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LAST WEEK, Dwight

Lundeen was awarded the

FCA Branch Rickey Service Award, recognizing those who demonstrate the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Values of Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence. See the story on page 14. (Submit-

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BECKER

Congressman Tom Emmer visited Becker Tuesday afternoon to tout his HR1

Energy Bill to local leaders in the State of Minnesota. See the story on page 12.

CLEARWATER The Clearwater Legion is holding a fundraiser for

the construction of a new **Clearwater Food Shelf**

building to be built on re-

cently-purchased property.

See the story on page 3.

SPORTS The Becker Archery team

had 10 archers qualify for

the Eastern Nationals on

Lousiville, KY on May 12-

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ted photo.)

The Easter Bunny comes to Clearwater

Clearwater area kids 11 were invited, and the had double the chance to meet the Easter Bunny last Saturday, as he first

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stopped by the Clearwater Fire Dept. and then hopped on over to Clearwater Coborn's.

Sponsored by the Clearwater Fire & Rescue Relief Assoc., the hunt for Easter eggs was on at 10 a.m. Kids aged 0 to different age groups ran around excitedly gathering up brightly colored eggs. At 10:30 a basket drawing was

held The fun also helped to raise money for Clearwater Fire & Rescue,

with a 'Fill the Boot' donation spot displayed during the event. The Clearwater Fire

Dept.'s Easter egg hunt event had originally been planned to take place at Clearwater Sportsman's Park, but Mother Nature had other plans, gifting the area with a fresh layer of snow the night before.

After hanging out with the kids at the fire department, the Easter Bunny hopped over to Coborn's at 11 a.m. There he greeted kids and sat with them for photographs. Kids 12 and under also had the opportunity to decorate sugar cookies, complete Easter crafts, and gather up eggs filled with candy.



MEMBERS OF THE CLEARWATER FIRE DEPT. and Auxiliary members gathered with the Easter Bunny last Saturday to host an Easter egg hunt for local kids. (Submitted photo.)

Becker Adult Prom "Fun"-draiser

The Becker Dance Team Booster Club had great success with their first ever Adult Prom fund-



raiser. This event took place at Pebble Creek on April Fools Day, and they sold out their max of 250

The attendees did not fall short when it came to getting dressed up for





WHITLEY PETERSON visits with the Easter Bunny during the Clearwater Fire Dept.'s Easter Bunny event. (Submitted photo.)

Santiago Lions host annual Eggstravaganza

A lot of good food and fun was served up at Santiago Township Hall on Palm Sunday. The

toast, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and more. In addition to the scrumptious break-

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bake sale took place, as well Santiago Lions treated as small animals outside for the children to enjoy.

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people to delicious madeto-order omelettes, french





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the occasion! They came decked out in 80s/90s themed-prom apparel. A small committee of about six people had spent the last couple months planning this event from the nostalgic candy, photo booth, a limo giveaway, games and DJ music pro-

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BECKY AND AARON OLMSCHEID hit the dance floor. (Submitted Photo).

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WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! Briggs Lake General Store in Palmer decided to have some fun with the late March snowfall event. Because three inches of snow fell over the weekend in the area, ice cream was discounted 30 percent all weekend at the store. It would appear that ice cream makes any day better, despite the weather! Left photo: Glen Nielsen and Nolan Wipper. Right photo: Autumn and Haley Wipper. (Submitted photos.)

EASTER BUNNY VISIT. Will Stang, Jocelyn Stang, Everhett Stang and Jesse Hansen got up close and personal with the Easter bunny and enjoyed goodie bags that were given to all the children. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



GOURMET COOKS! Darcee Larsen, Sandy Erickson, Tracy Daudt, Anda Campion, Harland Strube, Kayla Paulson, Keenan Paulson and Izzy Evens (not pictured) served a delicious meal. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

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SILVER CREEK

Editorials/Opinions/News **Bringing Down Energy Costs**

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

If we are going to get inflation under control, addressing the price of energy must be our top priority. Last week, the House of Representatives passed legislation that will work to lower energy costs for working Americans.

The Lower Energy Costs Act focuses on two main principles: increasing the production of American energy and reducing regulatory red tape that make it more challenging to expand American energy and natural resource development. This bipartisan, commonsense bill unleashes American energy and drives down costs for American families.

During 2022, the price of natural gas rose to the highest levels in nearly 15 years. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, more than 65% of Minnesota households use natural gas to power their homes. As Minnesotans, we understand that home heating isn't just a luxury, it is a life-and-death necessity for many months of the year.

The Lower Energy Costs Act will have major implications for miners in Northern Minnesota as

Extreme policy stopped

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Sen. Andrew Mathews.)

We have reached the halfway point of the 2023 legislative session. As we look back at the first part of this year, I want to draw attention to times when Republicans stopped extreme policy in its tracks, despite being in the minority.

During the first month of session, the Democrat trifecta fast-tracked the most radical abortion law in the nation. This legislation allows for abortions up until the moment of birth and removes all commonsense guardrails and protections. Senate Republicans did not let this legislation pass easily, and we stood up for Life during a more than 15-hour debate. Even though I am still extremely displeased by this legislation's passage, there is a small silver lining.

This session, Democrats introduced another



By Rep. Tom Emmer

well. The American economy will no longer be beholden to foreign adversaries with dubious labor protections when it comes to critical minerals, we will mine them here at home, in Minnesota. This legislation prohibits mineral withdrawals on federal lands, like we saw President Biden do earlier this year in Northern Minnesota, without an assessment on the impacts the withdrawal would have on the U.S. mineral supply chain. It will also streamline the permitting process, allowing these projects to move forward safely and efficiently.

The core tenets of The Lower Energy Costs Act are simple: lower costs for Americans, remove the bureaucratic red tape holding American energy back and restore America's energy





By Sen. Andrew Mathews

bill has so far halted the second bill's progress.

Additionally, back in February, Gov. Walz introduced troubling education provisions modifications. This legislation sought to require homeschool providers to submit their students' standardized test scores to local school districts. When the proposal was heard in the House, homeschoolers from across the state packed the committee room, and stood up for their rights, privacy and freedom. And in a victory for Minnesota homeschool families, the intrusive language was pulled. As a homeschool graduate, I am so appreciative of the Minnesotans who made their voices heard and fought for their core freedoms. We are also trying to stop radical and unconstitutional gun control measures and extreme partisan election law changes including Ranked Choice Voting. We're also trying to get the Democrats to fulfill their promises to Minnesotans that they would join Republican efforts to fully exempt

Governor wants \$17K/ month from taxpayers

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Rep. Shane Mekeland.)

À recent piece I wrote cited some "Fleecing of Minnesota" examples, highlighting government waste and abuse of taxpayer dollars. Here's another doozy to add to the pile:

We recently learned Gov. Walz and family will be relocating to a \$17,000-a-month lakeside mansion later this year during renovations at the St. Paul governor's residence. It's fair to expect the governor would receive nice accommodations during the time he's displaced from his official residence, but more than \$17,000 PER MONTH? At a total taxpaver cost of \$329,581 in rent? For a year and a half? This is outrageous.

Minnesotans are struggling with soaring interest rates, high inflation, and price increases across the board in this Biden-Walz economy. So what is a tone-deaf governor do at this point? He goes ahead and forces taxpayers fork over \$17,000 a month in rent payments for a palatial lakeside mansion for his family and him.

The governor can lay it on thick and patronize Minnesotans all he wants as the ol' ball coach in a buffalo plaid costume, but actions like this illustrate just how out of touch he is with the everyday Minnesotans - or how little he cares about taxpayers.

There are many more affordable options the governor could have chosen for his temporary residence that would have been far more reasonable for the paying public. A quick online search shows comparable properties are available within the same proximity at a much more reasonable cost. Instead, it's more for thee, not for we.

As if this doesn't look bad enough on its own, it's happening at a time the governor and fellow Democrats propose increasing state spending by 40%, raising taxes despite a massive state surplus, refuse to fully eliminate the state tax on Social Security and propose dramatically underfunding nursing homes. Oh, and they want to le-



By Rep. Shane Mekeland

tobacco and have plenty of time to advance gender-related issues.

Back to the tax increases: The House Democrat transportation bill alone raises taxes and fees by at least \$4 billion - \$1.71 billion in 2024-25, and by more than \$2.2 billion in 2026-27. This includes: License tab fee increases; \$10 surcharge on license tabs; Motor vehicle sales tax increase; 3/4-cent metro area sales tax increase (for transit); 75-cent delivery tax (everything from Amazon packages to pizza delivery).

Meanwhile, House Republicans are calling attention to the lack of funding for nursing homes in the House majority's budget proposal for the next twoyear cycle, despite the ongoing industry crisis.

As I've asked regarding eliminating the Social Security tax, if we can't support nursing homes at a time the state has a \$17.5 billion surplus, when can we?

Together, with Republican legislators, nursing home providers are calling on the Legislature to take action and ensure our nursing homes have the investments they need to keep caring for our seniors. We made a motion in the House chamber to declare urgency and vote to approve nursing home funding on Thursday, but the majority blocked that effort.

We'll see where things stand after the state's new budget is established. In the meantime, I will continue pushing for our priorities each day in St. Paul, whether it's defending taxpayers, supporting our seniors, advocating for improved public safety, standing up for our constitutional rights, promoting affordable and reliable energy, and more.

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Pastor: Ken Tatkenhorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am • https://silvencuet.luther-an-church-of-silver-creek.business site. Silver Creek Community Church Pastor: Zach Pryor, 320-963-3957, 4282 114th St NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am • https://silvercreekcommunity-church pat church.net.

SAINT CLOUD

Paith Lutheran Church Pastor: Joshua Reber, 320-252-3315, 3000 County Road SE. Worship: Sun. 10:15am. • www.faithstcloud.org.

pro-abortion bill that is even more extreme than the previous. If it were to become law, it would remove all reporting requirements to the Department of Health that disclose who is providing abortions in Minnesota, how many, and what level of care is given to babies that survive abortions (spoiler alert: it's not very much care). It also would repeal many bipartisan protections passed into law over the past decades. However, the way Republicans and Minnesotans pushed back against the Democrat's first abortion

etters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

The March 18th Patriot reported on the Palmer Township Board suspending all rentals of the township hall. The discussion by the Board concerning issues with SHED Church doesn't tell the whole story. Contrary to statements in the article, the church WAS given permission to use the closet. They were also told they didn't have to pay a damage deposit. These are both documented by text messages. These issues are red herrings, diverting from the fact that the church was immediately barred from using the township hall because it was "holding religious services," as stated in the Board's lawyer's letter to the church. The decision to evict the church was done without any warning or opportunity to discuss the issues, including the security camera, with the church prior to delivering the eviction letter. This action denies Equal Access. To defend religious liberty, SHED retained a lawyer to write a letter detailing the unconstitutionality of the board's decision. The

board had two choices: admit they are engaging in religious discrimination or close the hall to everyone. Unfortunately, they chose the latter. "Blessed are you when men hate you, exclude you, revile you, and cast your name out as evil for the sake of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day. - Luke 6:22 Jon Tweten **SHED Church**

TO THE EDITOR:

An editorial in the Patriot recently claimed the Justice Department categorized parents as "domestic ter-rorists." That phrase originated in a Sept. 29, 2021, letter sent by the National School Boards Association to the White House seeking assistance to stop threats and violence against public school boards and district officials. The letter argued some violent threats "could be the equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism." (The NSBA later apologized for use of the phrase.) Attorney General Merrick Garland responded by directing his agency to review strategies to address threats

galize marijuana but at the same time outlaw flavored

Social Security income from taxation.

As we look ahead, the second half of session will focus on finalizing our state's next two-year budget. The Democrats recently released their budget targets, which will serve as the framework for committees to formulate their respective budgets. Their targets show nearly \$18 billion in added spending-a record 30% increase to the state's current budget, plus raising taxes by billions of

against school boards, but

he didn't use the "domestic

dollars. What is missing, is meaningful tax relief for Minnesotans.

Senate Republicans have made it clear that with a massive \$17.5 billion surplus, one of our budget priorities must be permanent tax cuts. That is why we introduced our alternate budget targets. Our proposal shifts a cash bonding target to a general obligation bond target, freeing up \$1.9 billion to invest in other areas.

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terrorism" language. Garland never labeled parents "domestic terrorists" as republican politicians often claim. He made clear he considered parents voicing concerns at school board meetings protected under the First Amendment. Garland said he could not "imagine a circumstance" where "parents complaining" at a school board meeting would be "labeled as domestic terrorism." He made clear, the Justice Department was focused on the rise in threats and acts of violence against school board members and school officials.

Jeorgette Knoll **Orrock Twp., MN**

TO THE EDITOR:

For 247 years, the United States has been a beacon of freedom and individual liberty in a world of darkness and tyranny. That light went out on Tuesday, April 4. Donald Trump was arraigned by a Manhattan prosecutor, Alvin Bragg, who showed that he would destroy the rule of law in his quest to make good on his campaign promise to put Trump in prison. Prosecutors cannot "make up" a crime, they can only pursue the violation of a statute on the books. New York makes it a misdemeanor to make "a false entry in the business records of an enterprise." Whether Trump did that is moot, because that case wasn't brought within the two-year statute of limitations. But another New York statute makes it a felony if the aforementioned false entry was made to cover up a crime. Mr. Bragg never set out the statutory basis for that other crime. The media alleges that Trump violated campaign finance laws, but those are Federal laws, which Bragg lacks authority to enforce. Any firstyear law student can tell you that Bragg's case is a joke. But the people who live in banana republics aren't laughing; they're crying as they watch the lights dim in the last best hope of mankind.

Russ Armstrong Becker, MN

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vided by dance dad, Travis Williams.

BDT would like to thank all the sponsors who donated to this event and helped make it a huge success and also give a BIG thank you to all attendees that came out for this fun event! The dance floor was filled all night, smiles, laughter and a great time was had by all. BDT booster club is already thinking of plans for another event next



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JESSE AND MATT O'NEIL pose for photos in their shiny garb. (Submitted Photo).

Fundraiser to be held for new Clearwater Food Shelf building

Everyone is encouraged to stop by the Clearwater American Legion next Saturday, April 15,

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer production@patriotnewsmn.com

has seen an increase of 20% of those in need.

Needing a larger facility to continue to extend their services,

the Clearwater – Clear Lake Food Shelf has taken

for a fundraiser being held the first step by purchasing to help raise money for the a 1-acre parcel of land in new Clearwater – Clear Clearwater from Rejoice Lake Food Shelf building Lutheran Church. The new building will be in a safer environment, be handicap accessible, and have public rest rooms. The building design has been completed and has an estimated cost of \$450,000.

upcoming fundraiser April 15. The event will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Clearwater American Legion, with a pulled pork sandwich dinner, silent auction, and bake sale.

"It's been amazing to see individuals from other organizations bringing their ideas and talents to help make this event a suc cess," said Food Shelf Volunteer Mary Abraham. "We are very excited about this fundraiser." The next Clearwater Clear Lake Food Shelf fundraiser is being planned for April 29. Weather permitting, they will be holding a tree sale on their newly acquired land as they have had a lot of interest in



neighbors who are faced with food insecurity and provide other resources for those in need. The organization serves the Clearwater and Clear Lake areas of Central Minnesota, which fall within Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright Counties.

For anyone in need, the Clearwater-Clear Lake Shelf is currently

that is planned for their recently purchased property.

For the past 25 years, the food shelf has occupied a space of approximately 400 square feet in the Clearwater Lions Community Building. Client usage has steadily grown during this time, and more recently, because of rising food costs, the organization

To reach their goal, volunteers and food shelf members will be holding a variety of fundraisers, with the first event being the



VOLUNTEER DOUG BROWN Food Shelf Coordinator Susie Brown, and Volunteer Kathy Langva next to the sign proclaiming the land to be the future home of the Clearwater - Clear Lake Food Shelf. (Submitted photo.)

the trees growing on the property.

The mission of the food shelf is to serve friends and located in the Lions Community Building under the Clearwater water tower at 1100 Co. Road 75. Hours of operation are Mondays 5:30 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays 9 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and Wednesdays 3 to 5 p.m.

Proposed gambling ordinance draws crowd at Clear Lake City

The Clear Lake City Council met Monday evening and started off with three public hearings, before the agenda turned to

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the regular city council meeting

The first two hearings, about a variance request and a change to the vegetation height allowance in the city, drew no speakers.

Then, council held a hearing that proposed the adoption of language to regulate charitable gambling donations for funds generated within the City.

Several members of the Clear Lake Lions spoke about the proposed ordinance, voicing concerns about the intent of the language and how it could restrict their ability to donate to certain causes.

Lion Joe Gruenes quizzed the council members about the purpose of the new ordinance, as well as the wording that pointed to the City being in control

of the donations. He surmised that this could cause the City to have to file the appropriate paperwork with the state's Gambling Control Board

as they dispersed the funds.

"I'm requesting proper clarification of the ordinance," Gruenes stated.

Mayor Tim Goenner responded that the city was hoping to also include Clear Lake Township as an area that could receive the charitable funds and the intent was not to have the council being the ones to disperse the funds.

It was also suggested that the ordinance was modeled closely after what the City of Becker currently has on the books.

There was additional discussion about the allowable donation area being tied to what is referred to as the "trade area" of the city and not necessarily defined by the municipality's borders

Former County Commissioner Felix Schmiesing



FORMER SHERBURNE COMMISSIONER FELIX SCHMIESING asked the Clear Lake City Council to table their action on a proposed charitable gambling ordinance. The council obliged and will review the matter again next month. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger).

suggested to Goenner that the council table the issue

for the evening, allowing the Lions Club members time to review the proposed ordinance, as the language had not been available prior to Monday's meeting.

"It's tough to comment on it if we haven't seen it (the language)," Schmiesing said.

Mayor Goenner then asked for a motion to table the public hearing, and it received unanimous ratification. This will allow the council to reconsider the concept next month with a continuation of the public hearing.

Council Action

When the regular meeting was called to order, SCSO Sgt. Andy Ochs addressed last month's call load, noting 66 calls for service - about half of which were for traffic stops and security checks.

Next, council adopted a motion to change the lawn vegetation ordinance, providing for eight inches of maximum growth as compared to the previous 12 inch allowance.

Council then discussed a security contract for the city's computers and server,

deferring action until the insurable limits could be explored at a later date.

After considerable discussion, member Chad Nelson then motioned to adopt the city's Business Subsidy Policy, which will allow Clear Lake to consider helping businesses with programs such as Tax Increment Financing or Tax Abatements.

In Other Business, the Council:

 Discussed the parking lot at the post office, noting that the owner of the building is responsible for ice removal;

· Heard from City Engineer Keith Yapp and Public Works Director Dustin Luhning that the city's generator is compatible to be used on the lift stations should the need arise;

 Approved the annual hiring of the seasonal public works employee;

 Heard from Goenner about his meeting with St. Cloud Superintendent of Schools Laurie Putnam.

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The City of Clearwater, Mn is seeking applications for a Community Development Specialist. This position will be responsible for community development functions within the city, including planning and zoning, economic development, park development, and community outreach. Please see the city's website for a full job description. Minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree in urban planning or a related field, or an equivalent combination of education and work experience. The position is 32 hours per week with a full benefits package. Starting wage is \$28.25/hour DOQ. Offers of employment are contingent upon a full background check. Applications can be obtained by visiting

www.clearwatercity.com or call (320) 558-2428. Return applications to the City of Clearwater, PO Box 9, Clearwater, MN 55320 or email to asmythe@clearwatercity.com no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023. City of Clearwater is an EEO/AA employer.

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Becker 2022 Drinking Water Report Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: four wells ranging from 53 to 61 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian and Quaternary Water Table aquifers.

Becker works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Jeremy Halvorson, Water Supervisor, at 612-290-1098 or water@ci.becker.mn.us if you have questions about Becker's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 800 426 4791.

Becker Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar year.

Definitions

- AL (Action Level): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
- MCL (Maximum contaminant level): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety
- MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- N/A (Not applicable): Does not apply.
- ppb (parts per billion): One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter ($\mu g/l$).
- ppm (parts per million): One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).
- PWSID: Public water system identification. Monitoring Results - Regulated Substances

LEAD AND COPPER - Tested at customer taps.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Action Level	Results Were Less	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead (07/20/20)	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0.82 ppb	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper (07/20/20)	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.92 ppm	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

Nitrate	10 ppm	10.4 ppm	6.4 ppm	0.00 - 6.40 ppm	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sew- age; Ero- sion of natural deposits.

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable) Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 parts per million is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	Ideal	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalo- methanes (TTHMs)	N/A	80 ppb	37.3 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	N/A	60 ppb	9.5 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.85 ppm	0.57 - 1.00 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

OTHER S	UBSTAN	CES – T	ested in d	rinking wa	ter.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.98 ppm	0.82 - 1.10 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water ad- ditive to promote strong teeth.

Monitoring Results - Unregulated Substances

In addition to testing drinking water for contaminants regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, we sometimes also monitor for contaminants that are not regulated. Unregulated contaminants do not have legal limits for drinking water.

Detection alone of a regulated or unregulated contaminant should not cause concern. The meaning of a detection should be determined considering current health effects information. We are often still learning about the health effects, so this information can change over time.

The following table shows the unregulated contaminants we detected last year, as well as human-health based guidance values for comparison, where available. The comparison values are based only on potential health impacts and do not consider our ability to measure contaminants at very low concentrations or the cost and technology of prevention and/or treatment. They may be set at levels that are costly, challenging, or impossible for water systems to meet (for example, large-scale treatment technology may not exist for a given contaminant).

A person drinking water with a contaminant at or below the comparison value would be at little or no risk for harmful health effects. If the level of a contaminant is above the comparison value, people of a certain age or with special health conditions - like a fetus, infants, children, elderly, and people with impaired immunity - may need to take extra precautions. Because these contaminants are unregulated, EPA and MDH require no particular action based on detection of an unregulated contaminant. We are notifying you of the unregulated contaminants we have detected as a public education opportunity

from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 800 426 4791. Learn More about Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Sources

Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges
- Pesticides and herbicides are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties.
- Organic chemical contaminants include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production.

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:

- How Becker is protecting your drinking water source(s);
- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed.

Find your source water assessment at Source Water Assessments (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/ swa) or call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Becker is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

- 1. Let the water run for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.
 - You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/ npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home
 - The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.
- Use cold water for drinking, making food, and making baby for-2. mula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
 - Test your water. In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.
 - Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:
 - Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (https:// eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam)

The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.

Treat your water if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.

Read about water treatment units:

4.

Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/ water/factsheet/poulead.html)

INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant (Date, if	EPA's Ideal	EPA's Limit	0	Range of Detected	Violation	Typical Sources
1	Goal (MCLG)	(MCL)	or Highest Single Test Result	Test Results		

More information is available on MDH's A-Z List of Contaminants in Water (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/index.html) and Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 4) (https://www.health. state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html).

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.					
Contaminant	Comparison Value	Highest Average Result or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results		
Sodium* Sulfate	20 ppm 500 ppm	24.5 ppm 26.4 ppm	17.30 - 24.50 ppm 14.90 - 26.40 ppm		

*Note that home water softening can increase the level of sodium in vour water.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk

- Visit Lead in Drinking Water (https://www.health.state.mn.us/ communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html)
- Visit Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (http:// www.epa.gov/safewater/lead)
- Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 800 426 4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources (https://www.health. state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/sources.html).

Water systems have ongoing infrastructure, operations and maintenance costs in supplying safe drinking water, and many are implementing additional efforts to help insure health equity and manageable water bills with:

- Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth.
- · Shower instead of bathing to reduce water use.
- · Fix running toilets by replacing flapper valves.
- Run full loads of laundry and use a minimal water use setting.
- Our water system partners with others to help consumers with limited resources make payments to their water bills.
 - · Contact us to learn more.
- (Published in the Patriot: 04/08/23).

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Ronald E. Hoglund, 81 - March 25, 1941 - March 18, 2023

Ron Hoglund, lifelong resident of the Monticello area. transitioned peacefully from this world on March 18, 2023, at the St. Cloud VA Health Care System, after gracefully enduring Alzheimer's disease for several years.

Ron was born at the family home near Hasty on March 25, 1941, to Bernice (Dahlgren) and Vernon Hoglund. He attended Lilypond and Carter country schools through 8th grade, when he transferred to Monticello High School, where he graduated in 1959. Ron participated in football and wrestling and many other school activities. He then worked in the twin city area until he volunteered for military service in the U.S. Army. He served 2 years, with the majority of that time spent in Bamberg, Germany. Upon discharge, he returned to the Monticello area and eventually married. Two children, Heather and Grant, were born to that marriage, which ended in divorce. In 1981, he met the love of his life, Kate, and they have been married for over 40 years.

Over the years, Ron farmed, owned Hogie's Grocery Store in Silver Creek, and was a sales representative for Hoglund Bus

Company among other endeavors, and then owned and operated the American Family Insurance Agency in Monticello for more than 25 years. After his retirement in 2000, he became involved in land de-

velopment, which had been an interest of his for many years. He developed the Hoglund Hills property first and then was one of 4 partners in the Bridgeview development, both of which are across the Mississippi River from Monticello. In addition, he and his brother Dean Hoglund partnered in building the Annandale Storage Condos.

Ron always loved his hometown Monticello area. He became a leader in the community and was very actively involved in doing whatever he could to promote Monticello. He was one of the founders of the Monticello Lions Club, was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, was a long-time member of the Industrial Development Committee and an active member of the American Le-

gion, participating as a member of the Legion Honor Guard for several years. When help was needed with anything in the community, Ron was always one of the first to volunteer his help. He received many accolades

for his volunteerism and love and pride in his community, including being named Monticello's Citizen of the Year in 2001. Ron is survived by his loving and proud wife,

Kate (Brausen) of Big Lake, daughter Heather (Janis) and their 2 children Trevor and Connor of Simi Valley, California, son Grant (Jennie) and their 2 children Evan and Norah of St. Paul, his brother Dean (Bonnie) of Annandale, his sister Connie (Jerry James) of Deer River, and sister-in-law Vickie (Gary) of Monticello. He was preceded in death by his parents and beloved brother Gary.

Even though Ron was a kind, honest, generous and respected man, he was also a very modest man. He truly believed that everyone is created equal and should be treated with respect. He never felt that he was better than anyone else and that is how he lived his life. Ron's reputation for joke telling and story telling is well known. It is certainly a part of his legacy. He loved getting people to laugh and he accomplished that time after time.

We bid a loving farewell to Ron, who had an ever-present smile on his face and set an example of how to be a truly "good guy." He had a long and fulfilling life and, through his example, touched the lives of many others. He will be missed, but the memories will sustain us.

No services will be held. There will be a memorial gathering in early summer in Monticello. Condolences may be sent to Ron's family at P.O Box 67, Monticello, MN.

Ron's family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the staffs of St. Cloud VA's BRU Unit and 51-1 West Unit for their loving care of Ron. They were extraordinary and will never be forgotten.

Susann M. Koste (Beck), 80 Clear Lake, MN March 27, 2023

Koste, Susann M. (Beck) age 80 of Clear Lake, MN, formerly of Anoka, passed away on March 27, 2023 after a courageous battle with dementia. Susann

was the daughter of the late Reis & Ann Beck. She graduated from Anoka High School in 1960 and Susann and Dennis were married on September 16, 1961 before moving to Anoka. Susann worked

in the dental field for 45 years first as a dental assistant and then as an office manager. In 1989 Susann and Dennis moved to Julia Lake in Clear Lake, MN. Susann is survived by her husband Dennis, son Gregory, grandchildren Kate (McLane) Larsen and Abbie & Max Koste, great-grandchildren Hank & Beau Larsen. Graveside Services Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 11 am at Calvary Cemetery, Anoka. A luncheon and sharing of memories will be held from 12 noon to 2 pm also on June 27th at the Anoka Le-

gion Post #102, 400 West Main Street, Anoka. We would like to acknowledge the excellent care and love that was provided for all

Memory Care patients by the Guardian Angels By The Lake; Direc-

tor, Nursing Staff, Nursing Aids, Activities Director, Maintenance Supervisor and last but not least Food Service personnel. Also we would like to acknowledge the same for all the staff at the Guardian Angels Transitional/Rehab Care Center in Elk River. You are all Angels doing God's work. Thank You. Thurston-Lindberg Funeral Home, 763-421-0220

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICA-TION OF THE DEBT AND **IDENTITY OF THE ORIG-**INAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 23, 2007; ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL

AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$50,000.00; MORTGAGOR(S): Samantha

Shoop and Michael Shoop; MORTGAGEE: Inter Sav

ings Bank, fsb; DATE AND PLACE OF RE-CORDING: Recorded with the County Recorder in and for the County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota, on November 5, 2007, as Document No. 661993

ASSIGNMENTS MORTGAGE: Assigned to Great Southern Bank in Assignment of Mortgage dated October 1, 2012, recorded October 25, 2012, as Document No. 759275; further assigned to Alabama 2, LLC in Assignment of Mortgage dated February 8, 2023, recorded February 13, 2023, as Document No. 953764;

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lot 3, Block 2, Lencioni Estates

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

30944 101st Street Northwest, Princeton, MN 55371

COUNTY IN WHICH PROP-ERTY IS LOCATED: Sherburne

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUD-ING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$50,646.19

THAT there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure requirements; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at

CITY OF CLEAR LAKE **OFFICIAL SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 805**

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 805 BY REG-ULATING UNCONTROLLED PLANT GROWTH ON PROPER-TIES

The purpose and intent of this amendment to this Ordinance is to control uncontrolled plant growth on properties within the city limits. Printed copies of the full text of this ordinance are available for

public inspection in the office of the City Clerk during regular business hours or on the city website.

This ordinance was passed and the summary thereof approved on the 3rd day of April, 2023

/s/ Kari Koren - City Clerk

(Published in the Patriot: 04.08.23.)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Clear Lake will meet on April 19, 2023 at 6:00 P.M., at the Clear Lake City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization. /s/ Kari Koren - MCMC City of Clear Lake - City Clerk (Published in the Patriot: 04/08/23.)

gagee

law or otherwise to recover the

debt secured by said mortgage, or

of sale contained in said mortgage.

the above-described property will

be sold by the Sheriff of Sherburne

April 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

DATE AND TIME OF SALE:

PLACE OF SALE: Sherburne

County Sheriff's Office, 13880

Business Center Dr NW, Suite

100, Elk River, Minnesota, to pay

the debt secured by said mortgage

and taxes, if any, on said premises

and the costs and disbursements,

including attorneys' fees allowed

by law subject to redemption

within six (6) months from the

date of said sale by the mortgag-

or(s), their personal representa-

the mortgagor must vacate the

property if the mortgage is not

reinstated under section 580.30 or

the property redeemed under sec-

tion 580.23: October 19, 2023, at

BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION

BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVES OR AS-

SIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED

TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDI-

CIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STAT-

UTES, SECTION 582.032,

DETERMINING, AMONG

OTHER THINGS, THAT THE

THE TIME ALLOWED

The date on or before which

tives or assigns.

11:59 p.m.

THAT pursuant to the power

any part thereof;

County as follows:

13100 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 100 Minnetonka, MN 55305 Phone: 952-224-9551 Email: brian@hoelscher-law.com FORECLOSURE DATA

Minn. Stat. Sec. 580.025

(1) the physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises is 30944 101st Street Northwest, Princeton, MN 55371; (2) the name of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in section 58.02, if the person holding the mortgage is a transaction agent as defined in section 58.02, subdivision 30 are as follows: - not applicable; or the name of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in section 58.02, if the

person holding the mortgage is not a transaction agent as defined in section 58.02, subdivision 30 are as follows: residential mortgage servicer - Great Southern Bank, lender or broker - Alabama 2, LLC:

(3) the tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises is: 01-532-0215;

(4) if stated on the mortgage, the transaction agent's mortgage identification number is: - not applicable:

(5) if stated on the mortgage, the name of the residential mortgage originator as defined in section 58.02 is: Inter Savings Bank, fsb (Published in the Patriot: 03/04/23, 03/11/23, 03/18/23, 03/25/23,04/01/23,04/08/23)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CP 71-PM-023 PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE is hereby given that electronic bids will be accepted through the Sherburne County online bid portal https://bidvault. mn.uccs.com/ until 1:00 PM on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 . This will be the only means of submittal of a bid.

The Major Quantities of Work are: YELLOW LATEX STRIPING PAINT F & I GALLON 4,865 WHITE LATEX STRIPING PAINT F & I GALLON 4,135 FLOATATION GLASS BEADS APPLIED LB 72,000 PAVEMENT MARKINGS LF 591,570

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

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

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

The cost to download the Plans & Specifications is free. The cost to obtain a hard copy of the Plans & Specifications is

\$50.00 with an additional \$10.00 mailing fee. THE COST TO SUBMIT A BID WILL BE \$25.00 PAYABLE TO RTVISION WHICH ALLOWS ACCESS TO THE ELEC-TRONIC BID DOCUMENTS VIA BID VAULT AT https://bidvault.mn.uccs.com.

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

No bidder may withdraw their bid (which shall include the bid bond) within 15 days of the scheduled bid submittal date of Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive minor irregularities. The County Board will consider award of the contract at the May 2, 2023 County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review

It is the County's intent to begin construction the first part of July 2023 and completed by end of October 2023.

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

Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 14th day of March 2023. /S/ Bruce Messelt,

County Administrator, Sherburne County, Minnesota PUBLIC NOTICE

Sherburne County has designated its official website as https:// www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php. Official publication of bids, requests for information, and requests for proposals will be done on the official website as an alternative means to disseminate solicitations of transportation construction and maintenance projects

(Published in the Patriot: 03/25/23, 04/01/23, 04/08/23.)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2023 SEAL COAT PROJECTS Clear Lake Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota

Sealed proposals for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for the bituminous seal coat of two town roads in Clear Lake Township, Sherburne County, will be received by the Clear Lake Township Board of Supervisors at the Clear Lake Town Hall, 7938 116th Street SE, Clear Lake, MN, 55319, until 7:30 P.M., CDT, on April 18th, 2023, and then will be opened and publicly read aloud. The Township's mailing address is; P.O. Box 305, Clear Lake, MN 55319.

General Description

The projects consist of the following major items of work:

- Application of:
- 800 gallons of bituminous material for fog seal,

2,000 gallons of bituminous material for seal coat,

And 100 tons of seal coat aggregate, FA 2, Class A.

And other related items of work.

Contract Description The contract is a unit price contract and is described in the Bid

Package **Project Schedule**

All work included in the contract shall be completed within 20 calendar days of date of commencement as stated in the Notice to Proceed

Project Plans and Documents

The Bid Package as prepared by Clear Lake Township Roads is on file in said Town Hall located at 7938 116th Street SE, Clear Lake, Minnesota. Arrangements for reviewing the bid package are to be coordinated with Clear Lake Township Roads, cltwproads@hotmail. com, 320 267 7393.

Please Note: The Township's business hours are Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Copies of the Bid Package for use by Contractors in submitting a bid may be obtained from the the QuestCDN web site for a non-refundable fee of \$22.00.

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

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days of the actual date of opening thereof.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount equal to 5% of the bid

27 March 2023

/s/ Lloyd Bud Stimmler

Clear Lake Township Board Chair

(Published in the Patriot: 04/01/23, 04/08/23.)

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners March 21, 2023 - County Board

Workshop Minutes The Board Chair Opened the **County Board Workshop Meet**ing

Solid Waste Programs: Part 2. Planning & Zoning

Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator; June Sayers, Hydrogeologist

Received a presentation on and discussed the solid waste programs, facilities, and activities provided by County Hydrogeologist June Sayers and Solid Waste Administrator Dave Lucas. Highlighted overviews of the following were provided; Types of Landfill, County Licenses Required, Landfill Construction & Design, Sherburne County Geology and Groundwater, Four Landfills in the County, Industrial Solid Waste, and Landfill Inspections.

Sherburne County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Discussion. Planning & Zoning

Marc Schneider, County Planner County Planner and HKI representative Lancer Bernard reviewed and provided feedback on draft Value Statements and Goals for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the Board. Items reviewed were the schedule of the plan, updates on the land use, plan directives such s value statements, goals and policies and policy

areas

Announcements

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

BASC Now At BCC! All Area Seniors Welcome. Senior Center Open Mon. - Fri. 5am-5pm.

Coffee Is On At 5am. Mon, Apr. 10: 10 am: Carbles. Come and learn to play! 2 boards and up to 6 players each. For more info, see the newsletter!

Tues. Apr. 11: 7 am: Wake Up & Walk. 7:30 am: Boosted Walk both in BCC gym. 9 am: Cards/ Conversation. 9:15 am: 500 Club -Cash prizes!

Wed. Apr. 12: 12:00 pm: BINGO! With Liberty Paper at BASC. <u>Thurs., Apr. 13:</u> 9 am: Cards &

Conversation. **11 am:** Mike Bru-baker Speaker: 1940'S & 1950'S Census. 4-6 pm: Friends of the Library Book Sale

Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271

Blood Pressure available whenever BASC is open Send activity/class to basc. becker@gmail.com. Planning meeting 3rd Wed. @1pm. Next board meeting Apr. 19 from 3:30-5:00 pm

Big Lake Senior Center

The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake St.

MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A **RESIDENTIAL DWELLING** OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS,

ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRO-DUCTION, AND ARE ABAN-DONED. Dated: February 23, 2023 Alabama 2, LLC Assignee of Mortgagee

HOELSCHER LAW FIRM, PLLC By: /s/ Brian G. Hoelscher (#238752)

Attorneys for Assignee of Mort-

LYNDEN TOWNSHIP, STEARNS COUNTY IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2024 property taxes.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Lynden Township will meet on April 11, 2023, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m, at Lynden Township Hall, 21367 County Road 44, Clearwater, MN 55320. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the Stearns County Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation and classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

/s/ Jenny Schmidt

Lynden Township Clerk

(Published in the Patriot: 04/08/23.)

Sherburne County Notice of Amendment the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Low Interest Loan Program Ordinance Ordinance No. 241

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners amended the County's Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Low Interest Loan Program Ordinance to allow for costs associated with a survey of a property when the survey is required by an applicable local ordinance for the purpose of ensuring setbacks for SSTS replacements or repairs, provided that the survey is performed by a licensed surveyor. The above Ordinance was adopted by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, and effective upon date of publication. A copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, at the Sherburne County Government Center, during normal County business hours.

/s/ Jillian Carlson Environmental Specialist Planning and Zoning (Published in the Patriot: 04/08/23.)

Request for Proposal

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is now accepting Request for Proposals (RFP) for a facility remodel project for our Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program located in Monticello, MN. Interested parties should have experience with child care facility renovations with a finished product that meets all local and state regulations, codes, and policies. To request an RFP, email Tomi Haakinson at Tomi.Haakinson@tvoc.org by April 21, 2023. /s/ Tomi Haakinson

Child Care Services Manager

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. (Published in the Patriot 04/08/23, 04/15/23)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2024 property taxes. The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the City of Becker will meet on Thursday, April 13th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., at Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue SE, Becker MN 55308. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization. /s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk

(Published in the Patriot: 04/08/23.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sherburne County PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION will meet at 6:00 P.M. April 20th, 2023, at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota to hold a public hearing for all unincorporated areas of Sherburne County in which the County has zoning and land use authority, to consider the following application(s) and other planning and zoning related topics.

Carol Zimmerman (Property Owner Anthony Zimmerman & C Vetter-Lane): Request Conditional Use Permit for Farm Related Business-Small Winery. PID # 45-021-2405. Property Address: 15913 41st St, Becker, MN. Legal Desc: W 1-2 of SE 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 21, Twp 35, Rge 28, Santiago Township. 5 acres in the Agricultural District.

Amendment to the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance: Amendment to Section 11, General Regulations, Subd 4, Buildable Lot Standards to establish an exemption to the Buildable Lot Standards of the Subdivision Ordinance for properties where an existing residence is being subdivided from a larger track of land.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Policy Discussion

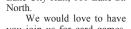
The hearing of these requests is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this hearing. Recommendations made by the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board may be subject to further action by the Township of Baldwin, the Township of Livonia or the Township of Big Lake, and the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners.

Recommendations that are forwarded to the County Board from this public hearing are anticipated to be heard at the May 16th, 2023, County Board of Commissioners Meeting at a time to be determined in the County Board Room located at the Sherburne County Government Center.

Lynn Waytashek, Zoning Administrator (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/08/23.)

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved For Payment 3/06/2023				
Vendor Name	<u>Amount</u>			
Medsurety LLC	2,142.00			
State Of Minnesota	2,756.75			
4 Payments less than 2000	6,419.25			
Final Total:	11,318.00			
(Published in the Patriot 04/08/23)				

Adjourn Workshop Meeting /s/ Lisa Fobbe, Board Chairperson /s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator (Published in the Patriot 04/08/23).





Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 3/03/2023 For Payment 3/032023

warrants Approved On 5/05/2025 1 01	1 ayment 5/052
Vendor Name	<u>Amount</u>
ADP Inc	19,019.15
American Solutions For Business	3,201.53
Backstrom/James C	2,350.00
Bruce & Linda Fritz	9,900.00
Centerpoint Energy	50,816.90
Century Link	36,522.94
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	12,600.00
Connexus Energy	7,855.16
Diamond Vogel Paint	4,680.00
Elk River Municipal Utilities	63,041.96
Fidelity Security Life	3,213.64
Franklin Outdoor Advertising	7,700.00
Glenn R. & Gwendolyn F. Johnson	22,071.92
Hoisington Koegler Group Inc	4,515.00
Keefe Supply Company	3,924.48
Lefebvre's Carpet	6,531.24
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co	30,893.84
Maxima Supply .	2,883.84
Medica	735,772.00
Minnesota Monitoring Inc	5,494.25
National Dusters	5,482.24
North Country Chevrolet Buick GMC	37,995.76
Phoenix Supply	4,156.70
Plaisted Companies Inc	4,107.21
Presbyterian Family Foundation	12,455.02
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc (SEH)	2,405.34
Streichers Inc	2,870.95
Travelers	45,467.00
Treas Ind School Dist 477	14,347.68
Treas Palmer Township	14,856.38
86 Payments less than 2000	34,895.86
Final Total:	1,212,027.99
(Published in the Patriot 04/08/23)	

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION

warrants Approved For Payment 3/09/2023				
Vendor Name	<u>Amount</u>			
OBO Amazon	8,421.70			
OBO Dacotah Paper	8,186.39			
OBO Omni Hotels & Resorts	2,427.76			
OBO Survey Monkey	2,563.40			
OBO Vistaprint	2,005.60			
76 Payments less than 2000	31,269.20			
Final Total:	54,874.05			
(Published in the Patriot 04/08/23)				



Sherburne County Board of Commissioner
March 21, 2023 - County Board Meeting Minutes
Call to Order

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on March 7, 2023, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was at 9:00 am

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda Felber/Hulse were unanimous to approve the proposed meeting agenda as amended with removing item 3.16 from the Consent

Agenda.

Open Forum Steve Fuchs and Eric Boe of Big Lake spoke regarding public safety issues. Ron Hirsch of Becker spoke on County Road 93 **Consent Agenda**

Danielowski/Felber were unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with the removal of item 3.16.

Approved County Board Meeting minutes from March 7, 2023. Administration

Approved County Board Workshop Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2023. Administration

Membership and Agreement with the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program. Administration

Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

Approved entering into a membership agreement as part of the Houston Galveston Area Council Cooperative (H-GAC) Purchasing Program. The term of this contract shall be January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. This contract shall thereafter automatically be renewed annually for each succeeding fiscal year. (On file.)

Commissioner Expense Claims. Administration Bruce Messelt, County Administrator

Approved expense claims for Commissioner Danielowski for the NACo Legislative Conference in the amount of \$313.89 and Commissioner Felber for the Commissioner 101 Conference and the NACo Legislative Conference in the amount of \$823.25. Auditor/Trea-Commissioner & Manual Warrants.

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Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

February 28 2023, Manual Warrants \$3,850.50

March 3 2023, Commissioner Warrants \$1,212,077.99

March 3 2023, Manual Warrants \$6,063.75

March 9 2023, Manual Warrants BMO Harris Pcard Feb 2023 \$54.874.05

March 10 2023, Commissioner Warrants \$885,032.59

March 10 2023, Manual Warrants \$11,318.00

2022 Carryover and Designations for Preparation and Completion of Official Financial Statements. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved the following:

- Approved of the list of deferred revenues and restricted amounts required by law.

- Authorized standard carryovers and the carryovers requested by departments to the 2023 Budget.

- Approved and authorized the designation of fund balances in the Special Revenue, Debt Service, and Capital Projects fund, in accordance with the County's fund balance policy and accounting standards. (All on file with Administration.)

Working Capital Cash Flow - General Fund Auditor Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved the Working Capital Cash Flow, with this amount to be shown in the financial statements as Unassigned Fund Balance, as per Board-approved Resolution No. 122022-AD-3057. (On file.)

Community Corrections' Ongoing Acceptance of Clothing Closet Donations. Community Corrections

Corey Mabis-Rowe, Director of Community Corrections

Approved and authorized Community Corrections to continue to accept ongoing donations from Community Corrections and Judicial Branch staff for clients and their families.

Joint Power Agreements (JPAs) and Court Service Amendment and Renewal for the Community Corrections Department. Community Corrections

Corey Mabis-Rowe, Director of Community Corrections

Approved Joint Power Agreements (JPAs), Resolution No. 032123-AD-3076, Court Service Amendment and Renewal for the Community Corrections Department. The JPA is effective on the date that the BCA obtains all required signatures Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subdivision 2 and expires 5 years from that date. (On file.)

HHS OBO Warrants dated March 1st, 2023. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved HHS OBO Warrants, as follows:

March 1st, 2023 HHS OBO Warrants \$4,408.98

Children's Mental Health Respite Grant Amendment. Health & Human Services

Megan Carriveau, Social Services Manager

Approved and accepted a Children's Mental Health Respite Grant Amendment, extending the grant to 12/31/2023, and increasing the grant amount by \$20,602. (On file.)

March 10, 2023 IFS/ADMIN Warrants. Health &

ville, West Virginia. Total costs are estimated at \$11,300 and will be paid from the Jail's Travel, Training & Professional Development budgets.

Scheduling a Public Hearing for April 4th, 2023, to Consider Amendments to the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Low Interest Loan Program (ORD-241). Planning & Zoning Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator, Jillian Carlson

Approved the scheduling of a Public Hearing, to begin at 7:00pm or soon thereafter, on Tuesday April 4th, 2023, to consider amendments to the Subsurface Sewage Treatment System Low Interest Loan Program Ordinance (ORD-241). Appointments to Sherburne County Commissioner Committees. Administration Bruce Messelt, County Administrator, Lisa Fobbe, County Commissioner Felber/Gray were unanimous to appoint the following commissioners to the following ad hoc Board of Commissioners Committees: Energy Transition Committee: Commissioner Felber and Commissioner Gray. Elections Committee: Commissioner Danielowski and Commissioner Hulse.

Regular Agenda

Proclamation of March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Health & Human Services

Tony Masters, Social Services Manager

Danielowski/Gray were unanimous to approve by Proclamation March 2023 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Sherburne County. Social Services Manager Tony Master read the proclamation to the Board and provided the Board with the history of the proclamation.

Update on Midco Broadband Activities within Sherburne County. Administration

Melissa Wolf, Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

Received an update from Midco representative, Melissa Wolf, on its fiber expansion plans throughout Sherburne County. Areas Ms. Wolf highlighted the following during her update: Midco Fiber Network Map

- Fiber Forward Initiative

- Midco's Community Involvement - Midco Foundation

- Sherburne County past projects with Midco 2020-2022

- Sherburne County Expansion plans for 2023 & 2024

- Midco Investment in Sherburne County 2020-2024

- Recapped Service Offerings

- Map of Midco Service and Future Projects in Sherburne County. Public Works Donation for Park Land Development.

Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator

Gray/Danielowski were unanimous to approve the acceptance of a \$7,800 donation for use on the costs associated with developing the recently acquired Big Elk Lake land as a nature-based park. Parks Coordinator Gina Hugo shared kind words of Mr. Bill Bronder and his generosity and contributions to the Sherburne County parks and wetlands. Bill Bronder of Foley spoke to the Board regarding his donation of funds to the Big Elk Lake Park project.

Re-Appointment of the County Agricultural Inspector. Planning & Zoning

Mitchell Glines

Danielowski/Felber were unanimous to approve the re-appointment of Mitch Glines as County Agricultural Inspector and approve the proposed 2023 Workplan. The term of this appointment will be in effect from March 21, 2023 through March 21, 2028.

Groundwater Sampling at Vonco, Vonco II, Becker Ash Landfill, and Elk River Landfill. Planning & Zoning Dave Lucas, Solid Waste Administrator, June Sayers

Felber/Hulse were unanimous to approve groundwater sampling at Vonco, Vonco II, Becker Ash Landfill, and Elk River Landfill, not to exceed \$12,500, and authorized the Solid Waste Administrator to sign the agreement with Houston Engineering to provide such services. The term of this agreement shall be effective March 21, 2023 and terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled and all deliverables have been approved by the County. (On file.)

Auditor-Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2023. Auditor / Treasurer

Loraine Rupp, Finance Officer

Hulse/Felber were unanimous to approve and accept the February 2023 Financial Report as presented by the Finance Officer Loraine Rupp.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update and Recommended Approvals and Expenditures. Administration Dan Weber, Assistant County Administrator

Approved the bi-weekly ARPA related expenditures as follows:

Danielowski/Felber were unanimous to approve expenses less than \$50,000 equaling \$10,270 for Public Works Loader Equipment. This would be a one-time cost and approved \$46,200 for contracted County Attorney Retainer Fee - One Time Cost as presented by County Attorney Kathleen Heaney at a total of \$56,470.00

Approved expenses greater than \$50,000 as follows: Felber/Danielowski were unanimous to approve 2023 County Attorney Staffing Positions in the amount of \$128,062. Felber/Danielowski were unanimous to approve Public Works Snow Removal Equipment in the amount of \$101,138. This is a one-time cost.

Commissioner Corresponde coming Meetings, Future Agenda Items Commissioner Danielowski - APO with audit firm, Central MN Council on Aging meeting, APO meeting in St. Cloud, Investiture Ceremony for Judge Kristi D. Stanislawski, AMC Legislative Update, Sherburne County SUP Coalition meeting, Sherburne County EDA meeting, CMRP Technical meeting, Big Lake Community Fair, Park System meeting, Asset Management Tool discussion, Lunch with Big Lake City Administrator, Conversations with constituents Commissioner Felber - Metropolitan Emergency Services meeting, Investiture Ceremony for Judge Kristi D. Stanislawski, AMC Legislative Update, Community Corrections Advisory Board, Tri-County Solid Waste Management Board, NACo Rural Caucasus update, Sat in on the Mayors Against the Legal Gun ATF Gun Tracking Report, Township Feedback session for Land Comprehension Plan, DEIB presentation, Constituent concerns Commissioner Hulse - Property Tax Increase and Election Integrity meeting, Meeting with Tom Emmer, District Manager Meeting Staci Morse, Investiture Ceremony for Judge Kristi D. Stanislawski, American Legion Conference, Annual Guardian Angels Charity Event, EDA, Announced Elk River City Hall is an Open House for Redefine 169 Project Commissioner Gray - Soil and Water Conservation Day at the Capital, MICA, Soil & Water Conservation Board Meeting, Investiture Ceremony for Judge Kristi D. Stanislawski, AMC meeting, Meeting with Tom Emmer District Manager Meeting Staci Morse, Clear Lake and Palmer Township Annual meetings, Big Elk Lake Park meeting, Open House for Ditch No. 1, Planning & Zoning monthly meeting Commissioner Fobbe - GRRL Finance Committee meeting, MICA Board meeting, CMJTS, Community Government Relations meeting, CMJTS Workforce Development Board, CMJTS Joint Powers meeting, GRRL Fund Development meeting, Lisa has packets for people to distribute to business who considering donating to the GRRL system, Big Elk Lake Park Development Committee meeting, Meeting with Representative Daudt, Meeting with Mayer of Princeton, Meeting with Mayor of Zimmerman, Constituent meetings

Manual Warrants	1,212,027.99	Total
3/3/23	50.00	General Revenue
	(012 75	Fund
	6,013.75	Agency Collections
M INV (D	6,063.75	Total
	MO Harris Pcard Wa	
3/3/23	49,497.34	General Revenue
		Fund
	1,189.91	Public Works Fund
	1,708.74	Solid Waste Fund
	1,471.07	Jail Commissary
		Fund
	1,006.99	Justice Center
		Enterprise Fund
	54,874.05 Total	
Commissioner Warr		
3/10/23	281,803.76	General Revenue
		Fund
	105,476.37	Public Works Fund
	2,881.33	Human Service Fund
	900.00	Solid Waste Fund
	32,916.94	Jail Commissary
		Fund
	279,925.50	Sherco Regional
		Rail Authority
	123,503.38	Justice Center
	- ,	Enterprise Fund
	32,411.57	Agency Collections
	25,213.74	Payroll Fiduciary
	20,210.71	Fund
	885,032.59	Total
Manual Warrants	000,002.07	Totur
3/10/23	2,142.00	General Revenue
5/10/25	2,112.00	Fund
	9,176.00	Agency Collections
	11,318.00	Total
Commissioner Warr		Total
3/10/23	42,802.48	Human Service Fund
5/10/25	10,105.48	Agency Collections
	52,907.96	Total
Warrants	52,707.70	Total
3/10/23	20,418.88	Avivo
5/10/25	337.33	Backhaus/Elizabeth
	333.00	DNA Diagnostics
	555.00	Center
	468.35	Influencer Hotspot
	897.50	Kranz/Ashley
	712.50	Lighthouse Child &
	/12.50	Family Services
	340.00	MFWCAA
	10,598.14	Mn Dept Of Human
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	1,426.11	Quadient Leasing
	1,720.11	USA, Inc
	1,300.66	Real Time
	1,500.00	Translations, Inc
	585.00	,
	565.00	Riversedge
	5 102 00	Flooring Inc Sherburne Co Sheriff
	5,192.00	
	6,000.00 463.09	USPS-POC Vee/Victoria
	2,836.40	26 Payments less

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52.907.96 Total Lisa A. Fobbe, Board Chairperson Bruce Messelt, Administrator (Published in the Patriot: 04/08/23.)

Sherburne County WARDANTS FOR DURLICATION		
WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION		
Warrants Approved On 3/10/2023 For	•	
<u>Vendor Name</u>	Amount	
ArcaSearch LLC	2,295.00	
Beaudry Oil Company	4,566.82	
Carefree Cleaning LLC	9,433.00	
CGW Law Office	4,525.00	
Clearview AI, Inc.	5,495.00	
Dacotah Paper Co	5,654.14	
Dell Marketing L.P.	19,898.80	
Dennis Senger & Kathleen Gerdts-Senger	7,600.00	
Hess & Jendro Law Office, P.A.	11,050.68	
Hubbard Electric, Inc.	10,400.00	
Innovative Office Solutions, LLC	5,822.57	
Intoximeters Inc	2,380.00	
Janis M. Cimperman	6,100.00	
Jeffrey A. & Karen M. Swan	19,246.56	
Jeremy's Lawn Service Inc	13,850.00	
Keefe Supply Company	21,251.16	
KFI Engineers PC	4,300.00	
Law Enforcement Labor Service	4,110.82	
LeGrand/Michele	15,050.00	
Life Insurance Company of North America	7,984.88	
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	24,875.64	
Martin-McAllister Consulting Psychlogist	3,000.00	
Maxima Supply	2,903.44	
MCCC LOCKBOX	36,868.71	
Metropolitan Council	279,381.50	
MNPEA	6,240.00	
Phoenix Supply	5,551.54	
Promise Neighborhood	5,332.42	
RTVision, Inc	5,720.47	
Sand Creek EAP LLC	2,418.75	
Sanity Solutions Inc	10,733.84	
Senior Community Services	5,513.79	
Sherburne Co Trail Assoc	15,912.57	
State Treasurer	15,214.50	
Steven & Sonja Zitur	14,100.00	
Teamsters Local 320	5,038.50	
The JonesZylon Company LLC	2,710.68	
Trinity Services Group Inc	187,443.30	
Tyler Investigative Services	2,565.95	
US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	6,920.71	
Vistar Corp Warzacha Auto Warka Ina	2,652.97	
Warzecha Auto Works, Inc	4,862.87	
Windstream	2,035.27	
101 Payment less than 2000	56,020.74	
Final Total:	885,032.59	
(Published in the Patriot 04/08/23)		

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved IFS/ADMIN warrants as follows: March 10th, 2023 IFS/Admin Warrants \$52,907.96

Agreement with Baldwin Township for Information Technology Consulting. Information Technology

Brian Kamman, IT Director

Approved an Agreement with Baldwin Township for Information Technology consulting. The term of this contract shall be in effect March 21, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Cost of consulting to Baldwin Township will be \$80 per hour. (On file.)

Firewall Consulting Contract with Heartland Business Systems. Information Technology

Brian Kamman, IT Director

Approved a contract with Heartland Business Systems for Firewall Consulting. Work is schedules to run from April 4, 2023, through June 20, 2023, at a cost of \$61,003.75. (On file.)

Replace the South Portions of Asphalt at the Government Center Campus. Maintenance

Steve Becker, Maintenance Department Head

Approved replacement of the south portions of asphalt of the Government Center Campus at a cost not to exceed \$61,000 to be completed in the summer of 2023. Metro Paving was the low bidder with an estimate of \$59,700

Professional Services Agreement for County-owned Property Clean-up on the Big Elk Lake Park Land. Public Works Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator

Approved a professional services agreement for property clean-up at the Big Elk Lake Park Land and authorized the use of solid waste funds to fill the funding gap between actual cost and the amount held in escrow. This agreement shall commence on March 21, 2023 and shall terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled. The total compensation payable to the Contractor for Services and expenses under this Agreement shall not exceed \$38,209.96. (On file.)

Resolution No.032123-AD-3074 and an Agency Agreement with MnDot for Contract No. 1052381 for County Project 071-070-042. Public Works

David Roedel, Assistant Public Works Director

Approved Resolution No.032123-AD-3074 and the Agency Agreement between the Commissioner of Transportation and Sherburne County for MnDOT Contract No. 1052381 for County Project 071-070-042, and authorized the County Board Chair and County Administrator to sign the Agreement. This agreement shall be effective on the date that the State obtains all signatures required by Minnesota Statutes § 16C.05, subdivision 2 and shall expire when all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled. (On file.)

Out-of-State Travel & Training for GIS Staff to Attend ESRI User Conference in San Diego, CA. Public Works Brett Forbes, GIS Coordinator

Approved Out-of-State travel for three GIS staff members to attend the national GIS Conference in San Diego, CA on July 10-14 2023. Total estimated cost of \$6,740.00.

Donation of Sheriff's Office Lab Equipment to Alexandria Community College. Sheriff

Joel Brott, County Sheriff Approved a donation of two pieces of outdated lab equipment no longer needed by the Sheriff's Offices to the Law Enforcement Program at Alexandria Community College

Out-of-State Travel Request for a Sherburne County Substance Use Prevention Coalition Member. Sheriff Joel Brott, County Sheriff

Approved a request for out-of-state travel for a Sherburne County Substance Use Prevention (SUP) Coalition member to attend the Montana Summer Institute in Big Sky, Montana, from June 20-23, 2023, for training purposes using federal funds from the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program Grant. The cost of \$995.00 will be covered by an education and training grant.

Out-of-State Travel for Members of Jail CERT Team. Sheriff

Joel Brott, County Sheriff

Approved a request for out-of-state travel for six members of the Jail's Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) to attend a Mock Prison Riot training from April 29 to May 3, 2023, in MoundsRecess Regular Meeting, Open Community Health Board Meeting Adjourn Community Health Board Meeting, Recess **Reconvene, Open Workshop Meeting Close Workshop Meeting. Adjourn Regular Meeting**

Manual Warrants		
2/28/23	3,850.50	Agency Collections
	3,850.50	Total
HHS OBO Warran	its	
3/1/23	323.04	OBO Amazon
	427.94	OBO Connexus
	1,061.00	OBO Elia
		International
	562.45	OBO Granite City
		Real Estate
	493.66	OBO Holiday Inn
		Express
	410.47	OBO Monticello
		DMV
	500.00	OBO Walmart
	630.42	7 Payments less
		than 300
	4,408.98	Total
Commissioner War		
3/3/23	311,517.71	General Revenue Fund
	45,353.04	Public Works Fund
	50.00	County Ditch Fund
	1,025.00	Law Library Fund
	16,337.97	Solid Waste Fund
	53,331.80	Jail Commissary
	, ,	Fund
	12,773.34	Justice Center
		Enterprise Fund
	1,704.97	Agency Collections
	769,934.16	Payroll Fiduciary Fund

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved For Payment 2/28/2023	
Vendor Name	Amount
State Of Minnesota	2,175.75
1 Payment less than 2000	1,674.75
Final Total: (<i>Published in the Patriot 04/08/23</i>)	3,850.50

Sherburne WARRANTS FOR	PUBLICATION	
Warrants Approved For Payment 3/01/2023		
Vendor Name	<u>Amount</u>	
State Of Minnesota	2,383.00	
State Of Minnesota	2,534.50	
3 Payments less than 2000	1,146.25	
Final Total:	6,063.75	
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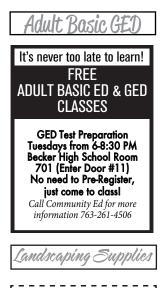
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Kenneth "Kenny" H. Johnson, 86 July 14, 1936 - March 31, 2023

Kenny was born to Leonard and Pauline (Nobbe) Johnson, July 14, 1936, in Santiago Township. He died peacefully at the St. Cloud Hospital as a patient in

Comfort Care. Кеппу had worked at Options in Big Lake & Functional Industries in Buffalo. He enjoyed Special Olympics, fishing, boating, and the Community Education Programs. He especially loved all his friends & caregivers in the group homes, they were family to him.

Services for Kenny will be at the Snake River Church in Becker Twp., at 10:30 am, April 15, 2023. From Holiday gas station on Hwy. 10, go five miles north on Co. Rd. 11, then 1.5 miles east on Co. Rd. 4, then left on 180th St. (there

is a Snake River Church sign. Go 3/4 mile. Church will be on the left. Address of Snake River Church: 8940-180th Ave, Becker.

> He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Carl, and his brother and sister-inlaw, Harold & Donna (Borst) Johnson, and one nephew, Brian Johnson. Survivors in-

clude 2 nephews, Wayne (Bealinda), Mi-

chael (Kathy), and Brian's wife Trudy, and 3 nieces, Denise, Dianne, Patricia (Jim) Walker and many great grand & great great grandnieces & grandnephews.

The family would like to thank all those in his group homes & St. Cloud Hospital Comfort Care who took great care of our uncle Kenny.

Public Notices

Independent School District #726	ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Becker, Minnesota	SAP 71-619-013 - Bituminous Overlay of CSAH 19 from CSAH 4 to CSAH 2
Regular School Board Meeting	CP 71-609-022 - Bituminous Overlay of CSAH 9 from E of CR 45 to HWY 169
March 6, 2023	CP 71-662-021 - Bituminous Overlay of CR 62 from N Co Line to CSAH 20
SUMMARY	CP 71-685-022 - Bituminous Overlay of CR 85 from CSAH 16 to CSAH 11 SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
The complete minutes are on file in the district office and on the district website.	NOTICE is hereby given that electronic bids will be accepted through the Sherburne County online bid
	portal https://bidvault.mn.uccs.com/ until 1:00 PM on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 . This will be the only means of
Chair Aaron Jurek called the regular meeting of the School Board of District #726 to order on the 6th day	submittal of a bid.
of March, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Teaching & Learning Center.	The Major Quantities of Work are:
Roll Call.	Common Excavation/Embankment CY 2,900 Granular Borrow CY 2700
	Aggregate Base and Shouldering TON 6,500
Members present: Troy Berning (attending remotely), Ryan Hubbard, Aaron Jurek, Connie Robinson,	Full Depth Reclamation SY 249,000
Corey Stanger, Pete Weismann	SP 9.5 & 12.5 Wearing Course Mixture TON 6,100
	36" Storm Sewer Pipe / Culverts LF 80
Members absent: None	6" Concrete Walk LF 230
Others present: Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent & Kevin Januszewski, Director of Business Services	Seeding AC 3 Pavement Markings LF 196,000
Servers presenter serventy benning, supermendent & Kevin Januszewski, Director or Dusiness Services	Pavement Markings LF 196,000 The bids will be reviewed by the County Engineer and County Attorney for the approval of the bid bond and
A Presentation was provided by John Weekley, Sherburne & Northern Wright Special Education Cooper-	the results of the review shall be posted within 3 business days at the following website: https://mn-co-sherburne.
ative	app.rtvision.com/oneoffice. Review of the bids by the County Engineer and the County Attorney should not be
	construed as an award of the bid. The final approval of the bid requires action by the County Board.
CITIZEN COMMENTS: None	Plans & specifications may be examined at the office of the Sherburne County Highway Engineer, 13880
Motion by Pete Weismann, seconded by Corey Stanger, to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended:	Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330, Monday-Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm, or online at <i>https://</i>
Motion by Fele weisinanii, seconded by Corey Stanger, to Approve the Consent Agenda as amended.	www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php & follow the Construction Projects & Bids (eGram) link. A user ID & password is required to download the Plans & Specifications. Contact Public Works at 763-765-3300
Remove 3E: Achievement & Integration Plan to the Regular Agenda for Discussion	to obtain the necessary information.
	The advertisement for this project may also be viewed at the MnDOT State Aid for Local Transportation
Motion carried unanimously.	eAdvert web site at https://eadvert.rtvision.com
Method by Commission and a day David High and the American the Astronomy of the Internet of the Internet in Disc	The cost to download the Plans & Specifications is free.
Motion by Corey Stanger, seconded by Ryan Hubbard, to Approve the Achievement & Integration Plan , as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	The cost to obtain a hard copy of the Plans & Specifications is \$50.00 with an additional \$10.00 mailing fee.
as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	THE COST TO SUBMIT A BID WILL BE \$25.00 PAYABLE TO RTVISION WHICH ALLOWS ACCESS TO THE ELECTRONIC BID DOCUMENTS VIA BID VAULT AT https://bidvault.mn.uccs.com
CONSENT AGENDA	All bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond for at least five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid.
	No bidder may withdraw their bid (which shall include the bid bond) within 15 days of the scheduled bid
MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	submittal date of Tuesday, May 2, 2023.
	The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive minor irregularities. The County
DISBURSEMENTS – in the amount of \$3,466,475.05	Board will consider award of the contract at the May 16, 2023 County Board Meeting contingent upon County
PERSONNEL, as presented	Engineer & County Attorney review. It is the County's intent to begin construction mid July 2023 and completed by mid September 2023.
	The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities.
DISTRICT OFFICE 22-23 CONTRACT, on file at District Office	Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 4th day of April 2023.
	DATED: October 26, 2022
Motion by Corey Stanger, seconded by Connie Robinson, to <i>Accept the Following Gifts</i> :	BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
Baseball Booster - \$1,500 - Baseball Liberty Paper - \$300 - Girls Basketball	/s/ Bruce Messelt
Liberty Paper - \$500 - Onis Basketban	County Administrator, Sherburne County, Minnesota (Publiched in the Patriot, $04/02/23$, $04/02/23$)
Motion carried unanimously.	(Published in the <i>Patriot</i> : 04/08/23, 04/15/23, 04/22/23.)
The School Board Reviewed the following policies. There was no action taken.	MATHEWS from page 2
208 Development, Adoption, Implementation of Policies 306 Administrator Code of Ethics	
307 Compensation and Benefits	This will provide meaningful tax relief; a bonding bill that invests in infrastructure;
1	support for Minnesotans struggling to find long-term care; and an increase in the agricul-
The School Board tabled Amending the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar until the April School Board	ture budget. I believe that is a bipartisan comprise that will deliver for the critical needs
Meeting.	of our state.
	As we move into the final months of the legislative session, I will continue to push
The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. /s/ Aaron Jurek, Chair	back against the Democrats' extreme agenda and advocate for policies that deliver for
/s/ Aaron Jurek, Chair /s/ Pete Weismann, Clerk	Minnesotan families.

Happy Easter!

Easter Sunday is a time to celebrate the miracle of Christ's victory over death. The Resurrection is fundamental to our Christian faith, giving each of us the promise of eternal life. I invite you to count all the blessings in your lives as you gather with your loved ones.

From my family to yours, Happy Resurrection Day! May Christ's victory over death bring you joy, hope, and renewal.











Recorder: /s/ Angela Oswald

(Published in the Patriot: 04/08/23.)

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Area/Sports News

School hoping grants will augment cost hikes

On Monday evening, the school board met for their regularly scheduled meeting. All members were present with Ryan Hubbard participating remotely. No Public Comment.

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

School Administrative Report

A presentation was shared by the Middle School and High School administrative teams. The presentation was a follow up from their October presentation that included how ODR's were handled and what areas were the most frequent. They also shared how they use predictions to determine possible upticks and notify or schedule preventative measures around the areas likely to increase.

Student Report

The Student Report included updates from winter activities and also spring activities. Some highlights include: Robotics has secured a spot in the World Championships in Houston (There are multiple fundraisers that will take place to support the students in this opportunity-Reach out to a participant or advisor for more information), Track and Field took first in their indoor meets for boys and girls. Tennis has begun matches and remains undefeated, Golf has started practice and eager to get on

the course, baseball has had practices, softball has practiced and scrimmaged at St. John's and SCSU. GSA has received their sweatshirts and look to update the display area. Speech had two

All-Conference and one HM win-

ner at the confer-

ence meet. NHS hosted the final blood drive for the year. Lacrosse has started practices. Rugby has been training and recruiting with some of the girls team members taking advantage of a chance to tour and play in Scotland!

Supt. Report

The Superintendent Report included an update on MCA testing, staffing, legislative update, update on construction project and graduation. Committee Reports were also shared.

 Activities-Looking to add DECA to our activities options, updating grade check process;

• ECFE-Lots of events and projects. Starting to fundraise for a playground. They also have lots of family projects and activities taking place;

 Facility-Update on the transportation, MS and HS projects. Additionally, IS has been working second shift to put things into place to allow as much activity as possible in the summer;

 Finance-Discussed insurance and looking at having an insurance committee meeting soon;

• Policy-Have worked

on policy 722 and will continue to meet on the policy to ensure it is well thought out

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was passed on a unanimous vote.

Gifts

Gifts were also approved and recognized on a unanimous vote.

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

Of special note was a non-monetary donation of welders and welding rods from American Highway. Policies

Review of policies 407-Employee Right to Know-Exposure to Hazardous Substances and 412-Expense Reimbursement.

First readings for policies 410 Family and Medical Leave Policy, 416 Drug and Alcohol Testing and 536 Special Dietary Needs. Calendar

The 2022-2023 school year calendar was amended. At this time, families will see very little changes. Seniors last day of school will be Friday, May 26, 2023. Teaching staff will be required to make up the last snow day on June 5, 2023. Administration will work with building teams to develop a plan for the staff make-up day.

Grants

There was a resolution passed with the school board supporting SF 2615

(Hauschild) and HF 2917 (Howard-2001 Becker Graduate). Schmidt will be working to get letters drafted and send out an email to all staff members to come down and select and sign off on some so he can get those to the legislators.

"These bills, if passed, will provide an opportunity for Becker Public Schools to obtain grants from the MDE to supplement our building projects," said Schmidt. "We had competitive bids, however, we did have to change or scale back many portions of our projects. This is due to unprecedented inflationary costs. While we did budget for some inflation, we did not anticipate increases of around 25% for some pieces of the project."

Additionally, Schmidt says he is working with local legislators, Representative Shane Mekeland and Senator Andrew Mathews on another bill that would exempt Becker Public Schools from sales tax on materials, supplies, and equipment purchased after December 31, 2021 and before January 1, 2025 related to the project.

Adjournment

The Meeting was ad-

journed at approximately 7:55 pm. Reminder

The May Regular Board Meeting will take

Becker City Council hears annual police report

To kick off Tuesday's Becker City Council meeting, Chief Brent Baloun of the Becker Police Department presented his annual

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

report. He noted this was the 17th such report he has given during his time serving the city.

During the past year, the Becker Police Department Facebook page was removed, and Chief Baloun said he still did not know the reason



POLICE CHIEF BRENT BA-LOUN gave his annual report. (Photo captured from online video.)

Facebook removed the page from the platform. But, there is a new BPD Facebook page up now for any social media users wanting to follow the department.

Council authorized hiring another police officer, and Officer Tristain Mello joined the department. Chief Baloun said Officer Mello has been an excellent help and has performed remarkably.

The BPD has had several events over the past year, giving the department a chance to interact with the community. Baloun said the "Donut Day" the department held this year will likely become an annual event. They handed out over 250 donuts this year and felt the event was very popular and well received. They also recently held "Coffee with the Cops," and hope to do so again this summer.

Safewise has named Becker the 18th safest city in Minnesota.

Supporting officers is one of Chief Baloun's goals moving forward.

Baloun noted that of

all the traffic stops made by his officers, there is a 79.2% warning rate, where motor-

> infractions. He says it's not all about money and ticketing people for the smallest infractions, but about

> making sure the streets are safe.

ists are not given tickets for

They are looking for reserve officers right now, with the reserve unit being down to about four members, where, in the past, it has been as high as eight or nine. Typically, students interested in pursuing law enforcement are excellent for the reserves.

A full report is available on the city's website.

BAC Addition

Council approved the addition of two youth ball fields to the Becker Athletic Complex (BAC). Youth sports teams are making use of the fields and need more space for all the participants. Currently, there is little space to go around, and practices need to go late into the evening, as late as 8 or 9 p.m., which is not ideal for young families.

To help the city implement the additions, the youth baseball program contributed \$2,500 from concession sales and \$7,000 from a grant from the Minnesota Twins. Their contributions will pay for about 45% of the total cost of adding the two fields.

In Other Business, the Council:

 Approved hiring a contractor to re-write the city zoning code;

· Approved a plan for a Dairy Queen drive thru, which will be located in the same building as Dueling

· Sold their part of the old fire station (currently being used as the American Legion building) to Becker Township as per their agreement

 Entered into a contract with Rum River for building official services:

 Entered into a contract with Wold Architects for schematic designs for city hall and the police department.

Two professional actor/directors from Prairie Fire's staff directed the production and played the roles of Tiger Lil and Captain Hook.

Chelsie is so excited to be working with Prairie Fire. After pursuing her degree in Musical favorite roles have included Steel Magnolias (Shelby), Big Fish (Jenny Hill), and The Marvelous Wonderettes (Cindy Lou). Chelsie is grateful to be given the chance to combine her love for teaching and theater.

Colin Anderson

Colin is grateful to be working with Prairie Fire Children's Theatre. Prior to working with Prairie Fire, Colin was working at Tweetsie Railroad in North Carolina as a Cowboy stunt performer. Theater has al-

PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT THE ALEXANDRIA-BIG OAKS TRANSMISSION LINE PROPOSAL

Peter Pan flies into Becker Last weekend (March 31 and April 1), 56 Becker

students in grades 2-6 took to the stage to perform Prairie Fire Children's Theatre production of Peter Pan!

The actors spent time rehearsing after school Monday-Friday and in five

Submitted Article

short days they were ready to put on the shows. The weeklong experience was sponsored by Becker Community Education.

Chelsie Burks

Theatre from Shorter University she has gone on to perform in several regional performances. Some of her

About Prairie Fire Children's Theatre

Prairie Fire tours throughout the year bringing a professional theatrical experience to communities in just one week.

place on May 1.

ways been his first love, but being able to combined it with the joy of working to help the actors of tomorrow makes it all the more enjoyable.

Open houses scheduled to provide information and answer questions about transmission line expansion

Xcel Energy, along with other utility partners, is proposing new transmission line infrastructure that will improve electric reliability in the region, reduce congestion on the transmission system, and increase access to new low-cost renewable energy in the coming years.

The Alexandria-Big Oaks transmission line proposal would add a second transmission circuit on the open side of the existing CapX2020 transmission line structures between Alexandria and Monticello, Minnesota, along with new structures to connect to the new Big Oaks substation, which will be built near Xcel Energy's Sherco power plant.

CAPX2020 HISTORY

When originally approved, regulators and utilities believed the transmission grid would eventually need expansion. Rather than build an entirely new transmission line, the MN Public Utilities Commission directed CapX2020 to build the Fargo-St. Cloud/Monticello line capable of adding a 'second circuit,' which would reduce the amount of future infrastructure. The utilities involved in this project include Great River Energy, Minnesota Power, Missouri River Energy Services, Otter Tail Power Company, and Xcel Energy.

BIG STONE SOUTH-ALEXANDRIA

The Big Stone South-Alexandria segment will connect a new 345-kV transmission line between the existing Big Stone South substation in northeast South Dakota and the Alexandria substation near Alexandria, Minnesota. Otter Tail Power Company and Missouri River Energy Services, the companies leading this portion of the project, will work closely with landowners, communities, and local officials to

Open House Schedule		
Tuesday April 11	4:00-7:00 pm	Alexandria Holiday Inn 5637 Highway 29 South Alexandria MN 56308
Wednesday April 12	4:00-7:00 pm	Becker Community Center 11500 Sherburne Ave. Becker MN 55308
Thursday April 13	1:00 and 6:00 pm	Virtual open house Link available at www.AlexandriatoBigOaks.com

identify potential routes and develop a Route Permit application that will be overseen by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Second Quarter 2023: Open houses to discuss project and new route options to connect to the Big Oaks substation near the existing Sherco power plant

Third Quarter 2023: Certificate of Need and Route Permit filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MN PUC)

Fourth Quarter 2023–First Quarter 2024: MN PUC reviews Certificate of Need and Route Permit; decision expected in Third Quarter–Fourth Quarter 2024

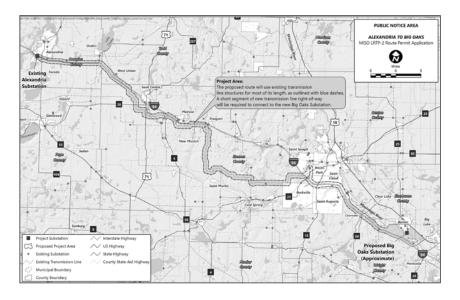
2024–2025: Engineering and design; easement negotiations with landowners

2025–2030: Add second circuit to transmission line; build new infrastructure, including Big Oaks substation and expand existing Alexandria substation

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

AlexandriatoBigOaks.com or BigStoneSouthtoAlexandria.com Phone: 888-231-7068

Email: AlexandriatoBigOaks@xcelenergy.com





Area News

cash; Buffalo Wild Wings

- Elk River - Four Sauce Bottles; Domino's Pizza -

Zimmerman - Two Large

Pizzas; NCIA - Elk River

- \$200 cash, travel mug,

chapstick; Heavenly Fresh/

Rum River Consultants

- Princeton - \$60 in Gift

Cards; Becker Community

Center - Becker - Four Day

Passes; Zimmerman Cafe

Bar & Bowl - Zimmerman -

\$45 in Gift Cards; Walmart

- Elk River - \$200 in Gift

Cards; Kwik Trip - Big

Example videos can be

• 2022 winning video:

• "Towards Zero

Dangers of Distracted

Driving - Student PSA" (YouTube);

Deaths Driving Safety

PSA" (YouTube).

Lake - \$40 in Gift Cards.

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5 Becker students win prizes for videos

Three Becker High Schoolers won the 2023 Sherburne County Safe Roads Coalition video

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

contest and they were presented with prizes Wednesday morning at the school by Sgt. Geoff Dowty of Sherburne County.

Two Becker girls captured the third place prize for their video and also received prizes from Dowty Wednesday morning.

This video contest was the second annual event for the coalition. Last year, one video was submitted (from Princeton High School's SADD Chapter) and, of course, it won the contest. This year, four teams submitted videos with Noah Bloch, Joseph Kampa and Sam Warren bringing home the top prize.

The video — from 30-60 seconds in length was to highlight the dangers of speeding, no seat belt use and other distracted driving occurences. These are three of the four leading factors of fatal crashes in Minnesota and Sherburne County is leading the way in getting teens aware of the dangers in a way that captures audiences

The girls who took the third place prize included Grace Hilden and Madison Ringwelski.

Any student or group from any high school in Sherburne County was eleigible and submissions were accepted all the way up until Feb. 28, 2023. Dowty, a sergeant in the Patrol Division of Sherburne County, headed up the contest for the coalition. Various businesses and

organizations showed their

support for the contest and below is a sample of prizes that were available to be distributed to the winning entries.

> State Farm Curt Van Oort

- \$350 cash; Pizza Depot - Becker - \$20 gift card, shaker cup and sticker; Marvel Nutrition - Becker - \$3 off coupon and free drinks for winners; Minnesota State Patrol -\$100



THE THREESOME OF Sam Warren, Noah Bloch and Joseph Kampa posed with their goody bag of prizes that included cash, BWW sauces and drink cups. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).



THE DUO OF MADISON RINGWELSKI (L) and Grace Hilden (R) took home the second place prize which included a plethora of prizes donated by dozens of area businesses and organizations. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

CLFD celebrates retirements, FFOY

The Clear Lake Fire Department recently held a celebration honoring retiring firefighters and also

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recognizing their Firefighter of the Year. Kiel Golly was honored for his

spoke in appreciation of how the retired firefighters served their community.

"Kiel and Travis both served the Clear Lake response area for several years, but due to other responsibilities or situations they decided to retire rather than not

of the Year for his efforts and dedication to his community.

Koren spoke glowingly about Doble and his dedication to the department.

"Harvey is one of those people who is always volunteering and willing to help out any way he can - when you ask or tell him what task has to be done, you are guaranteed that task will be done and done very well," Koren said. "Harvey has a great personality and it stands out when he has patient contact. Harvey goes above and beyond what is expected of our firefighters." Doble also recently joined Clearwater Fire and Rescue, meaning he is pulling double duty as a valued member of two departments. "I only live one mile form Clearwater Fire Department and four miles from Clear Lake Station one," Doble said. "I show up to each of their trainings and maintain a good call percentage, meeting all the requirements for both departments." He says he first felt the call at a young age and joined the CLFD in an attempt to give back to his community.

community and wanted some structure in my life," Doble said. "I was fortunate enough to have gotten hired. Plus, I've been told that I look good in bunker gear, haha!"

When he first found out about the award, Doble said he was quite surprised.

"I was shocked, as the Clear Lake Fire Department is filled with a lot of

Lynden Twp. donates ARPA funds to Clearwater Food Shelf

The Lynden Twp. Board of Supervisors discussed numerous agenda items during their first three

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meetings of the year. Food Shelf

Representatives from the Clearwater/Clear Lake Area Food Shelf approached the board to request funding for a new freezer and refrigerator. They presented a quote of \$5,056 for a three door refrigerator and \$6,754 for a three door freezer, for a total of \$12,410.

It was explained that they're in the process of funding a food shelf building of their own as they need more space. Currently they have had to turn away donated food because there's no room to store it. The new refrigerator and freezer will help with the room problem and in the future they can be moved to the new building.

The land for the new building was purchased from Rejoice Lutheran Church. When asked, the board was informed they plan to start working on their new building in April 2024. The hope is to also install a commercial kitchen in the building sometime in the future to help teach recipients how to prepare the food they're given.

The organization will be attending other area township meetings to ask for donations as well; a kickoff fundraiser is being held at the Clearwater Legion on April 15.

A motion carried donating ARPA funds of \$12,410 to the Clearwater/ Clear Lake Area Food

Shelf for a new refrigerator and freezer.

JK Landscape

A public hearing was held in February regarding JK Landscape/Jerry Konz to vacate a portion of a drainage and utility easement.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider a petition to vacate a portion of the drainage and utility easements on Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 4, in the Lynden Valley Industrial Park, Hubble Road. The petition consisted of four drainage and easement sections. The three parcels owned by Konz had been consolidated previously.

Konz stated he was requesting the township vacate the drainage and utilities easements located between lots

1 and 2 along the east side of lots 1, 2, and 3 that he owns. This would

allow him to bring the shed currently on the easement into compliance and allow him to obtain building permits after the fact to resolve the issue.

No comments were received prior to or during the hearing. A motion carried adopting Resolution 2023-02 Vacating the Draining and Utility Easement on JHK property with the exception of the easement parallel to Stearns Co. Road 145, which Twp. Atty. Mike Couri recommended the township retain for future purposes.

Other Business

A request was put forth to the board for a conditional use permit to store commercial vehicles indoors on a Franklin Road property; the applicants were told they needed one by Stearns Co. The board informed them they need to first submit an application; the planning commission will then review it and make a recommendation to the township board.

Anderson Trucking's application for rezoning from A-40 to Industrial was passed through a motion; adjacent properties are already zoned Industrial.

A motion carried making it the policy of the township to require an applicant seeking vacation of any public drainage, utility, or road easement to have such easements marked in accordance with Gopher One State Call (GOSC) at the applicant's expense.

A motion carried approving Resolution 2023-03 Adopting the Stearns Co. Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

A motion carried approving the contract for the township's new engineer, Hakanson Anderson Engineering Firm.

The sheriff reported 60 calls for service in January, including 10 vehicle in ditch, five traffic stops, one building fire, and one domestic between a husband

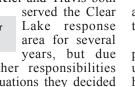
and a wife that Wright Co.

meeting will be April 3 at

The next Lynden Twp.

was called in to help.

7 p.m.





KIEL GOLLY recently celebrated his retirement from the Clear Lake Fire Department and was honored for his dedication and service. Travis Malikowski also retired from the department, but was unable to attend the celebration. (Submitted photo.)

years of service to the department and received a plaque, while fellow retiree Travis Malikowski was out of state and couldn't attend the function.

Fire Chief Ron Koren



FIREFIGHTER HARVEY DOBLE was recently named the Clear Lake Firefighter of the Year for his dedication to the CLFD. Doble has been on the department for nearly 7 years and also recently joined the Clearwater Fire Department. (Submitted photo.)

being able to give the commitment required to be a valued member of the department," Koren said.

Seven year veteran Harvey Doble was named the department's Firefighter

"At age 18, I felt the need to give back to my

talent," Doble says. "At the end of the day, I always do my best and to have my peers vote and recognize me as the firefighter of the year, I was speechless."

"The fire department has shaped me into who I am today. Without it I don't know where I would have ended up. If anyone is thinking about joining or if anyone wants to join please seek out your local department and apply. It's the best thing I have ever done."

Koren says his department is currently at 28 members strong, while he is allowed to have 35 total firefighters.

We are always looking for people who are interested and who would be dedicated to what is required to be a valuable addition to the CLFD," the chief concluded.

In attendance, Jerry

Becker Lions hold Easter Bunny Breakfast

Last Sunday, the Becker Lions Club held their annual Easter Bunny Breakfast. Although the

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

snow deterred some, many families still came to see Peter Cottontail and enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by the club, with assistance from local boy

scout and girl scout troops. This is not a profit generator for the Lions, and

the time making breakfast and putting on the event was donated for the

enjoyment of local families at the Becker

Community Center. Kids were also sent home with fun goodie bags and candy.

It's Time to Ride!

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by David J. Weeres, Member of Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Task Force.)

Submitted Article

Have you been riding your machine for 10 years -20 years - or even 30 years...and think you know it all? Do you want to challenge yourself?

Take a one-day course and let's see what you've got. The "Advanced" and "Expert" courses will take you to another level skillwise

These courses are sponsored by the Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety in coordination with local col-

leges. The instructors are expert riders and will share their skills to make you a better rider. The classes are limited to 10 students, with two instructors, and

90% of the day on your machine. You will finish

exhilarated and exhausted! Really, what is better than spending a day on the bike, and then learning a few things along the way? In essence, you learn to be better connected to

These courses are taught in the Twin Cities Metro area along with St. Cloud. Bikers from all over the state have ridden to these courses for one day excursions.

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have been out of the saddle for a time, an "Intermediate" course is probably better suited to freshen your skills.

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Area/Sports News

Emmer holds energy roundtable in Becker

Congressman Tom Emmer (MN-06) hosted a roundtable at the Becker Community Center Tuesday with over a dozen

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Minnesota leaders and energy producers to discuss H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives late last week.

"The core tenets of H.R. 1 are simple: lower costs for Americans, remove the bureaucratic red tape holding our energy industry back, and restore America's energy inde-pendence," said Emmer.

The bill will increase domestic energy production, reform the permitting process for new energy projects, repeal the \$6 billion natural gas tax and the \$27 billion 'green bank' slush fund. The Lower Energy Costs Act will also boost domestic production of critical minerals like those mined in Minnesota's Iron Range.

Those in attendance included Becker Mayor Tracy Bertram, Becker Council Member Rick Hendrickson, Becker Gity Administrator Greg Lerud, Big Lake Mayor Paul Knier and Sen. Andrew Mathews, amongst others. Emmer allowed for each individual to express their concerns, ask questions or offer suggestions on powering the bill forward.

Many of the greatest concerns were attributed to the lengthy permitting problems and regulatory rules that drag down schedules and delay production.

"We believe permitting reform is urgently needed to move forward with the ongoing energy transition while keeping the power grid

operating reliably," said Dar-







cerns for home builders

and farmers to access re-

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do their everyday tasks.

Another guest expressed

contempt at the regula-

tions forcing builders to

limit gas ranges in new

CONGRESSMAN TOM EMMER (L) conducted a roundtable discussion on the new HR1 Energy Bill that made it through the House of Representatives recently. Of those in attendance, Mayors Tracy Bertram of Becker (M) and Paul Knier of Big Lake (R). (Patriot Photos by Bill Morgan).

rick Moe, President & CEO of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association

Moe had said it typically takes around 10 years to get a transmission line constructed compared to just 3-4 years in other countries. Eight of those 10 years, Moe says, get clogged up in permitting and regulations.

This bill takes tangible steps that will allow the market and innovations to flourish, driving down costs and moving us meaningfully to the clean energy future we are striving for," said Kayla Christensen, Executive Director of Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum.

Others spoke of the mining litigation, fossil fuel debates and the con-

Fellow at Center of the American Experiment, spoke of the diverse nature of energy production saying, "Reliability is our biggest concern. When blackouts start happening, where will we be when we realize this is all a big mistake?"

Hendrickson noted that the expansion of solar farms is forcing the city to seek out and buy land around the city to protect the physical and organizational structures and facilities of the area and keep the city expandable in the future.

popping up everywhere,' he said.

Bertram and Lerud

use "common sense" and that projects like these shouldn't take 10-20 years.

"Yes, we are all invested in protecting the environment but we need to use our common sense to advance projects and act in the best interests of all involved. We should respect the laws and manage the resources we have'

"Minnesotans have been shouldering the burden of anti-energy policies in the form of skyrocketing costs on home heating and other essentials. We must allow our producers-at home and across the country-to do what they do best and restore our energy independence."

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Boys baseball team hopes to take next step

Head Coach Tyler Niedfeldt is entering his seventh year at the helm of the Becker baseball team

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and he has his full staff of coaches for grades 7-11 returning as well.

His Varsity Assistant is Brett Knudsen, who is entering his third year. For JV, Preston Voigt is excited to kick start his second year. For the C-squad team, Jon Crowley takes the hlem for his third year. For the eighth graders, Mark Kolbinger manages the squad for his 14th year and for the seventh graders, Nick Crowley returns for his third year.

Niedfeldt has chosen two seniors as captains for the 2023 season. They include Nolan Murphy, SS/P and Owen Kolbinger, U/P.

"We lost some quality players (due to graduation) but the chemistry that those seniors brought to the team has shined through with this group," says Becker's head coach. "They laid a strong foundation and we are picking up right where we left off last year. We

are returning some very strong players and adding very talented younger guys. I anticipate a season

at least as successful as last and hopeful to be able to make

a deep playoff run." Niedfeldt says his team is a very well-balanced team this year but he is extremely impressed with his team's defense.

"We have many athletes able and willing to play multiple positions very well," he says. "It is a coach's dream to be able to tweak a lineup and not be limited to specific players in specific positions. We have six-to-seven guys who we feel good about pitching in any situation with a few more ready to contribute as well."

Becker finished second in the Mississippi 8 Conference last year and Niedfeldt feels that his team from top to bottom is better this year.

"Last year was a giant step for our program led by great senior leadership and I think this year's team will continue to push the program forward," he says.

Girls Lacrosse gearing up for warm weather

Annica Lundeen returns for her fifth year as head coach of the Becker girls lacrosse team.

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"My assistants are Mike Lundeen (the brains behind the operation) and Dwight Lundeen," says Annica. "Mike's extensive football knowledge plays well into figuring out LAX offenses and defenses. Dwight is most specifically the goalie coach, but his over 50 years of coaching experience he brings to us every day is truly a gift. Getting to learn from him is a blessing. Annica lost just five girls to graduation from last year's team, so she is excited in the returning players and wht they hope to accomplish. "We have seven incoming freshmen with experience and three players who have never played before," she says. "It's exciting to see girls wanting to continue at this level and try something new." That "newness" will need to meld with last year's growth. "This will be a continuation of last year, continuing to improve but knowing we have some very athletic girls who have been playing lacrosse for a long time," Lundeen says. "So we have a lot of experience to work with."

Year-in and year-out, Lundeen's teams have battled well

against most teams but the one team she just can't shake is the Monticello Magic.

"There are some very good teams we face, but we are still looking to get our first win against Monticello," she says. "They are always tough and we never





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can seem to beat them! If we would be able to do that, we would feel like that goal has been reached."

Isabella Duncombe, Zoe Hanson, Emma Mathews and Kate Mehelichwere named captains for this year's squad. They are all seniors.

"Duncombe can run for days so she's at midfield and does the majority of the draws," says Lundeen. "Hanson, at midfield, is tough as nails, not afraid of anything. Mathews has TONS of lacrosse experience through travel leagues and clubs. She has a shot like a bullet and plays attack. She will be playing lacrosse at UW Stout next year. Mehelich is a major team player. She has the ability to play both attack and defense but plays mostly 'D'. She leads our team with tremendous positivity. Kate will be playing Lacrosse at UW-Lacrosse next year."

Lundeen has enjoyed her coaching experiences with the lacrosse team and she takes each year's challenges and molds her team to the best of her ability.

"We feel like we have a very cohesive team,' she says. "They compete hard all the time. We are blessed to have a team that works well together."



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Joel Toedter, a Minnesota wrestling official and father of five Becker athletes and scholars, is being

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inducted into the MWCA Hall of Fame at the end of April.

Toedter, who began officiating the sport in 1982. has worked out of the St. Cloud Association, and has been an official for 41 years. He has worked 26 state tournaments and has officiated college for 30 vears.

Roger Wilson, former

St. Cloud Officials Association Assignment Sec-retary, wrote "Joel is one of the best officials in the state. He has an

outstanding personality and gets along with all coaches and wrestlers."

The 2023 Minnesota

Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame Induction Dinner is being held at McKinney's on Southside in Benson, MN on April 29. Other inductees include: Dravis Family - Greg Dravis, Blaine Dravis and Jeff Dravis; Todd Fuller; Chad Kraft; Bob Ruedy; Steve Ricard; Darren Ripley;



Toedter and Coach Dalen Wasmund.

About Joel

Joel is married to Julie, and they have five kids, Joshua, Jenna, Jaydee, Jake and Jazlyn. He has one grandson with another grandchild on the way and hoping for more. Joel works construction and resides with his wife Julie in Becker, MN.

Joel Toedter attended Perham High School, graduating from there in 1980. He was active in football,

JOEL TOEDTER will be inducted into the wrestling hall of fame later this month. (Guillotine Website Photo)

wrestling, class plays and National Honor Society. Joel competed on two Region 6 runner-up wrestling teams but never advanced to the state wrestling tournament.

He attended the University of MN Morris for two years competing on the Cougars wrestling team. He then transferred to St. Cloud State where he wrestled for the Huskies for two years, finishing in 1986. He assisted Neil Jennissen as coach at St. Cloud Apollo High School from 1986-1988.

Bulldog tennis opens season in dominating fashion

The weather last Saturday hardly resembled conditions suitable for the high school tennis season opener, but thanks to the

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Becker field house, the Bulldogs were able to play their two matches and pick up a pair of wins.

We opened the season with blizzard conditions!." Coach Hokan Bengtson said.

"That is a first, but I am thankful for our administrators helping with the logistics and the field house."

Becker opened play by knocking off the Buffalo Bison, 6-1.

"We were led by our seniors at #1 doubles, #2

singles and the rest of the guys played well to come out with a key first win of the season," Bengtson said.

In the second match, Becker defeated Section 8AA opponent Brainerd, 7-0

"We had some good



matches on many of the courts, as we tried out a new line-up it was good to see some guys play new positions and compete well," Bengtson said.

Buffalo

Becker winners: Singles, Z. Bengtson 2-6, 6-4, 10-8; R. Bengtson 6-1, 6-2; Landon Peterson 6-1, 4-6, 10-1; Troy Nuest 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: Gruber/ Scheideman 7-6, 6-1; Herdina/Brown 6-1, 7-5.

Brainerd

Becker winners: Singles, Zach Bengtson 6-4, 6-1; Ryan Bengtson 6-4, 6-2; Troy Nuest 6-4, 6-0; Adler Härdiga 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles: Nick Gruber and Eli Scheideman 6-0, 6-3; Landon Peterson and Sawyer Brown 7-5, 6-0; Garett Lane and Max Haugen 6-3, 6-3.

THE BUFFALO BISON (LEFT) AND BECKER BULLDOGS (R) ignored the blizzard conditions raging outside and lined up before the first match of the season in the friendly confines of the Becker field house. (Submitted photo.)

Bulldog track teams dominates indoor meet

Both the Becker girls and boys Bulldog track teams were dominating in their season opener last Tuesday, winning a triangular with Princeton and Pierz.

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The girls team won an incredible 13 of the 15 events and finished in second place in the other two.

track meet, placing first in a pair of sprints - the 55 and the

Lauren Woelfel was also as a member of the 4x100 relay (with teammates Bella

Kuschel, Leon

1600 with a time of 6:12.22.

combe) and the 4x800 (Katelyn Brower, Alea Briggs, Ella McDonald and Brooklyn Karel)

Even the field events brought high finishes for the Bulldogs, with Atwood winning the Long Jump and Olivia Maunu placing first in the Shot Put.

Boys

Becker won the boys meet with 74 points, as Princeton (46) and Pierz (32) were well behind the host Bullthe 1600 meters with a time of 4:43.7 and Carter Reckelberg won the Long Jump with a leap of 21'4". Alex Kinney ran a good 800 and won with a time of 2:17.25.

The boys 4x100 relay team of Max Olsen-Burkman, Asher Olson, Mitchell Soltau, and Quintrell Robinson placed first with a time of 48.9 and the 4x200 Relay team made up of Carter Reckelberg, Alex Weiss, Mitchell Soltau, and Brody Stommes also took first place. "A couple takeaways from today's meet were that we have

Josh

Most Dedicated - Na-

Varsity Letter

Awards went to:

Hendricks, Brady Paumen,

Tygen Salvevold, Kevin

Vogl, Kyle Vogl, Alex

and Best Teammate -

Ryan Bengtson, Julias

a lot of speed on our team this year which will make for some fun with our sprint relays," Coach Paul Schmidt said. "Also, the numbers game was in our favor as we had lots of kids picking up those crucial second, third, and fourth place points."

The teams were to compete Tuesday in Monticello, a meet that was originally supposed to be outdoors in St. Francis but was moved due to weather conditions.

Seventh grader Adele

200.

amazing, placing 1st in the Pole Vault, Triple Jump and

Morris and Kylee Morton).

Hannah Dierkes won the 400 run, while Meghan Swanson captured first in the

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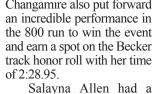


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The Bulldogs captured winning the 4x200 (Abby Atwood, Regan Hausmann, Reese Hausmann and Kailey Thompson), the 4x400 (Dani Nuest, Abby Atwood, Regan Hausmann and Bella Dun-

dogs Leading the Bulldogs was Owen Angell, who won all four of his events — the 55 Meter Hurdles, 200 Meter dash, High Jump (5'6") and the Pole Vault $(13^{\circ}6^{\circ})$. Senior Captain Tyson Ricker won

Becker Boys Basketball celebrates excellent season

Head Coach Josh Ihrke and the Becker boys basketball team celebrated a fine season last week at their annual awards banquet.

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Ihrke summarized the season by noting that the Bulldogs were, "a team that demonstrated growth throughout the season... they committed to each other at the end of the season to make a run at the #1 seed Princeton in

Fantastic

Bargains!

the section semi-finals.'

Senior Alex Weiss carried home a bunch of awards, including being named to the Academic All-State team and

the Scholar Athlete for the Bulldogs. He and fellow classmate Julias Hendricks were honored as All-Mississippi8

Conference award winners.

The Bulldogs had a group of players that performed exceptionally well in the classroom this year, as nine total Bulldogs earned Academic All-Conference

awards. In addition, the Bulldogs were the Section academic champions and also won the Conference Gold Academic Award.

Most An impressive 24 play-Improved ers received the Spotlight on Groskreutz;

than Weiss;

Connor Gass.

Scholarship Award. Team Awards: MVP- Alex Weiss;

Defensive MVP- Alex Weiss;

Most Dedicated-Sawyer Brown: Best Teammate- Tygen

Salvevold. JV Team Awards: MVP - Zach Bengtson;

Weiss, Zach Bengtson, Kyan Blom-

quist, Josh Groskreutz. Mitchell Soltau, Sawyer Brown and Nathan Weiss.

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Lundeen presented prestigious FCA award

Dwight Lundeen was once again honored — this time by an organization that is quite near and dear to his heart.

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Last week, Lundeen was awarded the FCA Branch Rickey Service Award, recognizing those who demonstrate the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Values of Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence. It was initiated in 2017 as a special honor given to local FCA servants for their dedication and commitment to both their community and FCA's sports ministry. These servants exemplify the same heart-felt dedication and genuine commitment of Branch Rickey, who played a key role in the birth of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The award was presented to Lundeen at the FCA headquarters in Kansas City, MO amongst Board of Trustees, families, FCA Staff Leadership and teams. Dwight brought along his devoted wife, Pam to help in the celebration. FCA The Branch Rickey Service Award is a national award and Lundeen was nominated by the northland region leadership team and selected by the FCA board of trustees. The FCA began handing out the award in 2017 and Lundeen is the first from Minnesota to capture the award. Other recipients have been: Keith Allen of Penticton, B.C. (2017), Bill Lyle of Sioux

City, IA (2018), Tom Allen of Bloomington, IN (Spring 2019),

Joe & Melody Balentine of Ray more, MO (Spring 2021), Don Stewart of Naples, FL (Fall 2021), Dan Turner of Bossier City, LA (Spring 2022), Roch Goch of South Jordan, UT (Fall 2022) and Lundeen of Becker, MN (Spring 2023).



FCA DIRECTORS AND LEADERS gathered with the Lundeens after awarding Dwight with the Branch Rickey Service Award. Left to right: Randy Jensen (FCA Northland Region Director of Ministry Advancement), Pam Lundeen (Dwight's wife), Shane Williams (FCA President and CEO), Dwight Lundeen (Becker High School Football Coach, Branch Rickey Award Winner), Tom Ness (FCA Minnesota State Director), Brian Conklin (FCA Northland Region Director). (Submitted Photo).

> Lundeen's association with FCA goes back years when Dwight 50 and Pam started the first Huddle at Becker High School and still lead it today with other coaches and volunteers from the community. Fifty-ish kids coming to huddle on Friday mornings. 2023 marks Lundeen's 54th season as the Becker High School Head Football Coach and the only one to ever run the program. "I think FCA and coaching is a great combination," Lundeen said in a 2022 article on the FCA

website. "I can model the things I need to—loving my wife and my family, my language, as well as my role as a community member and being active in church."

Lundeen continues, "FCA gives me the opportunity to share Christ. In our society right now, the word coach carries a lot of weight — 'Coach said' seem to be very impactful words. We'll continue to do that."

Lundeen has been named "Coach of the Year," and has been inducted into the Minnesota Football Coaches Association (MFCA) & Minnesota Interscholastic Activities Administrators Association (MNIAAA) Halls of Fame while helping his teams achieve 19 conference titles and 14 section titles.

Randy Jensen, FCA Northland Region Director of Ministry Advancement, attests that Coach Lundeen's impact on FCA has been incredible.

"It has been my joy and privilege to know and work with Coach Dwight Lundeen for almost 40 years,"





Bob Macleod of Manchester, NH (Fall of 2019), Janie Mueller of Colorado Springs, CO (Spring 2020), he said. "I can honestly say that Dwight's participation and involvement with FCA has put him in an elite class with only a select few others. Dwight's involvement has included not only his leadership with the Becker FCA huddle, but also with summer sports and golf camps, area rallies, state FCA coaches events and athletic director's breakfasts, etc."

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Becker archery sends 10 to Nationals

The Becker archery program continues to grow and get better each year, with 10 archers qualifying

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for the Eastern Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky on May 12-13.

The team sported a total of 237 archers combined in the Elementary, Middle and High School divisions, with another 44 youths participating in the JR Bulldog division (second and third graders).

The team participated in 10 tournaments throughout the season, including the Region 3 and State tournaments. Becker hosted the Region 3 tourney which drew over 1,100 archers and their families into the community to compete.

The Becker Elementary (fourth-fifth grades) team placed second or third in every tournament this season and has qualified for the National tournament. The Becker Middle School team won six tournaments this season, eventually taking second at the state tournament. They have been

writer m ally in the top 15 throughout the season and will also be competing at the National tournament.

Becker sent 170 archers to Duluth on March 25 for the NASP state tournament and they competed well against 1,800 opponents from across MN.

The Becker Elementary team placed second in the Team 3D, as well as the Bullseye competition, with Bentley Trautner (second) and Avery Roles (seventh) qualifying for Nationals.

Other national qualifiers included: Blake Koubsky - 4th Place, Sawyer Smith - 8th Place, and Roman Brake - 10th Place. In the Middle School division, the team placed second in the Bullseye division and third in the Team 3D event.

National qualifiers from this group included Dalton Weisz, Isaac Ochs and Mason Lumley.

The High School team scored 10th in state in the Bullseye and will send

Elaina Schneider to com-

pete in both the Bullseye

Program Director Scott

and 3D events.

Brake extended a "thank you to everyone who has supported the Becker Bulldogs Archery program and especially our sponsors."

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