there have been attempts to ban this kind of false advertising on packages of wipes, lobbyists have always gotten the better deal. It's estimated that these "flushable" wipes are costing the United States over \$400 million each year, according to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies in 2020. Locally? Dan Childs

noted that the cost to Big Lake taxpayers could be approximately \$2,000 per month.

Wastewater employees in Becker and Big Lake regularly clean out the problem areas in the sewer system to remove a lot of blockage. Childs noted that the city fills up 10 garbage cans full of garbage recovered from the system each month. Chris Lisson of Becker said that garbage going through the system gets twisted around on itself, forming ropes. He one time helped to remove a twisted rope of garbage that weighed more than 150 pounds. Talk about a gross job!

So, what can and can't be flushed down a toilet or rinsed down the sink? Here's a fun experiment for the kids (and adults too!). Find two water bottles or jars with tightly-sealing lids and fill them halfway with water. In one jar, put a few sheets of toilet paper. In the other jar, put in a couple of sheets of "flushable" wipes, Kleenex, paper towels, or anything else a person might be tempted to use to clean up. Screw the lid on tightly, and shake each bottle vigorously for 30 seconds. The toilet paper will break down into tiny pieces as it's jostled around in the bottle. Just like it breaks down when a toilet is flushed, becoming a bunch of tiny pieces that

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

This November 8 is Minnesota's general election. Besides voting in person on Election Day, there are several additional ways to cast your ballot – absentee voting by mail or in-person 46 days before the election, in-person early voting seven days before the election, and agent deliv-

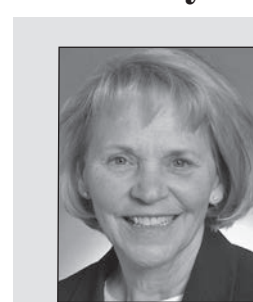
Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are applied for by a voter and mailed to their requested address or applied for and cast in person at a county or city office. In Minnesota, absentee voting is available to all voters and no excuse is required. If an absentee ballot and forms/envelopes are mailed to you and completed at home, there are two main and most secure ways to return a voted absentee ballot: 1) through USPS mail; or 2) personally returned to your local election office. If cast in person at the county or city office, all steps can be done at one time at the same office.

Absentee Ballots and envelopes are used to accept or reject ballots, but the ballot is not reported as counted until Nov. 8. If you are completing your ballot at home, carefully read and fill out the application with printing, except for your signature. If at a government office, do the same but they will assist and make sure the application is complete and mark it as accepted if all requirements are met.

Early In-Person Voting

Minnesota voters also have the option of in-person early voting, which starts seven days before the election. This year, the first day to vote early in person at a county, as well as some city offices, is Tuesday, Nov. 2, and continues (except not on Sunday) through the day before the election, Monday, Nov. 7. Voters have at least one location – their country election of-



By Sen.
Mary Kiffmeyer

vice – where they have the option to vote early in person. No application or envelopes are necessary, and voting is conducted as at a polling place. If needed, be prepared for same day registration with proof of ID and residence.

Agent Delivery

Additionally, there is the least used manner of voting, agent delivery – a special situation where an individual asks an agent to pick up and return their absentee ballot. It is important to note that not just anyone can be an agent. They must have a pre-existing relationship or qualify according to law.

This process starts with two applications, one for the voter and the second for the agent. Both applications must be properly filled out and brought by the agent to the county office. Then, the ballot is returned by the agent to the voter and the agent returns the ballot, along with any necessary forms, to the original office. Further instructions are given at the office as well as available online at this address – www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote.

In-Person Voting on Election Day

Election Day in-person voting is your final opportunity. There's truly nothing like going to vote at your polling location on Election Day and seeing so many members of the community come together to fulfill a sacred civic duty. At the polling location, you can personally sign in, receive your ballot, fill it out secretly, place it in the vot-

ing machine, and receive confirmation it was counted in a matter of minutes.

I strongly believe that in-person voting provides the most secure way to cast your ballot. Whether that be in person on Election Day, dropping off your absentee ballot in person or voting early in person at your local election office, there are a range of ways to soundly assure your vote has been counted. If you have issues along the way, talk to the Head Judge in the polling place or the county or city head of elections. Then, request the form to fill out so your issue is documented with all supporting facts. The Minnesota State Election Law Complaint Form is also available online at this address – <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/media/1191/state-election-law-complaint-form.pdf>. If a notary is needed for the form, the election officer is designated as a notary for election forms.

Precinct Finder/ My Ballot

All ways of voting along with information on exactly who is on your ballot can be found at the online precinct finder webpage – pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us. Remember to click on the 'Sample Ballot' link at the end to see who is on your ballot for your address. This can be printed and brought with you to your voting location booth, used at home to get ready or you can save the link to use in the voting booth.

No matter how you choose to cast your ballot, it is essential to maintain a secure chain of custody for your ballot. Men and women have died so you can vote. It is valuable.

Contact me

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



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Letters To The Editor

(Editor's note: Due to space constraints, the Patriot will publish up to 5-6 LTEs a week as space allows and carry over unpublished letters to the next week, if able. Also, we no longer have a policy which restricts letter writers from submitting political editorials a week prior to an election.)

TO THE EDITOR:

What do we want the legislative bodies to do for us and our country/state? I believe that our elected officials should do the following: 1). Change executive orders and emergency powers so that they can only be in place for 30 days before they will be cancelled. During those 30 days, the representatives and senators would prepare bills to be signed by the Governor in MN or the President of the United States to address the emergency. 2). We need to simplify tax laws and lower the rates. I propose a flat tax on all gross income earned, probably at 5% in MN and 10% at the federal level. 3). Eliminate taxes on Social Security, as well as the Estate Tax. People have already paid taxes on their earnings and assets and should be able to do what they want with them. 4). Governmental departments and agencies may advise the lawmakers, but our elected officials, not government workers, should pass and sign bills into law. I know that if conservatives do not control both the legislative and executive branches, these proposals will not succeed. I believe that most of us want more fiscal responsibility by

government. Please vote Republican.

Barry VanBuren
Clearwater, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

The citizens of the city of Big Lake and Big Lake Township have a great opportunity this November to elect Paul Fanberg as their county commissioner. I have known Paul for several decades and have dealt with him on a professional and also personal level. He is a man of integrity, a hard worker, is open minded, generous and team oriented person who works well in a group setting. His background in the trades and as a truck driver has prepared him well to understand the value of our hard earned taxes and he will be fiscally responsible. In my opinion as a 52 year resident of the Big Lake area, a vote for Paul Fanberg is a vote for good government. Don't miss this opportunity to elect him to the county board this year. You won't be sorry.

Barry Fluth
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Political signs are put up across a community WITH THE CONSENT of a property owner. A candidate's committee pays for the sign, GETS PERMISSION to put up the sign, and takes it down immediately after the election. Unfortunately, three of my signs have been removed BEFORE the election, in fact, STOLEN (\$300 worth). Stealing my signs was not an easy task as they were each

positioned with three fence post stakes pounded into the ground 8-10 inches. Not only have my property rights been violated, but also the property owners' property and freedom of speech rights were violated when someone trespassed their properties to remove my signs which they requested to be placed on their properties. Does this sound like we are all interested in the democratic process of an honest and fair election?

Paul Fanberg
Elk River, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

When I was a child in school, we said "God bless you" and we sang the national anthem - and we did not look down at the kids who didn't. When I was a kid, we had respect for each other and were taught to give respect to others or pay the consequences. What we have lost in this country is decency and faith, and the drive to work hard and achieve goals. When I vote for someone for office - whether it be school board or city council, mayor or governor, and even all of the way up to president, like most people, I vote for people whose beliefs generally align with mine. This year I will be voting for Kim Noding hands down. I believe she is a conservative like me - which means she believes in constitutional rights and liberties - and I know she will make the best decisions for Big Lake residents and businesses. When we vote for someone in any kind of elected office, we need to be assured that the person we vote for is honest,

trustworthy, and that we can have faith in their ability to represent us with integrity - and Kim gets a hat trick. Thank you for your time. Please vote for Kim Noding for Big Lake City Council!

Joe Reed
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

As election day approaches election ads are ramping up. Most campaign messages today do not focus on what a particular candidate has accomplished, but how bad their opposing candidate is. I wonder, do they not talk about their accomplishments because there are not any to talk about. This leads me to discuss a candidate for the 4th District, Gary Gray. I have worked with Mr. Gray on the Clear Lake Township Board and experienced, firsthand, his leadership. He listens to residents and is willing to provide solutions that are in the best interest of the residents, as well as the Township. Mr. Gray has been out in the 4th District meeting residents and listening to their concerns. When he knocks on your door, please take the time to meet him and experience firsthand the type of person he is. Mr. Gray will be a great County Commissioner that will listen and make decisions based on the concerns of the residents, as well as Sherburne County. Please take your give right to vote and please give Mr. Gray the opportunity to represent you as the 4th District County Commissioner!

Paul L. Goenner,
Clear Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Time to remind everyone we know, especially the Republican friends and family members that we are still in contact with, that there is nothing more hysterically absurd than expecting that the Republican Party is the answer to taming inflation. The GOP is owned lock, stock, and barrel by the top ten percent in this country, and their incessant tax cutting for their benefactors is in no small part, why our deficit is stratospheric and our infrastructure both hard and soft resembles undeveloped nations. Our airports, roads, bridges, electrical grids, and sewer systems in many parts of the country are a global embarrassment. On November 8th, everything worthy of the idea of civilization is on the table: democracy, human decency, Women's rights, voting rights, a sustainable climate, environmental diligence, fair taxation, an impartial justice system, an immigration policy that can be developed that respects human dignity and the rule of law, and relief from abusive drug prices, predatory student loans, and protecting Social Security and Medicare. Voting for the GOP will result in autocracy, vengeance, amygdala level contempt for otherness and an ideology steeped in the belief that tax cuts are the answer to every problem. Remember in November that R, after a name means remove with the knowledge that you are preserving democracy.

Steve Carr
Big Lake, MN

Election Guide

Patriot News Presents: The 2022 Election Guide

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
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For this election season, the *Patriot* is proud to bring you the 2022 Election Guide. Our goal is to educate voters on who is running for local elections this November. Readers can learn a little about each candidate's views and how they plan to represent his or her constituents.

The *Patriot* would like to give a sincere thank you to the advertisers who made this educational guide possible. Advertisements do not support any candidate

in particular, but they provided the opportunity to make sure the *Patriot* readership is well-informed come election day. For that, we are very grateful.

Sample ballots for Minnesota residents are available to view online now by visiting the secretary of state website and entering the voter's residential address. Visit: MyBallotMN.sos.state.mn.us.

We at the *Patriot* hope you find this guide useful. Be sure to cast your vote Tuesday, November 8!

Clearwater City

Andrea Lawrence Wheeler
for Clearwater Mayor

In my four years serving as the mayor of Clearwater, the city has negotiated a one-million-dollar fire service contract with adjacent townships. Every neighborhood has seen street improvements. We entered into an orderly annexation agreement with Clearwater Township, growing the city and increasing the tax base. I respond to emails and phone calls quickly and have a positive relationship with city staff. Top goal: Moving the boards and commissions towards balanced budgets, especially the Sewer Authority. Budgets that account for future capital improvement needs are less volatile and able to obtain equipment as needed while reducing the need for bonding.

Incumbent

Micheal Lenz
for Clearwater City Council (Special Election)

I'm currently on Clearwater City Council and was appointed to fill a former member's term until December 31, 2022. I'm running in a Special Election to fulfill the balance of his term. As a City Council Member, I want to: Help Clearwater grow and prosper by attracting new businesses, which helps reduce the tax burden on taxpayers. Be open to all citizens' opinions and questions. Make careful decisions with taxpayers' money. Maintain and improve city services, for example: mosquito spraying, fire department equipment and public works. Provide adequate number of city employees to maintain a high level of service.

Incumbent

Christopher Wourms
for Clearwater Mayor

The *Patriot* did not receive a statement from this candidate.

Santos Vazquez
for Clearwater City Council (Special Election)

The *Patriot* did not receive a statement from this candidate.

Kris Timothy Crandall
for Clearwater City Council

Residents of Clearwater, be sure to vote Kris Crandall for City Council in the upcoming election. For many years I have served this role with calm confidence and the City's best interests in mind—and am dedicated to growing Clearwater in the right direction. I will continue to be a voice of reason for our community, guiding us as we navigate continued City expansion, both residentially and commercially. As a longtime resident, City Council member, and board member of the City of Clearwater EDA, I have the experience and passion needed to do what's right for members of our community.

Incumbent

Nancy Ann Senn
for Clearwater City Council

I'm already involved in the community. I've been a lions member since 2016. My goal is to make our community a better community. I love meeting new people, tackling new things, and listening to other people to find solutions to problems. I'm currently helping with the clearwater fire department fundraiser. My fire department means a lot to me and to the city. I've lived in Clearwater since 2011, I've been involved with heritage days and the ambassador program since I moved here. I'm very much a team player, I'll tackle it as a team!

Big Lake City

Ken Halverson
for Big Lake City Council

After volunteering in the community for over 30 years, I'm driven to help improve the quality of life in Big Lake. In large part, I feel a focal point of this is ensuring citizens feel their voices are being heard. An area I've emphasized as a city councilman is that my job is to represent all of the taxpayers. Some of my goals in the near future are to help our community flourish while also being fiscally responsible. Going forward I will continue to focus on this same approach beginning by looking into how to reduce city spending.

Incumbent

James Schwinghammer
for Clearwater City Council

My wife and I moved here to Clearwater in 2012 following my five years of active duty in the Marine Corps. We moved into the apartments on Kelsey Ave. then moved into our current home in the Cedar South Development with our two kids. I work as a truck driver. Hobbies include fishing, hunting, and strolling through our neighborhood with my wife and kids. Reason for running: I want to continue to serve my community in a higher capacity than just attending meetings. I want to help guide the community into the future while respecting the history of our town!

Travis Winkelman
for Clearwater City Council

I was drawn to the city council candidacy because of ideological differences I have with current elected officials on zoning and growth. Clearwater has great potential to expand in a way that's beneficial to everyone and stay welcoming to new residents. There is room for new businesses to flourish without residential areas being imposed on. I want to see Clearwater prosper. I would like residents to be confident in city officials and demand transparency always. I want all residents to know their voices will be heard. Vote for a Common Sense Candidate that will be committed to the entire community.

Jack Merwin
for Big Lake City Council

Local government should be non-partisan, from the bottom up, starting with the people. Our residents and business owners have big ideas and I pledge to listen, bringing your voice to council with a positive, collaborative mindset. I plan to use my experience in business management and accounting to keep our city as fiscally responsible as possible. Safety is a priority of mine as a father of two, so I will work with our police and fire departments to make our city even more safe. As a resident for 29 years, I value community togetherness and building trust with my neighbors.

Clear Lake City

Tim Goenner
for Clear Lake Mayor

To all the new residents in the city of Clear Lake we'd like to thank you for coming to our city. Some of my goals include building a city park and walking paths in Hunter Lakes Bluff development and keeping the city safe for all the residents and children. In the past year we've completed repairs to and painted the water tower. We'd encourage people to come to the city council meetings to be informed of the things happening in the city, we understand these are busy times, we have a wonderful staff available to answer your concerns and questions.

Incumbent, Unopposed

Becker City

Robin Dingmann
for Becker City Council

Hi, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude for allowing me to serve on the Becker City Council for the past two years. We have a lot of interesting and exciting things going on in our city, with many more to come. I will continue to do my best to serve our community and be available for any questions or conversations that arise. I am looking forward to the next four years and being involved in the opportunities and challenges that we will face. Thank you.

Incumbent, Unopposed

Kim Noding
for Big Lake City Council

I've served on the Big Lake City Council since April 2021. My initial objectives: to help people where I can, and to ensure the city remains financially stable and pays down debt. Also, to support and grow the business community and Big Lake economy, and to support community development, including needed housing, parks, and recreation. Since I've been elected, Big Lake has continued debt paydown, addressed essential infrastructure needs, and has new businesses and housing in progress. My desire is to continue good work for the city and to continue to be a voice for the residents of Big Lake.

Incumbent

Kristin Brandt
for Clear Lake City Council

I've lived in Clear Lake since 2006. My husband, daughter and I enjoy our "country small town" life. I'm a Registered Nurse at St Cloud Hospital. I've been on the council for one term and have enjoyed being involved and an active part of changes/growth that have been put into place. I'm running for a second term to continue to support and grow our community. I'm always happy to bring concerns forward for discussion and resolution. It's been great to see our city expand and grow yet stay true to our roots. I'm proud to live in Clear Lake!

Incumbent, Unopposed

Rick Hendrickson
for Becker City Council

No surprise but our biggest challenge we will face as a city in the next few years is navigating the potential Sherco retirements. I have been very active with Sherco since coming on the council in 2013, and I will continue to help ensure that Becker emerges in the best shape possible. Part of that plan includes continued growth of our industrial park to help offset the potential loss of jobs and tax base. Beyond that I would like to see us continue at being a simple but effective local government.

Incumbent, Unopposed

Minnesota House

Shane Mekeland*
for Minnesota House, District 27A

From my perspective, it's pretty simple, stop crime, cut taxes, get politics out of classrooms, save our Sherco, continue to advocate for affordable and reliable baseload power, reduce state-mandated regulations and left-government.

Chad Nelson
for Clear Lake City Council

The *Patriot* did not receive a statement from this candidate.

Incumbent, Unopposed

Minnesota Senate

Bruce Anderson
for State Senator, District 29

2022 Anderson's purpose in running for office: To strengthen policies that support job growth and government reform. We need to stop job-killing TAX Burdens, and provide structural reform for cost-efficiency and long term fiscal stability. MN has a huge 10 Billion Dollar Surplus and Minnesotans need Tax Relief through TAX RATE Reductions. We need to remove ALL TAXES on Social Security Income. Crime is rampant in MN and we need to support our Law Enforcement via financial incentives to enter and remain in this field. I support funding for Nursing and Group Homes. I oppose government run healthcare.

Incumbent

Chris Brazelton
for State Senator, District 29

My husband Larry and I have two adult children, several grandchildren and have been foster parents to several more. America has become so polarized that it seems nothing can get done. When we listen to each other with a goal of understanding each other's experience and perspective, we often agree far more than disagree. I am a child support officer and volunteer with several organizations, often in leadership roles. A graduate of Metro State University, with my background in business, non-profits and public service I believe I have enough experience and will always work hard to represent my constituents.

Ronald Thiessen
for Minnesota House, District 27A

I entered this race at the last minute when no one else signed up to oppose the Republican Candidate. This summer, the Supreme Court placed our fundamental human rights in the hands of state legislatures, and I felt it would be unwise to leave voters without a choice. Women's reproductive rights, educational freedom and voting rights are all under attack by a Republican Party that once championed individual liberty, free speech, and democracy. Most voters still hold these values. I have voted across party lines when I needed to. I hope you will consider this choice as well.

Andrew Mathews*
for State Senator, District 27

I am a strong Constitutionalist with common-sense values. I am running for re-election to get Minnesota back on the right track. Crime is going up, test scores for our kids are going down, and inflation is hitting everyone in the pocketbook. We can do better. I will work to fully exempt social security and pass large tax cuts for all Minnesota taxpayers to help us through this recession. I will demand that we hold criminals accountable and increase penalties on carjacking and smash-and-grab burglaries. I will put students and parents first in education. See more at www.AndrewMathews.com.

Emy Minzel
for State Senator, District 27

I believe most people live in the middle of extreme politics and that the exaggerated divisiveness is only hurting our communities. I also believe that a Senator/Representative should represent the entire community, not just the ones who believe exactly what they believe. I believe in separation of church and state. I believe in protecting personal freedoms. I don't believe in banning guns or abortion. I am running because the thought of my daughter having less rights than me made me angry and scared for women of the future. I'm running to protect my daughter's rights and yours too.

*Note: While these candidates are currently seated politicians who serve the area, they are not considered incumbent candidates, as redistricting has created completely new districts for these two candidates.

Candidates Speak at Local Forums

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

Four local forums featured/will feature local candidates.

Two hosted by the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce took place earlier

this month and featured those candidates running for Big Lake City, Big Lake Township, Orrock Township, Sherburne County representatives, and state representatives. The two forums are available to watch online for those who missed the live event. They

are available at TinyURL.com/BigLakeVideoStream.

The Becker Schools will host a Becker School Board candidate forum at Becker High School on Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m.

Another forum will be hosted by the Clear Val-

ley Business Connections (CVBC) November 3 at 6 p.m. at the Clearwater Legion Building.



Election Guide

Sherburne County

Raeanne Danielowski

for County Commissioner, District 2

As a local business owner, manager of our farm in southern Minnesota, property owner and taxpayer in Sherburne County for 46 years, I will apply good business sense to government decision making. I will represent the taxpayer by providing leadership that reflects fiscal responsibility and common sense. I want lower taxes just like you! My years of participation in community and county issues, service on various committees and years of business experience has prepared me to be a more effective elected official on many levels. My extensive years of experience and leadership serving the Big Lake community will make a difference!

Incumbent

Gregg Felber

for County Commissioner, District 3

I have worked in public service for most of my adult life. It started with service in the Army National Guard. I am a retired law enforcement officer having worked for Hennepin County Sheriff's Office for 25 years. After retirement, I worked part-time for Corcoran Police, Department of Defense and in commercial Archeology. I am currently on the Orrock Township Board. I am concerned about government restrictions on our everyday life. I want to prioritize land use planning, public safety support, energy security and traffic congestion issues. I will be working for you, full-time, as your commissioner.

Gary H Gray

for County Commissioner, District 4

I'm a lifelong Sherburne County resident and a retired farmer and small business owner who operated Gray Potato Farm and Grayson's Berryland for over 37 years. I have served on the Clear Lake Township board for 18 years; 12 as Chairman. I am a highly qualified and experienced candidate who has served on numerous local, state, and national boards. I support fiscal responsibility, land-owner rights, and a balanced energy approach, including the effort to retain the coal fired plant in Becker. I will work collaboratively with and tirelessly for the residents of Sherburne County. For more information: www.ElectGaryGray.com.

Paul A Fanberg

for County Commissioner, District 2

I am Paul Fanberg, running for Sherburne County Commissioner, Big Lake Dist. 2. It is my pleasure to run for this position because of the stark difference between my opponent and me. I represent you, the voter, with the goal of making government more efficient by keeping taxes as low as possible; removing county government regulations; and freeing people to control their own land and money. Since these are difficult times, I propose a freeze to our budget and a freeze to our property taxes: But, first of all, I propose a freeze to County Commissioners' salaries.

Mark A Swanson

for County Commissioner, District 3

My wife Helen (Holt) and I have lived in the area while raising our three daughters for more than 22 years following my service in the US Navy. My experiences on school board, Monticello hospital board, Becker Legion Commander, and as a business owner will serve you by working to lower taxes, improve business climate, support law enforcement, and maintain base power generation. Sherburne County should be a Second amendment sanctuary and we need to ensure elections are run with transparency and integrity. I guarantee to listen and represent your interests in all decisions. Thanks for your trust!

Jerome (Lefty) Kleis

for County Commissioner, District 4

I am dedicated to ensuring we have a safe community by continuing to invest in public safety programs and providing the tools necessary to make Sherburne County a safe place to live and do business. I'm 100% committed to making sure that we have reliable, affordable energy by looking at all options to ensure that we are able to provide everyone with the energy they need, while looking out for our environment. I would invest in infrastructure to ensure that we are providing safe roads, bridges, transportation, and fiber optic internet capabilities in both our cities AND our rural areas.

Diane Arnold

for County Auditor

I am running for "Sherburne County Auditor-Treasurer" because I LOVE MY JOB. I enjoy helping people understand the different processes that we do at the County. I am the best candidate for this job because I am the most qualified person. I understand the duties of the Auditor-Treasurer's office. I have been the Auditor-Treasurer for the past 16 years. If re-elected, my mission to the residents of Sherburne County will be to execute the duties of the Auditor-Treasurer in an efficient manner, to provide optimum service, and maintain a current knowledge of the laws and regulations relating to the office.

Incumbent

Chad Westberg

for County Auditor

I'm running for Sherburne County Auditor to restore election integrity. Our elections are the basis of our republic and they must be non-partisan, trusted, free, and fair. I believe ballots should be counted by the people with representatives from all parties involved. Government must also treat every citizen with honesty and respect. If people come in with concerns, they should be taken seriously and they should know that they have been heard. All too often, government becomes entrenched and resists new ideas. I will bring a fresh new perspective and a new approach to serve the people of Sherburne County.

Carol Lewis

for County Commissioner, District 4

The *Patriot* did not receive a statement from this candidate.



Becker School Board

Sarah Colford for Becker School Board

As an experienced educator, my passion is to teach students of all ages and unique needs. One goal, if elected, is to help students, staff, and community members receive the help they need to flourish in tough seasons. Education starts with: assuring voices are heard by reviving the warm environment the district once had; creating and enforcing proper mediation; setting non-harming policies district-wide; and meeting state standards that give all students equal chance of success. I'm running because I have great pride in our schools and community. I graduated from Becker in 2002 and have two boys that currently attend.

Aaron Jurek for Becker School Board

The *Patriot* did not receive a statement from this candidate.

Keri Rickard for Becker School Board

Keri Rickard is a mom of six and forever an advocate of education. She was in the Army eight and a half years, has been a preschool and substitute teacher for 19 years, and a business owner for 10 years. She has a Bachelors in Accounting, Bachelors in Organizational Management, and a Masters in Educational Studies. Some things that inspired her to run for School Board include the continued decline in MEA test results statewide, and class sizes in Becker that don't match the State requirement of 1:17.

Nathan Koubsky for Becker School Board

My wife Melissa and I are graduates of Becker and play an active role in the community. Our two children are Becker Intermediate students. I work as a Director of Analytics leading diverse teams where we bring our cultural differences together and leverage data and logic to make complex business decisions. This experience of using data and logic will assist with navigating the headwinds our school district has ahead. Our children's development and education come first. We must recognize faculty that go above and beyond for our students. We need transparency throughout our community. Let's strive for excellence in Becker.

Renee Regel for Becker School Board

I declared candidacy for the school board because I wanted to make a contribution to the Becker Community, which I have called home for 23 years. After the withdrawal deadline, I was given the opportunity to positively impact the community in an even broader way as the Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Becker. While I remain invested in the Becker schools and the entire community, I plan to focus my energy on my new role. Meanwhile, I look forward to other candidates filling the open seats and I will remain supportive in other ways.

Carla Berger for Becker School Board (Special)

I have worked in education as a Speech-Language Therapist for 23 years. My husband, Chris and I have four children and have called Becker home for 18+ years. I'm running because I believe all decisions should be based in the best interest of every student and reflect the mission of "Developing self-directed learners to thrive in a changing global community." We need to retain and recruit high quality staff, teach students to be critical thinkers, learn problem solving and communication skills and provide academic programs to fit all student needs, whether preparing for college, tech school, the military, or employment.

Corey Stanger for Becker School Board

I whole-heartedly feel that Becker Schools is a great place with great people and I want to support those people making a difference in our kids' lives and the kids attending Becker the best that I can. My goal if elected is to have a district in which all students have an opportunity to prosper in the classroom, on a stage, or on a field. To have a district in which the employees want to come to work and want to stay. To have a district that will attract new families and be a leader within our region.

Pete Weismann for Becker School Board

Hello Becker Community, it's an honor to have the opportunity to represent you and this great school district. I believe the path we must set our district on is clear. We must continue to advocate for parental rights and family values. We must ensure we are providing a fair, uniform, and equal atmosphere for all our students and staff. Finally, we must always make the physical safety of our students, staff, and visitors a top priority. With your support, I know we can have a school district that truly works for everyone. Thank you all, Pete Weismann.

Ryan Hubbard for Becker School Board (Special)

My name is Ryan Hubbard. I am running for school board for many reasons. I am a parent of a sophomore and a 2022 graduate. Our district has great people (staff and students) and I feel with the right actions we can make sure to promote that and deal with some of the issues that are polarizing our school. Whether we are dealing with social, financial or personnel problems, I have found that there's not a situation that can't be resolved with sitting down and talking it through. It's time for better communication and I believe we can get there.

Troy Berning for Becker School Board (Special)

My name is Troy Berning and I'm running for school board to give back to the community we've called home for 20 years. I'm a conservative that believes in the following principles: Education begins and ends at home with parents; Parents are entitled to full transparency from their school; We owe our students a well-rounded education that prepares them for their next step regardless if that is college, trade school, military, or a career; Our schools should be free from personal bias and political activism; Our schools should be safe and welcoming. For more information, please visit www.Berning4SchoolBoard.com.



Big Lake School Board

Lenette Brown for Big Lake School Board

The *Patriot* did not receive a statement from this candidate.

Incumbent, Unopposed

Tonya Reasoner for Big Lake School Board

I have been a teacher for the past 27 years. My family and I have lived in Big Lake since 2002. I have been on the school board for the past eight years. I really enjoy serving the citizens of this community, along with the staff and students of the district. I would like to continue as a board member and help in making Big Lake Schools the best they can be. As a board member, I will continue to listen to all voices to help make decisions that are best for all students.

Incumbent, Unopposed

Ashley Schabillion for Big Lake School Board

I am running for the Big Lake School Board because parents deserve to know what is taught to their children, and taxpayers deserve to know how their money is spent. I want to help guide policy that ensures trust in the parent-school partnership and remains grounded in academic excellence. Many components contribute to academic excellence: arts, sports, extracurriculars, etc. Above all, at graduation, our students deserve to leave with a quality education that has prepared them for their next stage in life. A commitment to high academic achievement, parental rights and transparency will guide me as I represent our community.

Unopposed



St. Cloud Area School Board

Mike Bueckers for St. Cloud School Board

St. Cloud born and raised, I'm also 742 alumni (Class of 2000). I'm also a father with children in the district. My three key focuses if elected will be academic improvement, better transparency, and school safety. I also believe that topics such as social justice, gender and racial equity should be kept out of schools. Students are in school to learn and obtain skills for their future. I also believe parents should have more of a say in their child's education. I will be a voice for you, the parents, if I'm elected. Let's work together for our children's future.

Zachary Dorholt for St. Cloud School Board

I am running because I am passionate about public education, supporting our students and families, and the incredible efforts our staff and teachers make every day. As a father of three girls attending school in 742, I have a close ear and eye on what they are learning, and how they are learning. As a licensed mental health professional, I am very much in touch with the needs of our students and staff, especially after some rough years for all of us. I want all our students to have the skills they need to compete in our 21st century workforce.

Incumbent

Natalie Ringsmuth for St. Cloud School Board

I am running for my second term on the St. Cloud Area School Board! I have a background in education, non-profit leadership and music. During my first term, I chaired the Community Engagement Committee and the Achievement, Integration and Equity Committee. I have also been a part of the Personnel Committee and the Government Affairs Committee. Also, I am on the MN Governor's Community Council on Anti-Racism. My three children go to St. Cloud Area Schools and I am well versed in looking at our school district through an equity lens, ensuring all can thrive in our district.

Incumbent

Theresa Carlstedt for St. Cloud School Board

I am a St. Cloud native. I attended 12 years of private school and operate a health and wellness business. My sister attended District 742 and received many years of dedicated work from the Special Needs Departments. While being a part of my sister's education process in ISD-742 I noticed that there are major financial issues, education grades deteriorating, increase in bullying, and safety issues in the district. I am running to focus in on the education of students, wise usage of the finances, and safety for all in ISD 742.

Nichole Rierson for St. Cloud School Board

I am a wife of 22 years, mother of four, and grandma. I am also a former Special Education Teacher, Substitute Teacher, Assessment Specialist, and independent business owner. I believe that St. Cloud Public Schools can do better- we need to focus our curricula on those basic disciplines and skills to prepare our students to function effectively and succeed in society; and to achieve that, our academic proficiencies must be improved. I want to be a conservative voice that represents the parental and teacher perspective, establish strong academic standards, and prepare our students to be good citizens always.

Heather Weems for St. Cloud School Board

The *Patriot* did not receive a statement from this candidate.



Election Guide

Big Lake Township

Dean Brenteson
for Big Lake Twp. Supervisor (Seat One)

The Big Lake area has been home to me my entire life. My brothers and I worked for our Father and Uncle's excavating company. We continued their business for about 15 years. I've worked for other excavating companies as a General Superintendent, Project Manager and Business Development. My wife and I raised our children here because of the family friendly community. The past three years I have served as Township Supervisor with committee responsibilities of BLFD Joint Powers board, Road Committee and CMRP representative. I'm asking for your vote to continue as Supervisor to help maintain quality Township services.
Incumbent, Unopposed

Carey L Adler
for Big Lake Twp. Supervisor (Seat Two)

My wife and I moved to Big Lake Township in 1997. I have over 30 years of consulting and IT experience, the last 20 years in the Government sector. I am running for Township Supervisor Seat Two to be able to participate in the future of the Township planning process. I want to ensure residents fully understand the impact any decision has on them. I have always been fiscally conservative and believe the government has an obligation to be responsible with your taxpayer dollars. I am pro Second Amendment and fully support law enforcement. More information at: www.Vote411.org.

Larry Alford
for Big Lake Twp. Supervisor (Seat Two)

I would like to thank the residents of the TOWN of BIG LAKE for allowing me to represent them since 1994. As a Supervisor, I have placed the Township first when making critical township decisions. One of my main focuses has been the management of the Township's largest asset, its roads and right of ways - their evaluation and the determination of the best and most economical methods to maintain them. I've helped in the expansion and enhancements to Big Lake Township's Lions Park. I've enjoyed partnering with other agencies and organizations to improve Big Lake. Thanks again for your confidence.
Incumbent

Eric Rosa
for Big Lake Twp. Supervisor (Seat Two)

I would like the opportunity to serve my community on another level, beyond the fire department. Continue to influence where Big Lake Township and city meet, to ensure the interactions between the two coincide with each other rather than each simply serving their own needs. I also want to continue to maintain the roads, the biggest asset the township has, while maintaining a fiscally responsible approach to the budget. For more about me, visit my Facebook page "Eric Rosa for Township Supervisor" @RosaForSupervisor.

Orrock Township

Janine Arnold
for Orrock Twp. Treasurer

I'm seeking position of Orrock Township Treasurer. I'm a 20+ year resident of Orrock Township. I have a career as a Sr. Finance Analyst for General Mills. I'm currently an Orrock Township Supervisor, also participating on the Finance committee. Our tasks include recommending an annual budget levy to the township constituents, and also reviewing all contracts and making recommendations to the board. My priority is to ensure that we have continued integrity in our financial records and control policies. It's important to me that we keep our annual tax rates stable in the township and our roads in good repair.
Unopposed

Bryan Adams
for Orrock Twp. Supervisor (Seat A)

Township supervisors are members of a nonpartisan board who govern township roads (approx. 70% of the budget), fire protection, police protection, township elections, recommend levy amounts and advise county boards on zoning issues. As a civil engineer with a MBA with construction and municipal experience, I bring my professional, management, and county committee experience to the betterment of my local township.
Incumbent, Unopposed

Anne Felber
for Orrock Twp. Supervisor (Seat B)

I am running for Orrock Township Supervisor to improve the community involvement in the township business and the responsiveness of the township to the citizens. The business of the township should be accessible, open and intuitive. I believe in being fiscally responsible with township monies and limiting the scope of government. To do this, I propose that committee meetings be open to the public and minutes kept for public review. Currently, neither of these things are happening. I would also work on developing a long-term strategic plan to preserve the desires of the citizens. I will be your voice.

Gary Goldsmith
for Orrock Twp. Supervisor (Seat D, Special)

I stand for open government that involves its citizens and treats everyone equally. Township government should not be based on divisive partisan positions; it should be based on meeting the town's needs for good roads, reliable fire protection, and a safe and sufficient space to conduct elections and township operations. I will work to meet our needs while keeping taxes stable. I will not support extravagant plans for land purchases and town hall designs that will put us in debt for the next 20 years. Elect me and get a 25-year township resident with a lifetime devoted to public service.

Bob Hassett
for Orrock Twp. Supervisor (Seat B)

Township government is about being responsive to residents and recognizing that, ultimately, residents pay the bills. I've worked with my fellow supervisors in planning and budgeting resources to achieve stable taxes. We have taken steps to reduce and manage costs in the areas of fire protection and elections, but we still have work to do. Roads around our lakes will need major work in the coming years and we will need a new town hall. If re-elected I will work to achieve our goals without creating substantial new tax burdens and WILL NOT SUPPORT A BOND for a new hall.
Incumbent

Darwin Kostrzewski
for Orrock Twp. Supervisor (Seat D, Special)

Hello, Darwin Kostrzewski running for Orrock Township Supervisor, Seat D. A resident of Sherburne Co for 30 years, six years in Orrock Twp. A foreman in the Commercial Construction Industry for 40 years I look to employ my communication and listening skills. I enjoy problem solving, and I am fair and respectful to all. Fiscally responsible, I am for limited government yet fully understand the importance of balancing the needs and services required of its citizens. I'm a strong supporter of police, fire and the 2nd Amendment. If given the opportunity I look forward to serving the residents of Orrock.

Paul L Ellinger
for Orrock Twp. Supervisor (Seat E)

After four years of being an Orrock Township Supervisor, I have found that the current Supervisors, Clerk, and Treasurer are an excellent group of individuals with diverse backgrounds that create different opinions about Township issues. However, they work towards the common goal of "IMPROVING" Orrock Township. We each express our opinions, and decisions are made. We then move onto the next issue. I would like to continue to be a part of this challenging decision making board with the overriding goal of "IMPROVING ORROCK TOWNSHIP" and not making "OUR" Township a political issue board.
Incumbent, Unopposed

Clearwater Township

Scott Miller
for Clearwater Twp. Supervisor (Seat A)

Hello, my name is Scott Miller, I am currently the Clearwater Township Chairman. I am seeking re-election in November. I am a local business owner, have lived in Clearwater my whole life and have been on the CW township board for eight years with no levy increase. At the township level of government we are required to keep a balanced budget and work together to solve issues. We need the basics back into our government system. I believe in safe communities and low taxes. Being a conservative, I would spend taxpayer money as if it were my own. God Bless
Incumbent, Unopposed

Jean Just
for Clearwater Twp. Clerk

The Patriot did not receive a statement from this candidate.
Incumbent, Unopposed

Joseph Then
for Haven Twp. Supervisor (Seat C)

I'm Joe Then and I'm running to be elected Haven Township Supervisor. I believe my background and outlook for the future makes me an ideal candidate to help lead Haven Township. I'm a retired medical device engineer and resident of Haven Township for 35+ years. I enjoy and want to maintain the quality of life in Haven Township. I understand the need to improve and maintain roads in the township, and I believe we need to limit the growth of St. Cloud into Haven Township. I want to bring transparency and residents' concerns into decisions made by the Township Board.
Unopposed

Randy Linn
for Haven Twp. Supervisor (Seat E)

The Patriot did not receive a statement from this candidate.
Incumbent, Unopposed

Haven Township

Bruce Hentges
for Haven Twp. Supervisor (Seat D)

As a retired educator and American Civics teacher, I believe all citizens have a duty to be of service to their community when the opportunity arises. In retirement, I am the executive director of LEAF - the St. Cloud Education Foundation, which raises funds to support our district public schools. Having served on the District 742 school board for two four-year terms, I feel I understand something about how local government operates. My wife Colleen and I have lived in Haven Township for 46 years. My goal is to provide effective services to the residents of our township.
Unopposed

Big Lake's Food Shelf benefits from event

Old National Celebrates First Better Together Volunteer Event

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by Casey Merkwon, Community Marketing Manager at Old National Bank.)

Old National Bank celebrated its first Better Together Volunteer Days on Sept. 28-29. The two-day event provided team members across Old National's seven-state footprint the opportunity to volunteer together in the communities where they live and work. During the event, 1,572 ONB team members served 110 organizations by volunteering more than 5,300 hours. There were also virtual volunteer opportunities for those who could not participate in person.

"As Old National grows geographically, serving in our communities really keeps us grounded in terms of our mission as a community bank," said Kathy Schoettlin, Chief Brand & Culture Officer. "We're excited for this opportunity to help strengthen our communities through volunteerism, and we're proud of our team members for making service a real part of our company culture."

Locations in the Minnesota Market partnered



VOLUNTEERS FROM OLD NATIONAL BANK participated in a Meals from the Heart campaign in Maple Grove recently. (Submitted Photo).

with Meals from the Heart, based in Stillwater, to pack meals for local food shelves. During Better Together Days over 200 volunteers, which included Old National team members, as well as the team's family members and community members, packed over 130,000 meals.

"Meals from the Heart was honored to work with Old National Bank in its inaugural Better Together Days. ONB really lives the mission of local service for a local impact," said Todd King, Co-Founder of Meals from the Heart.

Old National's inaugural Better Together Days happen to fall in September, which is also the Minnesota Bankers Association's

Community Impact Month, which gives member banks a focused period to engage



employees in community service activities. This campaign helps showcase the vital role that banks play in their communities throughout the year. Old National has been an active

participant in Community Impact Month for several years.

The Minnesota Market also added a bonus volunteer day on Sept. 27, where over 50 volunteers packed meals in Montevideo. The packing session in Montevideo had the largest turnout, with volunteers joining Old National from the school district, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Old National team members' families.

"Montevideo has a reputation of coming together to meet the needs of the community as a whole," said Montevideo School District Superintendent Wade McKittrick. "This event was a great example of that. It was fun to see

a variety of people from elementary age to senior citizens rolling up their sleeves, putting on a hairnet, and having fun while supporting an incredible cause. Thank you to Old National Bank, Meals from the Heart, and all the volunteers who showed up to support their neighbors."

The meals Old National packed over the course of three days went to 20 local organizations: 360 Communities in Burnsville, Backpack Program in Minneapolis, Basic Needs of South Washington County in Cottage Grove, Big Lake Food Shelf, Bring it Home in Montevideo, Buffalo Food Shelf, CAPI USA in Brooklyn Center, Chippewa County Food Shelf in Montevideo, Cross Services in Rogers, ECHO Food Shelf in Mankato, Gather and Grow in Waconia, Hope Bridge Food Shelf in New Hope, Keystone Community Services in St. Paul, First Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Friends in Need in St. Paul Park, Lac Qui Parle County Food Shelf/Madison Food Shelf, Open Hands Midway in St. Paul, Prairie Five Community Action in Montevideo, Ruby's Pantry (various locations) and VEAP in Bloomington.

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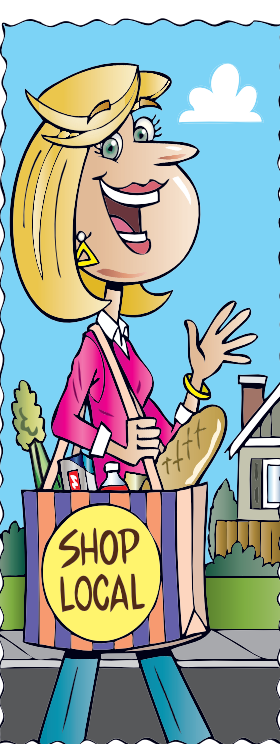
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Big Lake Council recognizes employees' years of service

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
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To start the recent Big Lake City Council meeting, Mayor Paul Knier invited Mike Schneider of Bethany Bible Church to lead a prayer for the council. Schneider prayed that God would grant wisdom to the council as they made their decisions for the evening.

Employee Recognition

Several employees were recognized for their years of service with the city and were given certificates. Julie Rathmanner of the finance department was recognized for her 10 years of service. Tara Hintz of the Liquor Store was recognized for her five years.

In addition to these two, five firefighters were recognized. Eric Burleigh, Joshua Match, Eric Rosa, and Lee Schroeder were each recognized for their five years of service. Douglas Novak was recognized for his 10 years of service.



MARK SCHNEIDER of Bethany Bible Church, led the council in a prayer to begin the recent city council meeting. (Submitted photo.)

Fire Chief Seth Hansen thanked the firefighters for their dedication. He reminded the audience that each of the men had families and full time jobs, but they stepped up to serve their community on top of all of that.

Open Forum

Marian Feather spoke to express concern over the garbage can ordinance. She complained that the city's response to complaints would cost more than just removing the ordinance. She also spoke about bird feed-

ing, saying that the attraction of birds would attract other animals hoping to prey on those birds.

Style Catering Liquor License

Kyle Geroux and Stacy Borhardt, owners of Style Catering, applied for a liquor license and a public hearing was held. The license would only be good for a four month term, from December through March, and Style would need to approach the council again to renew the license.

Department Reports

Captain Tim Davis gave the monthly report for the fire department. The department recently welcomed four new firefighters to the team: Eric Boe, Trevor Roediger, Ryan Lien, and Steve Christenson. The four new recruits were still in training and doing well. Lupulin Brewing put out a new beer called "Hose Monster." Some of the profits from sales of the drink were donated to the fire department in honor of fire prevention week earlier this month.

City Administrator Hanna Klimmek gave the administrator's report. She noted that Sherburne County recently held a meeting with cities and townships within the county to discuss the THC/cannabinoid regulation which has been a controversial topic since THC sales were legalized in Minnesota this summer. The county is waiting for the state to put regulations in place before imposing any of its own regulations. Premier Marine is participating in manufacturing month by scheduling tours of their new facility. Anyone interested in more information can contact Klimmek. The city has been undergoing a website redesign, and the changes will be made live November 18. The project has been in the works for about a year. The general election will be held November 8. The public accuracy testing, which is open to the public, will be held November 1 at 1 p.m. at the Sherburne County Government Center.

Becker City & Twp. Team Up On Solar Overlay Land Use Project

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Becker City and Becker Township.)

The City of Becker (City) and Becker Township (Township) have engaged in a joint effort to plan for future solar energy proactively and responsibly, at the recommendation of Xcel Energy (Xcel). According to Xcel, they will consider local input when authorizing future requests for proposals (RFPs) for solar farms. In response, the City and Township formed a Solar Overlay Group. The purpose of this group is to identify suitable locations and design standards for solar energy infrastructure that work symbiotically for the City, Township, Xcel, and other solar energy providers without jeopardizing future development potential of the City and Township. An effort like this has no precedent in Minnesota.

Just as Xcel is planning and implementing for their future needs for alternative energy sources, the City and Township must take measures to responsibly plan for future growth. The City and Township are currently working to produce a report that will identify specific areas that they feel would best align with local planning for locating solar energy farms. Additionally, the report will specify design parameters and requirements for solar energy farms. The final report would be approved by both the City and Township and given to Xcel Energy for their use in designing

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Becker Twp. commissions hearing loop, discusses solar farm map

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Becker Town Board met Monday evening and tackled a lengthy agenda, including the commissioning of a hearing loop system in the Town Hall.

According to a press release from the township, hearing loops provide those with hearing loss who have hearing aids or cochlear implants with tele-coils the ability to clearly hear and understand what is happening at the meeting. When the user switches their hearing aid or cochlear implant to telecoil mode, the user will only hear the presenter and other noise in the room is no longer amplified. The result is that the person hears clearly and understands everything. The Town Board also uses Closed Captioning in conjunction with the hearing loop so those watching are able to read as well as listen.

Ross and Monique Hammond, with Loop Minnesota, were on hand to present a \$1,000 donation to the township towards the cost of the system in hopes that it inspires other governmental agencies and churches to install the systems in their meeting chambers.

Solar Overlay

For the past several months, the City of Becker has been working with the township to create a joint solar overlay map that would spell out the two jurisdictions directives when it comes to establishing solar farms in the area.

City Planner Jacob Sanders led the discussion and presented images of maps and other information that would be shared at the Solar Overlay Open House, to be held October 27th from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Becker Community Center. At first glance, it appeared there was very little land that would be considered appropriate for solar farm use in either jurisdiction.

Sanders presented several statistics about Sherco and its 2,400 Megawatts of generation on its current 820 acres, as well as the need for 16,800 acres of solar to replace that amount. He reiterated that the MN Public Utilities Commission has final say on any farm in excess of 50 megawatts.

The intent is to develop the map that would then be given to Xcel Energy and other companies looking to develop solar farms within the two jurisdictions. From there, the city and township would like to dictate where solar farms can be developed, with designations such as allowed, potentially allowed and not allowed.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Heard from Sgt. Dan Frank regarding last month's 202 calls for service, as well

future RFPs. As part of this effort, the Solar Overlay Group will be hosting an open house for City and Township residents for input and review. The open house will be held in the gymnasium at the Becker Community Center on October 27th, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In addition to the Solar Overlay Group, the City and Xcel have partnered on a master planning project and AUAR (Alternative Urban Areawide Review) to assist in development of the Becker Business Park and help in mitigating the impacts from Sherco's decommissioning on the City, Township, and

the local economy. An AUAR is a planning tool that municipalities can use to understand how the environmental impacts of anticipated development scenarios within a given area will affect the community before development occurs. Environmental information from the AUAR is used to inform local planning and zoning decisions.



BFD Open House sparks fun!

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker Fire Dept. held their open house Saturday to an array of families and kids on a brutally chilly morning and early afternoon.

Most showed up in hats, gloves and winter coats but soon warmed up as firefighters treated their guests to warm food and drink and kids got to ride in a heated fire truck. Many parents extended their appreciation to the heroes who don the uniform and many came to get a first-hand look at the fire house, trucks and equipment.

This year's fire prevention week slogan is, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™." The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

The NFPA website says, "Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning."

Sparky the Dalmatian Fire Dog was on hand to visit with the youngsters and many youths took the opportunity to wrangle a fire hose and shoot out "fires" on a simulated house.

CentraCare ambulance was on site, a table with burned household items were on display, uniforms were hung on hooks along the wall and firetrucks had their doors open for kids and adults to explore. There were many giveaways and plenty of food as well as a fun bouncy house castle inside the station.

Kids also got the opportunity to experience



BECKER FIREFIGHTERS helped youths and adults embark and disembark the big fire trucks as they took rides throughout town Saturday. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).



THIS YOUNG LADY was all smiles as she blasted water from the fire hose, extinguishing flames on a simulated house on fire. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

what it was like to don a real firefighter's uniform and get acquainted with how protective the gear is and how much it actually weighs.

The Becker fire house has been in its present location since 2003, but the fire department has been around since 1904. The open house gives people the opportunity to see the relatively new facility, get behind the wheel of an ambulance or big rig, try on a fireman's gear, and to see the ladder truck extend way up to the sky.

Many firefighters, including Fire Chief Doug Kolbinger, were on hand to answer questions and hand out important information on what they do and how people can prevent house fires and plan an escape should one occur. They also spent time directing families to the long tables where coffee and donuts were served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Overall, it was a superb late morning and early afternoon to pay tribute to local heroes.



THE BECKER TWP. BOARD received a \$1,000 donation from Ross and Monique Hammond, with Loop Minnesota, a nonprofit group whose members are dedicated to helping Minnesotans with hearing loss hear and understand speech clearly, especially in venues with background noise. The board has a hearing loop system installed in the Town Hall, which provides equitable access to hearing impaired individuals. Pictured, from left, Supv. Joe Danielson, Supv. Luke Babler, Chair Brian Kolbinger, Supv. Robin Boros, Monique Hammond, Supv. Brad Wilkening and Ross Hammond. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

as the speed study done on 127th St., which showed 856 vehicle trips over a four day span with an average speed of 48.9 MPH. Frank also introduced Roy Neumann, who is the mental health co-responder from Sherburne County and has handled over 300 encounters in the 16 months he has been working in Sherburne County;

- Approved pay increases for Election Judges, as well as adopted a Polling Place During Polling Hours Policy;

- Discussed easements and right-of-ways with Larry Gallus, Trail Coordinator for the Big Lake Sno-Cruisers, who are expanding their trail system within the township to provide safe riding opportunities for all residents;

- Learned that there is a petition to annex approximately 35 acres, north of Edgewood St. and to the southeast of the County's Public Works Building into the city limits. The land is currently listed for sale by a realtor for in excess of \$1 million.

- Heard from Engineer Wes Davis, who updated the board on several road projects. The board also directed Davis to review a request for a Deaf Child sign, as well as a Bus Stop sign;

- Listened to an update

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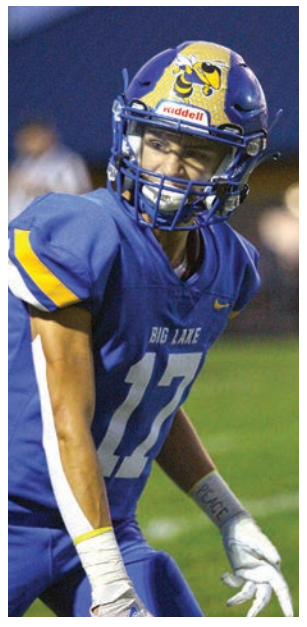
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Saints drub Hornets as they fall to 0-7

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Big Lake Hornet football team was shut out for the third time in four games as they succumbed to undefeated St. Francis last Friday at home, 48-0.

The Saints' G. Brunn scored three TDs while their defense held the Hornets to just 23 yards on 33 plays called in the rout. Big Lake finished with 14 yards through the air and just nine yards on the ground.



HORNET JONAH MALLBERG lines up at wide receiver. (Submitted Photo).

Brunn lit up the scoreboard in the first quarter with two of his TDs, one from 25 yards out and the other from 16. St. Francis QB J. Skogquist helped tally the third score for the Saints as he completed a 25-yard pass to B. Johnson to have the visitors go up 21-0 early in the second quarter.

Brunn recorded his third TD on a 19-yard gal-

lop to the end zone to make the score 28-0. The Saints made it 35-0 at the half when J. Waldock scored from eight yards out in the waning minutes.

In the third quarter, Skogquist found W. Johnson open in the flat and Johnson raced 78 yards to paydirt to go up 41-0. The final score came from C. Abrahamson, who dashed to the end zone from 12 yards out to complete the scoring.

Up Next
The Hornets conclude their regular season with a home game against Rocori (5-2) Wednesday. Rocori is coming off a 33-28 loss to Willmar and both teams are tied for third place in the North Central, White Division.

Hornet VB girls winding down their season

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Big Lake Hornet girls volleyball team went 1-3 this past week, winning at Spring Lake Park and losing at home to St. Cloud Tech, on the road at Bloomington Jefferson and on the road at Mound Westonka.

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Big Lake traveled to Bloomington to play in a tournament and came away with a win and two losses. In the first game, they faced off against the host team and lost 2-0. Scores were, 25-16



and 25-14. In the second game, Big Lake defeated Spring Lake Park 2-0 with scores, 25-23 and 25-18.

In the third and final game, the Hornets took on Mound Westinka and lost two games to none. The scores were, 26-24 and 25-22.

Up Next
Tuesday, the Hornets (7-18) played at North Branch (14-12) in their final regular season game of the 2022 season.

Hornets lose heartbreaker to Magic in double OT, 2-1

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Big Lake girls soccer team put up a valiant effort Tuesday, but lost in double overtime to Monticello, 2-1 at Monticello in the Section 6AA semifinals.

The Magic went into the game as heavy favorites with a 14-2-2 overall record and were undefeated in the conference.

The Hornets were coming off a 3-0 win over Becker in the quarterfinals and were hoping to avenge a 5-0 loss to the Magic earlier in the season.

As expected, Monticello controlled most of the play in Tuesday's game, spending the majority of the time in Big Lake's half of the field.

The Hornets started in a defensive mode, trying to prevent the Magic from finding close-in shots. Coach Brady Johnson knew it was going to be a tough game, with



LEXI MOEN had Big Lake's only goal in a 2-1 overtime loss to Monticello Tuesday. She led the team in scoring this season with 13 goals. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

the Magic being a prolific goal-scoring team. So he had his team focus on Monticello's top scorers.

"We marked Sophia Haase and Bella Vasoli," he said. "We played without a forward and tried to force the

ball outside." That strategy worked well, keeping the Magic from getting the ball right in front of the net. Monticello finally broke the ice with a shot into the upper corner with 16:52 left in the first half.

That could have caused a letdown for Big Lake, but the team kept working defensively.

"There were many times we didn't touch the ball for five minutes and no one lost their focus," said Johnson.

The game remained at 1-0 through the end of the first half. After the break, Johnson noticed the Magic's back line was playing further in, believing it would help them score again.

"So I put Lexi (Moen) at forward to see if we could get the ball behind their defense," he said.

Big Lake had a free kick by Kaycie Jacob. She connected with Moen, who broke free past the defense. She chipped a shot over the approaching goalkeeper, and it found an open net with 4:47 gone in the half.

The Hornet players and contingent of Big Lake fans went wild. It was clear they

had a chance to win, even without controlling the ball much.

For the rest of the half, the Magic continued to keep the pressure on the Hornets. Big Lake goalkeeper Kady Dilger was up to the task, turning away every shot for the rest of regulation time.

It was the same in the entire first overtime period and early second overtime before the Magic scored at 2:13 for the win.

Even the loss didn't ruin the achievement for the Hornets and their fans.

Or their coach.

"It was incredible," said Johnson. "The performance we put together demonstrates what our team is about - work ethic and togetherness. It raises the standard of what is expected as a player. This redefines our expectations."

Last week, the Hornets beat Becker in the first round, 3-0. It was the first ever sec-

tion win for the Big Lake varsity program.

Moen, Rylie Sternquist and Trinity Zoccoli each scored goals, and the team as a whole controlled the play for most of the game.

"Our first section win, and a dominating performance against a rival," said Johnson. "The girls were having fun. Even the parents were happy about all the things their players had achieved."

The Hornets finished the season at 9-5-3.

Moen led the team in scoring with 13 goals and five assists. Sternquist was next with eight goals and four assists. Dilger allowed 13 goals in 17 games and had 10 shutouts. She had 204 saves.

Johnson said the team is already looking forward to next year.

"At the bare minimum, we're going to push to get to a section final next year."

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AYLA BROWN AND DANI NUEST celebrated with their coaches, Alyssa Stevens, Nate Bucher and Jen Anderson, after securing a spot in the State Class AA Individual Tennis Tournament. (Submitted photo.)

Brown, Nuest headed to State

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

Ayla Brown and Dani Nuest are headed to the State Class AA Tennis Tournament to represent the Becker Bulldogs.

The dynamic duo teamed up last week to finish in second place in the Section 8AA Individual Doubles tournament held at Sta-Fit in Sartell. Their state tournament experience will kick off on October 27.

In the opening round, the #1 south seed Bulldog team had to work very hard against the North's #4 seed from Bemidji, winning 6-3, 6-2.

"They overcame a rough start to the day, playing a Bemidji team that had some surprising pace every so often... it was hard for our girls to get into a normal rhythm," Coach Nate Bucher said. "But, they found a way to win."

In the second match of the day, Brown and Nuest had to face the South #3 seed from St. Cloud in Isabelle Anderson and Abby Brown. The Becker team made quick work of their opponent in this round to advance to the finals, winning 6-1 in both sets.

"Their second match was the match that proved why they had such a high seed," Bucher said. "They found their pounding groundstrokes and strong net play."

The second win set up a championship match that featured the same two doubles teams from the previous week's South sub-section tournament, with Brown/Nuest facing the #2 South seed from St. Cloud, Ella Maraohl and Paige Tarrowly. In the South sub-section championship, the Bulldogs had emerged victorious, but a week later the St. Cloud team edged out a win.

"It was a rematch from the weekend before in the championship and was such a fun match to watch again!" Bucher said. "Dani and Ayla came out strong, and had at one time three match points in the second

set, but fell in a tiebreaker. Then couldn't regain their footing in the third set."

The St. Cloud team went on for the comeback win, 3-6, 7-6 (1) and 6-2.

Bucher expressed great pride in his two Seniors, but also was complimentary to the St. Cloud team who will join the Bulldogs at state. In tennis, both the Section champions and runners-up make it to the MSHSL tournament. Because the team that finished third was the other St. Cloud team that Becker had already defeated earlier in the tournament, there was no need for a "true second" place match.

"The Saint Cloud team they met in the championship clearly had the make-up of the two top teams that should be making their way to state," Bucher said. "All four girls love the competition and play at a high level. It will be fun to see both teams play at the State tournament."

For Brown and Nuest, the state tournament berth was something that they achieved together, even though they were singles players for much of the season. After securing their place at state, the two senior captains shared their thoughts together.

"We're super grateful for the opportunity as it wasn't something we necessarily expected going into the season," they said. "The adjustment to doubles was hard because we have both played singles all season, so we are super thankful for all the coaches like Bucher, Jen Anderson, Stevens, Dilly, and Stan."

The girls also received some extra training, in the form of some scrimmages aimed at improving their speed and accuracy.

"We also want to thank Hokan Bengston, as well as Jesse and Landon Peterson for scrimmaging and helping us get better!" said the girls. "We are super excited to end our senior year performing on a big stage with each other and give all the glory to God!"

Bulldog girls CC finishes up regular season



THE BECKER GIRLS shot out of the gate during last Tuesday's cross country race in Princeton. (Submitted Photo.)

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker Bulldog girls cross country team competed at the Tiger Invitational at the Princeton Golf course on Tues., Oct. 11.

There were 10 teams at this meet and some of Becker's girls who usually do not get a chance to run the varsity race got a chance to do so at this meet since Head Coach Trish Kealy kept her "usual" varsity girls home for a workout.

"This was a very windy race and the team was challenged by that but everyone runs in the same conditions," said Kealy.

Senior Kayla Gruenes

led the team at this meet with a season best time of 22:40.0. Ninth grader Raelee Lyon also achieved a season best time with a 22:56.0 score.

Becker's third, fourth and fifth runners were Tasha Berthiaume (23:40.1), Regan Hausmann (23:45.0) and Katelyn Brower (23:59.4). Brower was coming back from an injury to run her first full race in several weeks. Becker's sixth runner was Raegan Leaders in a time of 26:35.6.

The Bulldogs also had their junior high team run this meet, and they placed third as a team.

Kendall Olson was Becker's top runner in this

3200 meter race with a time of 14:58.8, earning seventh place. Placing 14th and 15th were Lorelei Swanson (15:44.9) and Ava Scheiber (15:47.7). Aria Deidrick was 20th, Abby Frey 32nd, Myka Maksimenko 42nd, and Lillie Stevens 54th.

Up Next

Tuesday, the team headed to their Mississippi 8 Conference Championship meet hosted by Cambridge-Isanti at the Isanti Middle School. That will be the final meet for Becker's JV and junior high runners as they prepare the varsity for the MSHSL Section 5AA championship meet to be held at Monticello's Bertram Park on October 27.

Becker Boys CC team finishes fourth

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Bulldogs traveled to the Princeton Golf Course on Tuesday for the Tiger Invitational.

The meet started out with a short-handed junior high team as some incidents came up for a couple of Bulldogs. As a result, the four-person team was considered incomplete for scoring purposes, but they ran hard to give a good showing on the day.

Weston Denne was the top dog for the crew as he crossed the line in 14th place. Carson Schuster was next in the lineup as he finished 23rd. Next, Tanner Schmitt had a good day with a PR pace as he crossed in 35th place. Keaton Colford pushed hard and narrowly missed his PR pace as he finished in 45th place.

Next, the varsity harriers toed the line for the two lap race down the lengths of the Princeton Golf Course. They ran a conservative first mile as most of the first mile was into the strong headwind. After that, the Bulldogs got to work a bit more in the 13-team event. Tyson Ricker led the Bulldogs with an eighth place finish with his time of 17:17 for the 5k. Tanner Felton again accomplished the #2 spot for the Bulldogs

as he finished 10th (17:28). Mason Becker was next with an 18:04 (27th place). Parker Spindler clocked 18:17 to earn 33rd place. Evan Hubbard, Alex Swanson and Jase Tobacco were working together most of the way in the race and then they separated a little later on. Hubbard crossed at 18:24, Swanson crossed 18:28 and Tobako was 18:31 to earn 35th, 37th and 42nd.

As a team, the varsity boys placed fourth behind the ranked teams from Big Lake, Monticello, and Delano.

For JV squad, the Bulldogs were led by Caleb Reckelberg (19:13, 10th) and had good performances. Other Bulldogs were Mason Tschida (19:43, 20th), Alexander Schermer (20:32, 39th), Noah Bloch (21:03, 55th), Jonathan Drury (21:17, 62nd), Aiden Frommelt (21:30, 67th), Denlan Harmoning (22:54, 101st), Jacob Kurhajetz (23:31, 113th), Thomas Cota (25:56, 126th), Aiden Jacobs (27:21, 136th).

The Bulldogs competed in the Mississippi 8 Conference Meet on Tuesday, Oct. 18th. Check back next week for coverage on that event. (The Bulldog boys placed third in the Mississippi 8 while the girls were Conference Champs).

Hornet boys win M8 Conference title again

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Big Lake varsity boys won their third straight Mississippi 8 Conference cross country title at Isanti Middle School Tuesday.

The Hornets placed three in the top five spots and outdistance runner-up Monticello by 15 points.

Owen Layton, who had finished second in the conference meet the past three years, won the title this year in a time of 15:52.3. His closest competition was his brother Kade, who placed second in 15:58.5.

Jack Leuer had an outstanding time of 16:17.5 and took fourth.

Big Lake's fourth and fifth runners each broke the eight-minute mark. Spencer Vold had a top 10 finish, placing eighth in 17:23.4.



OWEN LAYTON won the Mississippi 8 individual cross country title at Isanti Middle School Tuesday. He finished in 15:52.3. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

David Guyse was 19th in 17:52.4.

Alton Ahamed (26th, 18:22.1), Gavin Vold (42nd, 19:41.6) and Luke Hugo (46th, 19:54.1) were the remaining runners for Big Lake.

Final team scores were: Big Lake 34, Monticello 49, Becker 55, Chisago Lakes 111, Cambridge-Isanti 124, Princeton 164, North Branch 197, St. Francis 216.

For the girls varsity, Emilee Doperalski was the top Big Laker to cross the line, placing 27th in 22:21.0 to help the team finish sixth overall.

Campbell Slattery was next in 32nd in 23:26.0.

The remaining team members were Nicole Rempel (39th, 24:48.1), Jady Rust (42nd, 25:34.1)

Elsie Johnson (43rd, 25:35.6) and Georgia Morris (44th, 25:35.6).

Gavin Flavin won the individual title in the boys JV race. He crossed the line in 18:54.0, just a step ahead of teammate Tanon Jacobson, who placed second in 18:54.5.

Carter Erickson was fifth in 19:04.0 as the boys took third as a team, just five points behind the winner, Cambridge-Isanti.

The Big Lake middle school boys came away with the team title, topping rival Becker by 16 points.

The Hornets were led by a 2-3-4 finish by Max Baron (11:36.6), Theo Johnson (11:42.4) and Judd Layton (11:43.0).

Rylie Ostrum had the top finish for the JV girls, placing 33rd in 27:32.5.

The Hornets competed in the section championship meet 3:30 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 27) at Bertram Lakes Regional Park in Monticello. The varsity boys are looking to repeat as champions and earn a second straight trip to the state meet, where they won the AA title last year.



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Bulldogs whallop Eagles, 49-0

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker Bulldogs football team improved to 6-1 after surgically dissecting the Eagles of Apollo last Friday night as part of the Tackle Cancer campaign at home.

Final score was 49-0. The Bulldogs gave up just 74 yards total in the game to the Eagles as they limited the visitors to 39 plays, four first downs and just one rushing yard.

The Bulldog defense also pulled in three interceptions and had three sacks.

The night began abundantly as the home team garnered three TD scores in the opening quarter. The first came on a 34-yard run by Isaiah Gardner to set up Becker with a 7-0 lead. Adam Jurek provided the muscle on the next two scores, moving the pile from two yards out for the second score, then plowing through the Apollo defenders from 18 yards out for the other.

After one quarter, the Bulldogs were sitting comfortably at 21-0.

They didn't stop there. Gardner notched his second TD of the game by weaving 10 yards through the porous Apollo defense to put the



BECKER SENIOR RB ADAM JUREK (#24) jumped for joy as he crossed the goal line for his first of two TD scores against Apollo last Friday. Teammates Kyan Blomquist (left) and Logan Eisele (right) rushed in to congratulate Jurek. (Photo by Sara Waytashek).

Bulldogs up, 28-0.

Kyan Blomquist became the third Bulldog to score more than one TD in the game as he caught a six-yarder from Ryan Bengtson at the end of the first half to put the tally at 35-0 heading into the break.

Blomquist scored another as the teams returned to the field, this time from 10 yards out to increase the margin to 42-0. Owen Angell capped the day's scoring with a fourth quarter, 28 yard run to seal it at 49-0.

Bengtson finished with 150 yards through the air on 12-of-16 passing and two TDs. Jurek was the top ground gainer with 71 yards on nine carries and two scores. Gardner had 65 yards on six carries and his two scores.

Blomquist finished with five catches for 81 yards and two TDs. Alex Weiss had three grabs for 33 yards including a 22-yarder.

Julias Hendricks had six tackles for the Bulldogs

while Cody Klatt had five tackles, two assists, one sack and two tackles for loss.

Zach Bengtson, Isaac Daluge and Dylan Weber each had one of the three interceptions.

Up Next
The Bulldogs finished the regular season with a Wednesday evening home game against Willmar (5-2). Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Liberty Paper Player of the Game

By Bill Morgan
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Dylan Kolby, senior center, was named Player Of The Week for his outstanding game in Becker's 49-0 win over Apollo on Friday night.

Dylan has been a three year starter at center.

"Dylan is one of the best linemen I have coached," Coach Troy Robinson said. "He makes all the line calls and gets everyone in the right position. His level two and three blocks always make our highlight films."



DYLAN KOLBY was named Liberty Paper Player of the Game for his performance in the Oct. 14 game against Apollo. (Submitted Photo)

Shaver delivers inspiring message



DWIGHT LUNDEEN (L) posed with KARE 11 Anchor Randy Shaver as Shaver was given a "game ball" by the Bulldogs for speaking at their Tackle Cancer event at Pebble Creek last week. (Photo by Sara Waytashek).

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Last week, Randy Shaver of Kare 11 was invited to speak at the Becker Bulldog banquet held at Pebble Creek Golf Course. Five-star Minneapolis restaurant Fogo De Chao offered to serve their legendary food and players, coaches and family members got all dolled up to learn more about Tackle Cancer from the man who started it all.

Shaver was diagnosed with cancer in 1989 and five years later started Tackle Cancer, a program designed to raise money for cancer awareness and research.

Head Coach Dwight Lundeen, who calls Shaver a good friend, invited the news anchor to speak at the

event to help educate the youth in learning to volunteer, fundraise and give their ultimate best to the support of a good cause.

The players sat at the round tables and each received a miniature pink football to commemorate the cause as well as a pair of pink sport socks to be worn at the game last week. Pink jerseys hung along the walls in the dining area and glossy programs were distributed to each table in the restaurant.

Shaver was given a game ball by the Bulldog players and thanked for his appearance and message. Representatives for Fogo De Chao were also given a "game ball" for their delicious food and generosity to Tackle Cancer week.



THE PLAYERS, COACHES AND FAMILIES listened as Coach Lundeen introduced Randy Shaver as the guest speaker for Tackle Cancer week. (Photo by Sara Waytashek).

Bulldog swimmers and divers post team best finish at True Team

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog swimming and diving team put forth the best effort in program history with a fifth place finish at the Section True Team meet last weekend.

"It's the highest True Team meet score we've ever had," Coach Tina Tamm said. "We also had a medal winner in 10 of the 12 events."

In the diving event, Lauren Woelfel piked and tucked her way to the championship by over 30 points, as she put forth an incredible series of dives.

As usual, the relay events were a strength for the Bulldogs, as three teams found their way to the podium.

It started with the 200 medley relay, who brought home a seventh place finish (Laila Cook, Grace Wynia, Delaney Varney and Avary Maunu). The 400 free relay also took seventh place for the Bulldogs (Varney, Cook, Tia Schaap and Grace Mork).

The highest placing relay was the 200 freestyle, as they earned a fifth place finish behind strong performances from Meghan Swanson, Grace Wynia, Schaap and Mork.

"The girls swam some really good races," Tamm said. "Many dropped time to get their personal best for the season and are looking to drop more time at the Section meet."

Several other Bulldogs



BECKER'S RELAY TEAMS continue to post excellent times. Pictured here is the fifth place 200 Freestyle team of Meghan Swanson, Grace Wynia, Tia Schaap, Grace Mork. (Submitted photo.)

found themselves on the podium, earning medals for their efforts at the meet.

In addition to her relay performances, Mork was also excellent in the distance races, finishing fifth in the 200 free race and fourth in the 500 free.

Schaap's sprinting also put her in a top position in both the 50 and 100 free, as she placed in seventh place in both events.

The Bulldogs also earned a pair of sixth place finishes, with Varney in the 100 butterfly and Wynia in the 100 breaststroke.

Tamm was proud of her



BULLDOG DIVER LAUREN WOELFEL had a great meet, winning the top place off the diving board. (Submitted photo.)

athletes and also reflected that the performance bodes well for the Section meet coming up in just a couple of weeks.

"This meet gives us a tiny glimpse into what the Section meet will look like," Tamm said. "The girls now know potentially who their competition will be when the Section meet happens in November."

In the next several weeks, Tamm has both the Varsity and JV teams ready for action.

"Our JV swimmer/divers are now preparing for their JV championship meet that will be held in Becker on Friday, Oct 28 and our Varsity girls are headed into the final stretch of their season," Tamm said. "They are going to have some tough practices



GRACE MORK was all smiles after her fourth place finish in the 500 freestyle. (Submitted photo.)

in the next couple weeks but it's needed to get the results they are striving for."

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Bulldog boys soccer downs Willmar to reach finals



THE JUBILATION ON THE PLAYERS' FACES was evident after the Becker Bulldogs knocked off the higher seeded Monticello Magic in the opening round of the soccer playoffs. Racing to celebrate with the fans after the match were #2 Owen Kolbinger, #13 Evan Norberg and #20 Rowen Klug. (Submitted photo.)

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

It was an amazing week for the Becker boys soccer team, as Coach Nick Crowley and his crew pulled off a pair of upsets to secure the team's first ever appearance in the Section final game. Becker entered the postseason with a record of 6-8, but found the right combination to make a deep run into the Section playoffs.

Willmar

Tuesday evening, the Bulldogs secured their spot in the team's first ever Section title by knocking off the top-seed Willmar Cardinals with a 2-0 shutout in the semifinals.

The Cardinals came into the game with a 14-2-1 record and boast three all-state players. But the Bulldogs used a total team effort and scored a pair of Micah Boyer goals to take down the perennial power.

The two teams had met earlier in the season, a 2-1 loss for the Bulldogs in a game played in Becker. But Tuesday night was a much different circumstance.

"It was about 38 degrees and windy at kickoff," Coach Nick Crowley said. "Willmar might have more talent, but we played a complete game as a team and the kids deserved to win."

Just five minutes into the game, Boyer notched his first goal on a precise assist from Kevin Vogl. Boyer ended up one on one with one of Willmar's highly touted defenders and was able to find the bottom right corner of the goal for the Bulldog lead.

"That first goal was huge for our confidence and it was a big boost even though we were already playing well," Crowley said. "Both teams had a couple of shots in the opening minutes, but after that we defended well for the rest of the entire game."

The score remained 1-0 with Becker's defense holding tough until about 15 minutes left in the game when

Boyer found himself one on one with the goal keeper and blasted a shot to the near post for the final margin of victory.

"Micah played great and Nick Gruber had ten big saves for us, including a fantastic kick save on a ball that Willmar was sure was going to score," Crowley said, noting that it was Gruber's fifth shutout of the season. "Senior Captain Owen Kolbinger played a fantastic game, too, as he won nearly every aerial battle that came his way."

Crowley also credited Brady Paumen with playing his best game of the season, as well as Broken Klug, who "kept his composure and had a calming influence on our team."

"The fact of the matter is that the entire team played extremely well," Crowley added.

Adding to the excitement was a huge Becker crowd, which Crowley also credited as being key to the game.

"It was a huge fan base, with parents, fans, and students making the trip to Willmar," the coach said. "It was great to hear all that noise coming from the stands."

Magic

The Bulldogs made it to the semifinal match with Willmar by downing the Monticello Magic last Saturday with a gritty, 2-1 win. Becker had lost an earlier season match 1-0 to the Magic and last Saturday's win over the Magic was just the second time in program history that the Bulldogs had downed Monticello.

It was a defensive struggle for most of the 80 minutes of the game for both teams, except approximately a seven minute stretch in the first half when all three goals were scored.

The Magic struck first, 15 minutes into the game, but Crowley said his team was ready to rebound.

"We have a saying on our team: 'Next five,' mean-

ing that in the next five minutes we buckle down, stay focused and take each five minutes at a time." Crowley said. "So many times this season we've either scored or conceded a goal within five minutes of a goal being scored."

Sure enough, the Bulldogs and Boyer answered less than five minutes later with a big goal on an assist from Evan Norberg. Less than three minutes later, Kyle Vogl scored for Becker on an amazing free kick from 44 yards out that found the far corner of the net.

"He put some pace in the ball, and the wind helped, but seeing it fired into the far corner over the keeper's hands... that was great," Crowley said.

With the frenzied pace, few would have predicted at the time that Vogl had netted the game winner. However, the Bulldog defense and goal keeper Gruber clamped down the Magic and secured the win.

"The second half was back and forth, and we held the lead with some solid defending by the back line of seniors Owen Kolbinger, Kyle Vogl, Hudson Romfo, and sophomore Eric Kyaw," Crowley said. "What really kept the game in hand was the defensive work by senior goalkeeper Nick Gruber. The Magic had a breakaway opportunity in the first half and Gruber came out to meet him at the edge of the box and made a huge save to keep the lead. He was on his game."

Finals

With the pair of wins, Becker advanced to their first ever Section title match, played Thursday evening in STMA against the Princeton Tigers.

The two teams met earlier in the year in Becker, with the shorthanded Bulldogs dropping a 3-2 OT loss to the Tigers. Complete details on Thursday's barn-burner will be available in next week's Patriot.



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Lady Bulldogs season ends in playoffs



BECKER'S SENIORS played their final two games this past week as they lost to Cathedral and Big Lake to end the season with a 4-13 record. Left to right: Liz Mackedanz, Patience Severson, Hailey Szabla, Rachel Fuller, Carolee Stout, Allison Roisland and Ava Ewald. (Submitted Photo.)

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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In Becker's final regular season game of the 2022 season, the Lady Bulldog soccer team lost to St. Cloud Cathedral, 3-0 to end their record at 4-12.

Last week, their season ended abruptly at the hands (and feet) of Big Lake as the Hornets shutout the Bulldogs, 3-0 in the Section 6AA Quarterfinal game at Big Lake.

Cathedral 3, Becker 0
Cathedral got two goals from Kiera Green and one from Bayley Schneider to defeat the Bulldogs at home.

Senior goalkeeper Rachel Fuller had 11 saves while senior Liz Mackedanz had six and senior Ava Ewald had six in the loss. The Bulldogs managed just six shots on Cathedral's netminder.

Sophomore Abby At-

wood had 12 clears and sophomore Kailey Thompson had 10 interceptions on the night.

"Our final game was senior night," said Head Coach Ben Strom. "So we honored our seven seniors for their last home game."

Seniors on the roster were Ava Ewald, Hailey Szabla, Liz Mackedanz, Rachel Fuller, Allison Roisland, Carolee Stout, and Patience Severson.

"We ended the season with fewer wins than we had hoped but it was a fun season nonetheless," said Strom. "We improved all throughout the year. We are going to miss this group of seniors on and off the field."

Hornets 3, Bulldogs 0
Last Wednesday, the Lady Bulldogs traveled to Big Lake to take on the 8-4-3 Hornets.

Big Lake got goals from Alexis Moen, Rylie

Sternquist and Trinty Zoccoli to put an end to Becker's season.

Becker managed just three shots on goal in the loss.

Big Lake moved on to play Monticello in the Section 6AA semifinal Tuesday, Oct. 18.



Public Notices

Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 71-PR-22-133
 Estate of **James Frederick Napoli, a/k/a James F. Napoli, Decedent.**
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 17, 2022, at 9:00 o'clock in the a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Elk River, Minnesota, on a Petition for the Adjudication of Intestacy and Determination of Decedent's Heirs, and for the Appointment of Susan Fryckman, whose address is 22448 173rd Street NW, Big Lake, MN 55309, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 71-PR-22-128
Case Type: Informal Probate
In re the Estate of Larry David Peterson, a/k/a Larry D. Peterson, Decedent.

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:
 Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated February 9, 1998, 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: Allen Peterson, 15828 127th St SE, Becker, MN 55308 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 filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 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: September 27, 2022
 /s/ Pamela Kreier
 Probate Registrar
 /s/ Patricia Kuka
 Court Administrator
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 10/15/22; 10/22/22).

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: 71-PR-22-141
 Estate of **James C. Peterson, Decedent.**

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

Notice is given that on November 29, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., a virtual hearing will be held in this Court for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated February 20, 2018, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Diane L. Peterson, whose address is 17907 182nd Avenue NW, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
 Dated: October 13, 2022
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City Public Notices

Ordinance No. 250, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.02 OF CHAPTER 11 LAND USE REGULATION (ZONING) IN THE CITY OF BECKER CODE
 The following official summary of the ordinance referred to has been approved by the City Council of Becker as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the amendments.
 Chapter 11, Land Use Regulation (Zoning)
Section 11.02 Definitions
 This ordinance adds a definition for cannabinoid products to the zoning chapter. The definition of cannabinoid products adopts, by reference, City of Becker Code Chapter 6, Section 6.28 Cannabinoid Products as proposed in Ordinance 263, 2nd Series. This ordinance also revises the definition of home occupations to prohibit cannabinoid products. The definitions of section 11.02 are renumbered accordingly to accommodate these changes.
 A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at City Hall any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This document hereby is made a part of this ordinance and is attached hereto.
 /s/ Tracy Bertram, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 /s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 10/22/22.)

Ordinance # 261, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 2.19 OF CHAPTER 2 IN CITY CODE PROVIDING FOR FEES RELATED TO LICENSING, ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND UTILITY RELATED FEES
 The following official summary of the ordinance referred to has been approved by the City Council of Becker as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the amendments.
 Chapter 2, Administration and General Government
Section 2.19 REVENUE AND FINANCE
 Subd. 2. Fees Relating to Licensing, Administrative Citations, Miscellaneous, Property, Utilities and Services.
 A. Licensing Related Fees
 B. Administrative Citation Fees
 E. Utility Related Fees
 This ordinance revises the City Fee Schedule in the City of Becker Code Book to add a cannabinoid licensing fee, potentially dangerous and dangerous animal registration and hearing fees, administrative fine for possession of cannabinoids under 21 and a temporary decrease in WAC / SAC charges for single family, quad homes, townhomes, duplex units and apartment buildings between 7/5/22 and 12/31/25.
 A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at City Hall any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This document hereby is made a part of this ordinance and is attached hereto.
 /s/ Tracy Bertram, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 /s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk
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Ordinance # 262, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE UPDATING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10.08, ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES
 The following official summary of the ordinance referred to has been approved by the City Council of Becker as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the amendments.
 Chapter 10, Public Protection, Crimes and Offenses
Section 10.08 ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES
 Subd. 6. Offenses and Penalties
 This ordinance revises the listing of Offenses and Penalties as listed under Section 10.08 by adding a fine for cannabinoid possession by individuals under 21.
 A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at City Hall any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
 This document hereby is made a part of this ordinance and is attached hereto.
 /s/ Tracy Bertram, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 /s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk
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Ordinance # 263, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 6.28 OF THE BECKER CITY CODE CANNABINOID PRODUCTS
 The following official summary of the ordinance referred to has been approved by the City Council of Becker as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the amendments.
 Chapter 6, Other Business Regulation and Licensing
Section 6.27 Massage Establishments
 Subd. 1 Purpose
 Subd. 2 Definitions
 Subd. 3 License Required
 Subd. 4 Fees
 Subd. 5 Basis for Denial of License
 Subd. 6 Prohibited Sales
 Subd. 7 Adulterated or Misbranded Products
 Subd. 8 Signage
 Subd. 9 Age Verification
 Subd. 10 Responsibility
 Subd. 11 Hours of Sales
 Subd. 12 Compliance Checks and Inspections
 Subd. 13 Other Prohibited Acts
 Subd. 14 Violations and Penalties
 Subd. 15. Severability
 This ordinance creates regulations for the sales of cannabinoid products within the City of Becker.
 A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at City Hall any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
 This document hereby is made a part of this ordinance and is attached hereto.
 /s/ Tracy Bertram, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 /s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 10/22/22.)

Ordinance # 264, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE ADDING DANGEROUS ANIMALS AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS TO CITY CODE AS SECTION 10.07 AND RENUMBERING SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS.
 The following official summary of the ordinance referred to has been approved by the City Council of Becker as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the amendments.
 Chapter 10, Public Protections, Crimes and Offenses
Section 10.07. Dangerous Animals and Potentially Dangerous Animals
 Subd. 1. Purpose and Intent
 Subd. 2. Definitions
 Subd. 3. Dangerous Animals: Designation
 Subd. 4. Dangerous Animals: Registration
 Subd. 5. Dangerous Animals: Requirements
 Subd. 6. Potentially Dangerous Animals: Designation
 Subd. 7. Potentially Dangerous Animals: Requirements
 Subd. 8. Microchip Identification
 Subd. 9. Confiscation
 Subd. 10. Destruction of Animals in Certain Circumstances
 Subd. 11. Penalty
Section 10.08. Animals And Fowl - Keeping, Transporting, Treatment, Housing
Section 10.09. Administrative Citations and Penalties
Section 10.10. Police and Fire Department Service Fees for False Alarm Response
Section 10.11. Synthetic Cannabinoids Prohibited
 This ordinance adds a section addressing dangerous animals and potentially dangerous animals and renumbers the subsequent sections.
 A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at City Hall any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
 This document hereby is made a part of this ordinance and is attached hereto.
 /s/ Tracy Bertram, Mayor
 ATTEST:
 /s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Election will be held in the Election Precinct at: Clear Lake City Hall, 7684 1st Ave West, on Tuesday November 8, 2022 at which the polls will be open from the hours of 7 o'clock AM to the hour of 8 o'clock PM for the purpose of election candidates for the following: Mayor (2-year term), Two Council Members (4-year terms) and all other Federal and State Offices, County and Judicial Offices and Tenth District Court.
 Thank you
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Township Public Notices

State General Election Ballot			Big Lake Twp P-1 Ballot ID: 412
Sherburne County, Minnesota			
November 8, 2022			
Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●			
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Big Lake Twp P-1

Vote front and back of ballot

State General Election Ballot			Big Lake Twp P-1 Ballot ID: 412
Sherburne County, Minnesota			
November 8, 2022			
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Big Lake Twp P-1

Vote front and back of ballot

State General Election Ballot			Big Lake Twp P-3 Ballot ID: 439
Sherburne County, Minnesota			
November 8, 2022			
Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●			
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U.S. Representative District 6 Vote for One <input type="radio"/> Tom Emmer <input type="radio"/> Jeanne Hendricks <input type="radio"/> Ryan Wilson <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	State Auditor Vote for One <input type="radio"/> Will Finn <input type="radio"/> Tim Davis <input type="radio"/> Ryan Wilson <input type="radio"/> Julie Blaha <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 4 Vote for One <input type="radio"/> Jason C. Selvog <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	
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Vote front and back of ballot

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State General Election Ballot			Big Lake Twp P-2 Ballot ID: 438
Sherburne County, Minnesota			
November 8, 2022			
Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●			
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Big Lake Twp P-2

Vote front and back of ballot

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Sherburne County, Minnesota			
November 8, 2022			
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Vote front and back of ballot

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Sherburne County, Minnesota			
November 8, 2022			
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Vote front and back of ballot

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Big Lake Township, in the County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota, that a General Election will be held, on Tuesday, the Eighth (8th) day of November, 2022. Polls will be open from the hours of 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM for the purpose of electing candidates to the following offices, in the following Election Precincts:

Precinct #1 – Lord of Glory Lutheran Church, 15550 - 190th Avenue (Hwy 10 frontage road).

All people living in the Elk River School District #728; south of the governmental boundary line between Big Lake Township and Orrock Township; and west of the governmental boundary line between Big Lake Township and the City of Elk River.

Precinct #2 – Big Lake Town Hall, Lions Community Park, 21960 Co. Rd. 5.

All people living in Big Lake School District #727, north of TH10; West of the boundary line of Elk River Independent School District #728; south of the governmental boundary line between Big Lake Township and Orrock Township; and east of the governmental boundary line between Big Lake Township and Becker Township, will vote at this location.

Precinct #3 – Big Lake Fire Station, 20243 County Road 43.

All people living in Big Lake School District #727 living south of Highway 10, Monticello District #882, and Becker District #726, will vote at this location.

Federal Offices

One Representative in the United States House of Representatives in Congressional District: 6

State Offices

One State Senator in State Senate District: 27
 One State Representative in the Minnesota House of Representatives in Legislative District: 27A
 Governor and Lieutenant Governor
 Secretary of State
 State Auditor
 Attorney General

County Offices

County Auditor-Treasurer
 County Recorder
 County Sheriff
 One County Attorney
 Commissioner District 2
 Two Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors

Town Offices

Supervisor Seat 1
 Supervisor Seat 2

School District Offices

ISD 726 – Becker
 ISD 728 – Elk River
 ISD 727 – Big Lake
 ISD 882 – Monticello

SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICES

Hospital District Board Town of Big Lake Representative

Judicial Offices

Supreme Court
 Appeal Court
 Tenth District Court

NOTICE is also given that the Public Accuracy Testing of the local precincts assistive ballot marking equipment and ballot counters will be conducted on Monday, November 1, 2022 beginning at 1:00PM, at the Sherburne County Government Center – Maple Rooms A & B, located at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330. Members of the public, candidates, and political party representatives are invited to attend.

NOTICE is also given that the Local Board of Canvass will be conducted on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 beginning at 6:00PM, at the Big Lake Town Hall, located at 21960 County Road 5, Big Lake, MN 55309. Members of the public, candidates, and political party representatives are invited to attend.

/s/ Brenda Kimberly-Moas, Clerk – Town of Big Lake
 (Published in the Patriot: 10/22/22; 10/29/22.)

Public Notices

Becker Public Schools #726 Notices

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726 BECKER STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No.726, Becker, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022, for the purpose of electing two school board members for two year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

School Board Member Vote for Up to Two

<input type="radio"/>	Carla Berger
<input type="radio"/>	Troy Berning
<input type="radio"/>	Ryan Hubbard
<input type="radio"/>	Write-in, if any
<input type="radio"/>	Write-in, if any

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

- Becker City Hall (Becker City Precinct): 12060 Sherburne Ave, Becker, MN 55308
- Becker Town Hall (Becker Township Precinct): 12165 Hancock St., Becker, MN 55308
- Big Lake Fire Hall, (Big Lake Township Precinct 3): 20243 Co Rd 43, Big Lake, MN 55309
- Clear Lake Town Hall (Clear Lake Township Precinct): 7938 - 116th St. SE, Clear Lake, MN 55319
- Palmer Town Hall (Palmer Township Precinct): 4180 - 105th Ave., Clear Lake, MN 55319

Santiago Town Hall (Santiago Township Precinct): 16943 - 20th St. SE, Santiago, MN 55377
Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: 10/17/22
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Ryan Obermoller, School District Clerk
(Published in the Patriot: 10/22/22; 10/29/22.)

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726 BECKER STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No.726, Becker, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022, for the purpose of electing three school board members for four year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

School Board Member Vote for Up to Three

<input type="radio"/>	Sarah Calford
<input type="radio"/>	Aaron Jurek
<input type="radio"/>	Nathan Koubsky
<input type="radio"/>	Renee Regel
<input type="radio"/>	Keri Rickard
<input type="radio"/>	Carey Stanger
<input type="radio"/>	Pete Weismann
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The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

- Becker City Hall (Becker City Precinct): 12060 Sherburne Ave, Becker, MN 55308
- Becker Town Hall (Becker Township Precinct): 12165 Hancock St., Becker, MN 55308
- Big Lake Fire Hall, (Big Lake Township Precinct 3): 20243 Co Rd 43, Big Lake, MN 55309
- Clear Lake Town Hall (Clear Lake Township Precinct): 7938 - 116th St. SE, Clear Lake, MN 55319
- Palmer Town Hall (Palmer Township Precinct): 4180 - 105th Ave., Clear Lake, MN 55319

Santiago Town Hall (Santiago Township Precinct): 16943 - 20th St. SE, Santiago, MN 55377
Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: 10/17/22
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Ryan Obermoller, School District Clerk
(Published in the Patriot: 10/22/22; 10/29/22.)

BL Twp. considers using ARPA funds for renovations/sign updates

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

During last week's Big Lake Town Board meeting, Supervisor Mark Hedstrom gave a presentation to the board on how the board could use ARPA funding to improve the township. ARPA funds need to be obligated by 2024, and need to be spent by

open forum to follow up on the last time he spoke before the board. He had sent an email to each of the board members with a link to a video. The video was meant to demonstrate some of the concerns people had with the Dominion Voting Machines. Collier found out the video was removed the day after he sent the link, and so inquired whether any of the board



FIREFIGHTERS RECOGNIZED. The three firefighters in the picture above were recently recognized by Big Lake Township for their excellent service to the Big Lake community. Picture (from left to right): Eric Rosa, Joshua Matich, Eric Burliegh, and Fire Chief Seth Hansen. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

2026, otherwise the money will be lost. Hedstrom noted that, as a firefighter, he believed the fire numbers at the end of township driveways were, overall, in poor condition. He noted three recent calls where he had to guess where a driveway was, and got it right two times but had to double back once. A few minutes can make a huge difference in emergency situations, and so Hedstrom recommended replacing the fire numbers all around the township. He noted that Becker Twp. recently replaced their numbers, the cost being about \$60,000 for 2,000 homes. Big Lake Twp. has about 3,000 homes.

members had gotten the chance to see it or not (they did not). Collier ended by reiterating his concerns with the voting machine and his preference to do a hand vote this election season.

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The owners, and some of the patrons, of HOPE Stables approached the board to request an IUP so they can host competitive events. They hoped to add outdoor arenas, build a snack hut, and allow parking on their land for the events. The supervisors asked a few questions of the owners, including whether there would be excessive noise (the owners replied that the loudest noise would be the announcer, but that it wouldn't be loud enough to bother neighbors) and how they would control dust (by spraying with water.) The board sent positive comments on to the county. Planning and Zoning will discuss the issue further during the November meeting.

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Firefighter Recognition
The board recognized six firefighters for their years of excellent service. Three of the firefighters attended the meeting and received certificates of appreciation. These individuals included Eric Rosa, Eric Burliegh, and Joshua Matich.

Announcements
In other news, the town clerk announced that absentee voting is open. A public accuracy test of the voting machines will take place November 1 at the Sherburne County Government Center at 1 p.m. in the Maple Room. The test is open to the public. Kimberly-Maas will be working with other local town clerks on a training seminar for new election judges, as there are many participating who have not been judges before and they hope to make the elections go as smoothly as possible. They will be able to offer a crash course to 80 election judges, 20 for each township.

Open Forum
Bret Collier spoke during

Big Lake Public Schools #727 Notices

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS 701 MINNESOTA AVENUE BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA 55309

Independent School District #727 will receive single prime sealed bids for the Independence Elementary School Renovations project until 2:00 p.m. local time on November 8, 2022 at the District Office, 501 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents, including the Proposal Form, Drawings, and Specifications, will be on file at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge Plan Center; Reed Construction; iSqFt Plan Room (St. Paul, MN), The Blue Book Building and Construction Network; and from Franz Reprographics at www.franzrepro.com, Albert Lea Builders Exchange; Austin Builders Exchange; Mankato Builders Exchange; Builders Exchange of Rochester; St. Cloud Builders Exchange.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at Independence Elementary School, 701 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309 at 9:00 a.m. on October 27, 2022. Visitors must check in at the main entrance with a valid State ID. Attendance to the meeting is not required, but highly recommended.

Scope of work includes: Interior demolition of existing walls, ceilings, and removal of flooring. Removal of existing mechanical and electrical systems. Building of new walls, ceilings/soffits, floors/finishes, storefronts, and rearrangement of mechanical and electrical systems, associated with the architectural work. See specifications for information regarding phasing and alternates.

American Reprographics Company, 4730 Park Glen Road, St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416 (952) 697-8800, facsimile (952)697-8803 will provide complete downloadable sets of the Bidding Documents to prospective bidders and subcontractors. The downloads will be available after October 14, 2022. A deposit check in the amount of \$25 made out to ARC for each set downloaded via the internet at <https://www.e-arc.com/location/st-louis-park/> and clicking on the PlanWell icon, then the Public Plan Room icon, select Independence Elementary School Renovations.

Make proposals on the bid forms supplied in the Project Manual. No oral, telegraphic, or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check, or acceptable bidder's bond payable to Independent School District #727 in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Performance Bond.

Bids may not be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of opening bids, without the consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids, and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding.

The Owner requires this phased project to be substantially complete by August 16, 2024. See specification for additional phasing requirements.
Board of Education
Independent School District #727
(Published in the Patriot: 10/15/22; 10/22/22.)

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

This represents a summary of the Work Session of the Board of Education of Big Lake Public Schools #727. A complete set of minutes will be on file at the District Office and on our website at www.biglakeschools.org upon Board approval.

- CALL TO ORDER**
The Work Session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools was called to order on October 13, 2022.
- ROLL CALL**
All Board members were present except Mr. Derek Nelson
- TRANSPORTATION UPDATE/DISCUSSION**
Discussion on bus routes and times.
- FACILITIES UPDATE**
Buildings and Grounds Manager, TJ Zerwas, gave the board an update on upcoming projects in the district.
- ADJOURNMENT**
A motion passed to adjourn the meeting.
(Published in the Patriot: 10/22/22.)

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 727 BIG LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, 2022, for the purpose of electing three school board members for four-year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

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The polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:
CITY OF BIG LAKE P1, P2, P3, BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP P2, P3, P4, OROCK TOWNSHIP, BECKER TOWNSHIP

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: 10/22/22
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
Tony Scales, School District Clerk
(Published in the Patriot: 10/22/22; 10/29/22.)

WCFLO looking for nominations for needy families at the Holidays

Submitted Article

Wright County Frontline Outreach (WCFLO), a non-profit consisting of first responders, will be hosting its Second Annual Christmas Giving program. The WCFLO is taking nominations for families that are struggling and

could use some help this holiday season.

The deadline to submit nominations is Wed., Nov. 16.

To learn more, to donate, to get involved or to nominate a family for the Christmas Giving program, go to <https://www.wcflo.org/>.

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Area News

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the wastewater systems can handle perfectly fine. The “flushable” wipes, on the other hand, will remain intact no matter how hard you shake.

Lisson said that even one household flushing a large amount of garbage down the toilet could make a noticeable difference in the amount of time and money it takes to keep the system working. He noted, for example, an incident where one person was flushing cigarette butts down the toilet. These caused tons of problems. The wastewater department was able to determine the approximate area where these originated from, and so sent out a letter to the homeowners in the area. Fortunately, the number of butts flushed lessened significantly (although some are still flushed).

Lisson said it’s perfectly fine to use wipes so long as they are disposed of properly. Wipes should go into a garbage can, not into the toilet. The same goes for any garbage.

Another problem is people using the kitchen sink to drain cooking oils. Vegetable oil used for frying, fat rendered from browned meats, and other kitchen greases should be allowed to cool and disposed of in the garbage can. It’s common knowledge that oils/fats and water don’t mix. All of that grease instead sticks together and forms a “fat berg,” a big clump of accumulated fats that one of your local civil servants will have the honor of cleaning out for you.

The only things people should flush or wash down the drain are human waste, toilet paper, and soaps/sanitary products that are designed to be washed into the sewer system. Everything else should go in the garbage can.

So, when you’re considering who to vote for this November, and you’re thinking about who will save you money in taxes, vote on yourself to lower taxes by keeping garbage out of our collectively-owned sewer systems. Your tax statement will thank you!

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activity as well as a couple bouncy castle blow-ups. Vendors had dog leashes, bandanas, harnesses, treats and chew toys available for purchase and as giveaways.

Dog owners were asked to ensure their pets had up-to-date vaccinations (hmmm, sounds familiar) and that they are socially comfortable around other dogs, children and adults as they entered the park. The city has a dog-designated park to the north that owners could utilize to give their pets their daily exercise in a safe environment.

Goodie bags were handed out that were sponsored by the Becker Lions Club. Face painting was also available as well as a balloon artist and corn hole games. Music was played throughout the day and many people took advantage of a photo booth where they could get a quick picture taken of them, their families



FIRST MEETING? Here we see two dogs going nose-to-nose at Becker’s Barktoberfest Saturday at City Park. It was a cold and blustery day, but owners and their pets made it out to the annual event despite the unseasonal weather. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

and their dogs.

The event ran for four hours and was free to the public. The event is held with the support of the

Becker Community Center and the Becker Parks and Recreation committees.

TAXES from page 1

Townships also set their budgets and proposed levies earlier in the year with direct citizen input.

It is important to note that these taxing authorities, except in specific and usually rare circumstances such as a natural disaster, are only allowed to decrease the proposed levy once it has been approved in September.

These total amounts do not include special assessments or any special taxing districts which can also levy tax bills for residents. Several of these exist in Sherburne County, such as the Regional Rail Authority (which has seen a 0% levy for the past several years).

School district levies and bond referendums can also impact the level of taxes a homeowner might pay in the next school year if voters approved additional funds during a district election.

School district Truth in Taxation notices must include the specific dollar amount paid by the taxpayer for voter-approved and non-voter-approved levies.

Taking the percentages mentioned above, residents can get a head start on estimating their proposed tax they can expect to pay next year by adding the county’s proposal to the local city’s percentage. For example, if the respective proposed levies are not decreased before the end of the year, a City of Becker resident will see a minimum of a 16.39% increase (county and city taxes) on their property tax levy before factoring in any changes to the tax rate of the jurisdiction, as well as the property’s valuation.

There are some entities in Minnesota in which residents have a direct vote on their property taxes. As mentioned earlier, Townships hold an Annual Meeting each March, wherein each resident is able to have a direct vote on the property tax rates via approval of the budget. This is a somewhat rare example of direct democracy in action. Another example would be a Lake Improvement District (LID), such as the TLID covering Briggs, Julia and Rush Lakes near Palmer. While this group does have taxing authority, it holds a meeting each year where residents are allowed input into the budget and therefore the amount of taxes collected to perform lake projects (usually aimed at weed control or water clarity enhancement, etc.).

Regardless of where one lives, a taxpayer can look at the proposed levies to at least have an idea what their tax bill might look like in 2023 before they receive the official notice. There is also a chance to attend the Truth in Taxation meeting to learn more about the entities’ budget and expenditures. The dates, times and locations of those meetings will be listed on the Truth in Taxation notice.

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Smokey the Bear was also on hand for photo opportunities.

There were even some face painting opportunities for those brave enough to get paint on their skin.

The American Red Cross had volunteers manning a table where they had flyers and brochures for people to take to explain what they do and how people can help in their cause. A member with Center Point Energy was also manning a table that had many

handouts and giveaways for children and adults.

Big Lake’s Beyond the Yellow Ribbon had a table to apprise everyone of what the organization does and they had giveaways for visitors while they lasted.

The scores of visitors Saturday showed how important the community feels the local fire department is as well as the other emergency services and its people.

On to next year!



TWO BIG LAKE FIREFIGHTERS demonstrated how they would break into a vehicle that has been in an accident. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).



SMOKEY THE BEAR posed for photos with kids in front of the MNDNR Truck at Saturday’s Open House. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

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Sherburne County okays \$315k in ARPA spending

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Sherburne County Board Tuesday approved almost \$315,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) bi-weekly expenditures.

The largest amount of \$130,125 is for the purchase of patrol staff tasers for the sheriff’s department.

The department currently has 73 tasers encompassing three different models, including 35 of the X26 model. That model is now 15 years old and is beginning to break down. It is no longer being supported by the manufacturer. Parts and batteries are not available because the model is no longer being manufactured.

The ARPA funding will be applied towards the purchase of 35 X7 tasers from Axon Enterprise, Inc. to replace the X26 models. The county will also need to replace some X26P tasers that will be expiring in the near future.

The board approved the expenditure of \$78,000 for off-site computer storage at the Zimmerman Public Safety building to be installed in early 2023.

Also approved was \$75,377.48 to fund three HR Business Partner positions for the third quarter of 2022.

“As we all know, recruitment for law enforcement right now has become very challenging,” said Assistant Administrator Dan Weber, “and these costs help with recruitment and retaining law enforcement personnel.”

In costs under \$50,000, the board approved ARPA expenditures of \$14,012.56 for a fingerprint machine and \$16,506.63 for COVID-related payroll costs

in the administration department.

After the ARPA expenditures were approved, Weber updated the board on seven broadband projects currently being proposed in the county.

Two of the applications were discussed in July. One is a Border-to-Border grant project in Clear Lake and Haven Twps. that would provide access to 211 homes or businesses (passings) at a total cost of \$2,147,207.50. The county’s contribution would be \$634,162 if the grant of \$644,162 is awarded.

Another Border-to-Border project in Elk River will provide 42 passings at a total cost of \$542,651. If the grant of \$162,795 is awarded, the county’s share will be \$122,096.

Weber said a more recent Border-to-Border application by Frontier in Palmer Twp. in the Briggs Lake Chain Area will provide 406 passings at a total cost of \$2,698,526. He said if Frontier gets state funding, there will be no request to the county.

“If the state rejects the application, they will be seeking county funds,” said Weber.

The county also received four broadband applications from Midco. One in Orrock Twp. would provide 10 passings at a total project cost of \$88,000 with a \$59,000 request from the county.

An application in Blue Hill Twp. would cost \$134,000 and provide 23 passings with a request of \$71,000 in county contribution.

A project being proposed in Becker City and Township would provide 20 passings at a total cost of \$139,000 with \$63,750 funded by the county.

The final project in Li-

vonía Twp. would provide 67 passings at a cost of \$334,000 with a county contribution of \$161,000.

Each of the four Midco applications are seeking grants to cover part of the total cost.

“The applications from Midco didn’t score as high as other projects because they have lower passing numbers and a higher percentage of public funds,” said Weber.

Assessment Agreement

The board approved an updated agreement for the county to provide assessments for cities and townships.

Methane Project

The board accepted the final payment of \$34,854 from Elk River Municipal Utilities for the methane fa-

cility.

In 2003, Sherburne County financed the construction of the Elk River Municipal Utilities (ERMU) Methane to Energy facility. The county provided \$3,521,000 from solid waste surcharge money.

Tuesday’s action approves the release and satisfaction of the Promissory Note and Security Agreement and Financing Statement for Elk River Municipal Utilities’ Methane to Energy project.

Eminent Domain

The board passed a resolution to initiate eminent domain proceedings on properties along Co. Rd. 20.

The county will be re-designing and reconstructing Co. Rd. 20 to state standards and needs to acquire additional right-of-way. Currently, the approximate amount owed to all landowners is \$170,656.67.

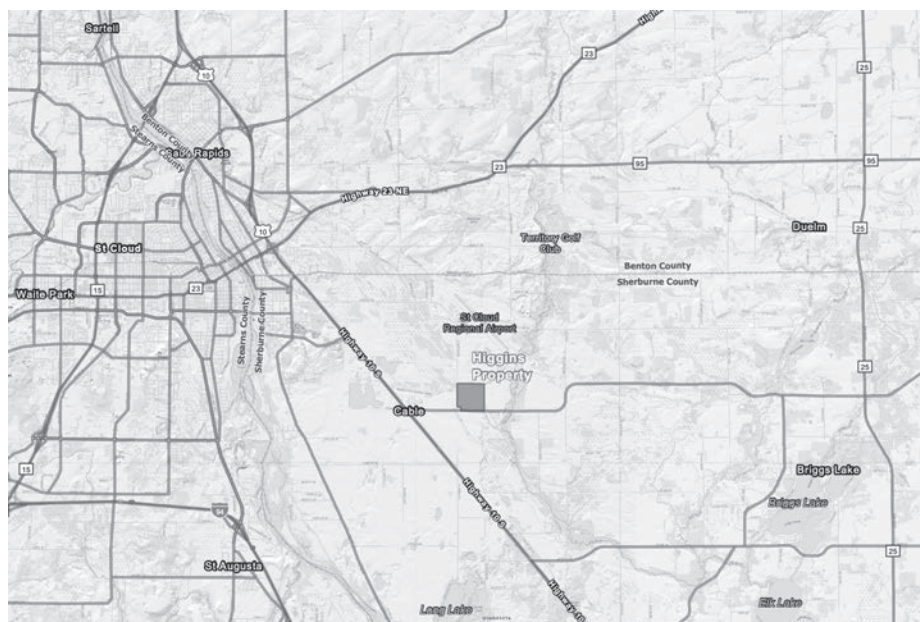
Knife River looking to mine Higgins Pit in Haven

Submitted Article

Knife River is proposing a 90.62-acre nonmetallic mineral mine on a 155-acre parcel located in Section 15 of Haven Twp., in Sherburne County. The mine will produce construction sand and gravel.

Knife River has entered into a purchase agreement with the landowners. This project would mine sand and gravel on land primarily used as agricultural cropland. The proposed mining area currently is tilled agricultural field and some wooded area. Mining will take this area out of agricultural production for the duration of the project.

This project will provide aggregate materials for use in local construction projects both public and private. Aggregate materials may be used



THE HIGGINS PROPERTY is located southeast of St. Cloud and northwest of the Briggs Lake Chain of Lakes. (Photo from Sherburne County Zoning webpage).

in production of ready-mix concrete and hot mix asphalt at other proposer locations.

Mining will involve site preparation by stripping topsoil overburden with dozers or other earth moving equipment to expose the sand and gravel material. Site preparation will occur only as needed for that mining season.

The material exposed will be mined utilizing front end loader or excavator wet extraction, screening, crushing, and stockpiling. All aggregate production equipment is portable and only remains on site while production is occurring.

The proposed mine will include the removal of two existing houses along with four outbuildings which will require a razing permit from the county. An existing septic system is proposed to be

abandoned per the MPC standards. All of which will require documentation in the form of receipts from a licensed landfill for the buildings to be removed and the required forms for the septic system to be abandoned.

Final restoration of the site will result in three separate ponds, approximately 16 feet deep, surrounded by natural vegetation.

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) that has been submitted to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) for the proposed mining operation.

Comments will be taken by the Zoning Office beginning October 11, 2022 until the November 10, 2022 comment deadline. Questions regarding the EAW will be taken by Mitch Glines at (763) 765-4466.

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Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)
Pastor: David M. Johnson, 763-262-7782, 11185 27th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship 9am, Sun. School 10:30am, Wed. J.U.M.P. 6pm.
Becker Baptist Church
Pastors: Nathan Bucher (Senior), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. of Child/Fam. Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am. During the school year: AWANA for Kids/Sun. School 9:15am, Midweek Connect for Kids 6:30pm. Please register Kids on our website. Youth Group: Wed. 6:30pm. www.beckerbaptist.org.
Becker Evangelical Free Church
Pastors: Gerald Deppa (Interim Senior), Chris Salvevold (Youth), 763-261-4125, Becker High School, Office: 11373 150th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Teaching/Fellowship 10am.
Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month. (Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays in Big Lake).

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers & Vicar Molly Wills, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am (Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays) Nursery available. Sun. school 9:55am, Refreshments & fellowship at 10:30am, Wed. programs: 6:00pm Wed. Worship, 6:30pm 7th - 9th grade confirmation, 7:30pm Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. Bible Studies: Tues. 9:00am www.faithlutheran-becker.org.
Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God
Pastors: Gerry Bass & Sarah, 763-220-6004, 13140 1st St (SW Corner of Becker Furniture World). Services: Sun. Bible Study/Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.
Snake River Free Church
Pastor: Steve Johnston, 612-219-8648, 180th St SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Sun. School 10:30am., Hymn Sing is second Sun. of every month.
Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church
Pastor: Ken Hanson, 763-262-2177, 15455 59th St SE. Services: Sun. Praise & Worship 9:30am, Wed. Family Fellowship 7pm.
Beacon House of Prayer
Pastors: Brian & Linda Holmes, 763-263-3771, 12264 Pleasant Ave. Services: Thurs. Worship 6:30pm.
Free Grace United
Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, Becker High School, 12000 Hancock St, Enter door 11. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

BIG LAKE
Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church
Pastor: Bill Nixon, 763-263-2287, 20455 187th Ave NW. Services: Sat. Worship 9am, Sat. Sabbath School 10:15am.
Bethany Bible Church
763-263-2167, 511 Eagle Lake Road. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.
Bridgeview Assembly of God
Pastor: Steve Royalty, 763-263-6274, 20500 County Road 11. Services: Sun. Worship 9am & 10:45am, Wed. groups (kids/youth/adults) 6:30pm.
SVEA Hill Covenant Church
Pastor: Don Bellach, 763-263-6322, 16392 235th Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.
Cornerstone Baptist Church
Pastor: Gordon Langdon, 763-263-7878, 15300 County Road 35.
Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrook
763-262-0028. www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com.
IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church
Pastors: Juan & Patricia Aguayo, 763-607-5403, 21 Lake St N. Services: Sat. 6pm.
Lord of Glory Lutheran Church
Pastor: Marty Mably, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10:30am.
Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm; Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays in Becker).
Riverside Church
Online: www.myrc.church, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.
Saron Lutheran Church
Pastor: Kyle Sidlo, 763-263-2209, 311 Lake St. S. Services: Sun. Worship

9:30am, indoors or livestream.
Spirit Life Church
763-262-LIFE, 221 Lake St N. Services Sun. mornings 9:45am. Going Deeper Sun. 9am. Prophetic Prayer Wed. 7pm.
SANTIAGO
South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA
Pastor: Courtney Young, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am and 10 am, Sun. School 9am.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School
Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.
Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Shari Routh, 920-573-0193, 1100 186th Ave NE. Services: Sun Good Shepherd 9am, Sun. Glendorado 10:30am.
Gethsemane Church (ELCA) - Ronneby
Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.
Glendorado Evangelical Country Church
Pastor: Sam Alfano, 763-662-2244, 16999 Glendorado Road NE. Services: Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

CLEAR LAKE
Living Waters Church
320-699-0876, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Starting in Sept. Wed. night Ladies in Recovery study at 6:30pm.
Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Pastor: Josh Reber, 320-743-2919, 8641 Main Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 8:45am, Sun. School 9:45am.
SHED Church - Non-Denomination in Palmer
Pastor: TBD, 320-241-0123, Palmer Town Hall, 4180 105th Ave. Services: Sun. 5pm. www.shedchurch.org.
St. Marcus Catholic Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Mon. & Wed. Mass 8am, Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. 8am.

DUEL M
St. Lawrence Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Services: Sun. Mass 10am, Tues. Mass 8am.
CLEARWATER
Clearwater United Methodist Church
Pastor: Alison Hendley, 320-558-2581, 405 Main St. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am.
Freedom Bible Baptist Church
320-434-347, 605 Lime St. (Old Clearwater Post Office). Services: Sun. Prayer 9am, Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:45am.
Rejoice Lutheran Church - ELCA
Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. School that begins in Recovery 9:30am. Livestream worship at Rejoice's Youtube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWYi5wmGw
Church of St. Luke
Father: Dennis Backer, 320-558-2124, 17545 Huber Ave NW. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8am & 10am, Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8am/ Sat. 9am.
Tri-County Alliance Church
Pastor: Zach Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

SILVER CREEK
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Pastor: Ken Tatkendorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am
Silver Creek Community Church
Pastor: Zach Pryor, 320-963-3957, 4282 114th St NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am, Sun. Fellowship 10am, Sun. School 10:30am.
SAINT CLOUD
Faith Lutheran Church
Pastor: Joshua Reber, 320-252-3315, 3000 County Road SE. Worship: Sun. 10:15am.

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Obituaries

Clarence A. Giloy, Jr., Age 77
Saint Cloud, MN
March 3, 1945 - October 13, 2022

Memorial service for Clarence A. Giloy, Jr. will be on Monday, Oct. 24 at 11 AM at Peace United Church of Christ, 402 8th Ave S., St. Cloud. Visitation will be on Sunday, Oct. 23 at Miller-Carlin Funeral Home, 3013 Roosevelt Rd., St. Cloud from 3-6 PM and one hour prior to service at the church on Monday. Private burial service at a date later.

A loving, devoted father and grandfather. A dedicated, passionate educator. A fisherman, hunter, and avid bowler. A lover of nature and camping.

Clarence Albert Giloy Jr., who passed away peacefully on Oct. 13 at age 77, was all of those things.
Born March 3, 1945 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Clarence graduated from Humbird (Wisconsin) High School in 1963 and went on to earn his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin at River Falls in 1968.
It was there he met Dixie Lee Campbell, and the two were married on Aug. 3, 1968 at Peace United Church of Christ in Berne, Minnesota. They would go on to spend many wonderful decades together, raising two children. They amicably parted in 2013

but remained close throughout his remaining years.
A longtime teacher and coach in Becker, Minnesota, he is remembered fondly by many of the numerous students whose lives he impacted.
Clarence also served his country proudly as a member of the Wisconsin National Guard from 1967 through 1973, and later gave many hours of his time in service to Peace United Church of Christ in St. Cloud, Minnesota.
He was preceded in death by his father Clarence and mother Ruth, as well as his brother Dale (Pete).
He is survived by Dixie, his sisters Donna Giloy and Dawn (Garry) Hanson, daughter Ellen (Frank) Rajkowski, son Corey Giloy and grandchildren Harlie, Logan, Nora and Josie.
In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations to be made to the Tri-County Humane Society in honor of Clarence's love of his many dogs over the years.
The family also wishes to extend its most sincere thanks to the staff at St. Cloud Benedict Court, especially his nurse Vanessa, for the wonderful care they provided him in his final years.

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Patty "Pat" A. Gedatus, Age 87
Becker, MN
October 9, 1935 - October 12, 2022

Memorial Services were held Friday, October 21, 2022, at Faith Lutheran Church in Becker for Patty "Pat" A. Gedatus, age 87, who passed away Wednesday at the St. Cloud Hospital. Rev. Yolanda Denson-Byers officiated, and burial was at the Becker Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior to the services at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Becker.
Pat was born October 9, 1935, in Minneapolis to Mortimer & Erma (Little) Mitchell. She married Richard "Dick" Gedatus on July 10, 1954, at Hope Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Pat was a homemaker and also worked for the telephone company in Washington, DC and for Carlson Pharmacy. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Becker where she was involved in Bible Study and Women of Faith. Pat enjoyed traveling, hunting,

crocheting, knitting, antiques, auctions, crossword puzzles, sporting events, square dancing, and spending time at the cabin near Hackensack. She was strong-willed, faithful, had a big heart, and was family oriented and involved with her grandkids.
Pat is survived by her daughter and son, Kathryn (Larry) Jilek of Rice Lake, WI and Michael (Deb) Gedatus of Rogers; grandchildren, Tony (Julie) Lorenzen, Brian (Kara) Gedatus, Kari Lorenzen, Wesley (McKenzie) Gedatus, and Matthew Gedatus; step grandchildren, Heather Parker, Jesse Jilek, Danielle (Vince) Mancuso; great grandchildren; great great grandchild; and her dog, Cleo.
In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Faith Lutheran Church.
Obituary, Guest Book, and Video Tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

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