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TALKING TURKEY AT MCDONALD'S MEATS

By Don Bellach,
Contributing Writer

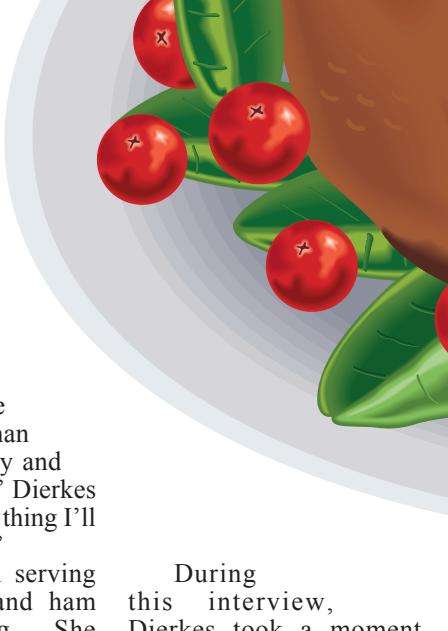
with her. Dierkes said that approximately half of those turkeys would be pre-ordered by customers who have been getting their turkeys from McDonald's Meats for years. Customers also had the option to order pre-brined whole turkeys. Last year, 25 customers took advantage of this service and Dierkes estimates that another 25 will do so again this year.

Perhaps the fastest growing offering at McDonald's Meats is their smoked turkey.

"They are pre-cooked, so it takes half the time to prepare than a traditional turkey and they're delicious," Dierkes said. "It's the only thing I'll let my family eat."

She plans on serving smoked turkey and ham for Thanksgiving. She explained that her brother, and co-owner, Travis McDonald, insists on having ham. Though smoked turkey is trending upward, according to the MTGA, 65% of consumers prefer a roast

turkey over other ways of preparing it.



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MCDONALD'S MEATS CO-OWNER JENNIFER DIERKES (in hat) helps a customer with questions about Turkey brines. (Patriot photo by Don Bellach)

Fire near train station knocked down, settles



A LARGE DEBRIS FIRE broke out Saturday morning at the Big Lake Public Works compost site. Dozens of firefighters from all over the region descended upon the location to ensure it didn't spread to neighboring properties. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

By Bill Morgan,
Editor

(Editor's Note: The following excerpt is taken from a post the Big Lake Fire Dept. issued on social media last Saturday).

Trucks are washed, hoses are hanging, and our firefighters are back home with their loved ones tonight — grateful for another safe outcome thanks to strong teamwork and community support.

Today (Saturday) at 8:18 a.m., Big Lake Fire was paged to a report of a

brush pile on fire near the transit station. Captain 3 quickly located the column of smoke and determined the fire was coming from the Big Lake Public Works compost site.

Upon arrival, Captain 3 found a two-story pile of leaves and mixed yard debris that had spontaneously combusted near the top. With high winds and a significant fuel load, he immediately requested mutual aid from Monticello Fire

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Eastern Wild Turkey



By Naturist
Stan Tekiela

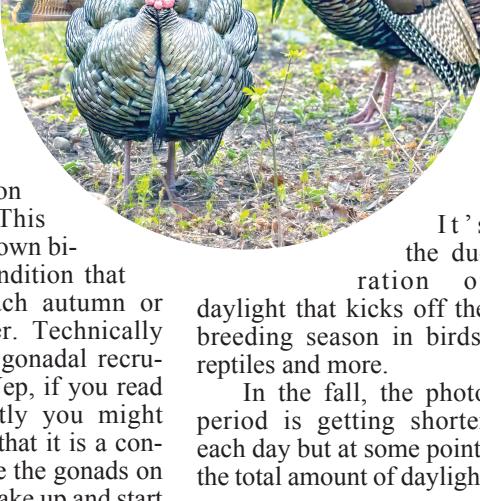
in the fall will match the photo period that occurred in the spring breeding season. So, when this happens, the males perceive the daylight as the same as spring and is tricked. The reproductive organs are also tricked and start to recrudescence or become active.

When this happens, the male starts to move into breeding condition. For the amphibians like frogs, the male will start to call. For turkeys the males start to display for the females. If you are a Hooded Merganser you swim in front of females and display your bright white hood and so on and so on.

But as the days become shorter and shorter, the recrudescence subsides and the male moves away from the false breeding conditions. All of the male's displaying and calling fades away. He won't return to these conditions until the length of daylight increases again in spring.

To the keen nature observer these kinds of unusual behaviors are interesting and notable. I for one, love to see these kinds of behaviors because it helps me to more fully understand what is happening in the natural world. Until next time...

Stan Tekiela is an author / naturalist and wildlife photographer who travels the world to capture images of wildlife. He can be followed at www.Instagram.com and www.Facebook.com. He can be contacted via his website at www.NatureSmart.com.



It's the duration of

daylight that kicks off the breeding season in birds, reptiles and more.

In the fall, the photo period is getting shorter each day but at some point, the total amount of daylight

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A Season for Noticing

His teacher. The earth. Cars. His mom and dad. Music. Shapes. Love.

These are the things my five-year-old son, a kindergartner at Eastview Elementary in Monticello, listed when asked what he is most thankful for this year.

As tender as those sentiments are, you might wonder why I'm beginning here. As I near my fourth decade on this earth, I'm reminded of how everything – holidays included – changes as we age. We try to hold onto the traditions we loved as kids, to tap back into that sense of wonder that once felt so natural. We'd arrive at the festively adorned table with food magically prepared and waiting, our only responsibility to eat and not make too much of a fuss.

Well, perhaps that part hasn't changed.

But what was once effortlessly carefree now involves days – sometimes weeks – of coordinating, planning, shopping, cleaning, scheduling. We wonder whether we'll make our connecting flight, which route will help us avoid traffic, whether we have enough clean sheets, and if anyone remembered to close the garage door. The very season meant to slow us down, speeds us up.

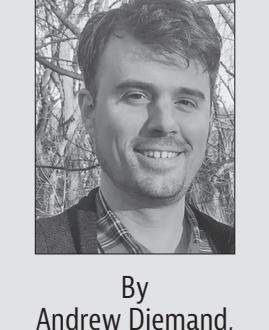
Still, the wonder isn't gone. It's just tucked into the corner of our routines and takes more effort to see. Maybe that's why children are so good at finding it; they're closer to the small things we adults tend to overlook.

That's the headspace I'm trying to return to.

Life piles so much on us: worry, stress, anxiety, bills, schedules. The simplest things – even the closest things – become the hardest to see. The things we voiced freely as children without thinking or embarrassment.

The irony is that those are the things we need most.

At the heart of Thanksgiving is this idea of gratitude for what truly matters. Yet I can't recall hearing an adult express thankfulness for something as elemental as love. We mention people we love, sure. Or places we love.



By
Andrew Diemand,
Contributing Writer

But what about just...love itself? The very force without which none of this would be happening.

Henry David Thoreau touched on this in Walden when he wrote, "Most of the luxuries, and many of the so-called comforts of life, are not only not indispensable, but positive hindrances to the elevation of mankind."

When you strip away the excess, you find we actually need very little. The rest are add-ons – things we've convinced ourselves are essential, feeding a cycle of wanting more: bigger, newer, faster.

That constant desire for more keeps us from appreciating what's already here.

Thanksgiving is a good moment to push back against that impulse, but I encourage you to extend that practice beyond one day. Try to return to that childlike gratitude for things as simple as shapes. The earth. The presence of love. These might seem obvious, but it's the obvious that easily fades into the background.

Wake your eyes up again to the things so simple you forgot to notice them. Those are the things with the deepest impact. Even an atom, the smallest thing imaginable, holds the structure of everything that exists.

It's the smallest things that anchor us.

So take a moment to reexamine what you already have, whether it's the comfort of a familiar routine or simply the promise of a new morning. I suspect you'll find those things are more than enough.

Happy Thanksgiving.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR:

Individual responsibility. That phrase is how the GOP once chose to explain its philosophy. It means of course that everyone is responsible for their own actions. But Trump, Emmer and the GOP seem to have abandoned that philosophy. They blame America's epidemic of illegal drug use on foreigners. Have immigrants been caught force-feeding / injecting innocent American citizens with fentanyl and other illegal substances? No. The cartels are engaged in the classic capitalist role of being the supplier to the demander (American drug addicts). America's drug appetites created and paid for the cartels and their violence.

Anthony Thompson

Big Lake, MN

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and had Big Lake Tower 1 respond as the next truck out of the station. Conditions indicated that the fire could spread rapidly toward the adjoining property of Rite Away Auto Inc., which houses hundreds of scrap vehicles.

With the help of the owners and staff of Rite Away Auto, crews were able to access the lot to slow the spread. Because of heavy fuels on the east side and flames reaching nearly 20 feet, an engine equipped with a deck gun was brought in for a fast, powerful knockdown. Additional units from Monticello and Elk River were requested to shuttle water and provide much-needed manpower to reach difficult areas of the pile.

As the fire grew in size and low-hanging smoke made operations more challenging, Captain 3 requested Becker Fire for manpower and later their ladder truck for additional elevated support. Elk River Fire also responded with their utility truck and LSU trailer to assist with air bottle refills for crews working inside the smoke.

To reach the deep-seated fuels within the pile, an excavator from Brenteson's was requested to work alongside Public Works loaders, pulling apart the large mass of leaves to allow crews to reach hotspots.

This incident was a reminder that strong partnerships make all the difference. Thanks to coordinated teamwork, quick decision making, and support from multiple agencies, the fire was brought under control and the surrounding area was kept safe.

Zimmerman Fire was requested to standby at the Big Lake Fire Station.

Big Lake Police assisted with traffic control and gaining access to Public Works and Rite Away Auto.

"We want to extend our sincere thanks to: Monticello Fire, Elk River Fire, Becker Fire, Zimmerman Fire, Clear Lake Fire (for assisting Becker during their own emergency), Big Lake Police, CentraCare Ambulance, Big Lake Public Works, Brenteson Co., Rite Away Auto, Big Lake Domino's, and the thoughtful community members who stopped by with treats for our crews," said the BLFD post.

"Big Lake—thank you for always standing behind your firefighters. Stay safe, and we'll be here when you need us."

PUBLIC NOTICES (MORE NOTICES ON PAGE 5)

2026
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Sealed bids for the publication of Sherburne County's financial statement, delinquent tax list, and the official proceedings of the Sherburne County Board, are to be submitted to the Sherburne County Auditor-Treasurer Office, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Suite 100, Elk River, Minnesota 55330-1692. Bids will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on December 18, 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. From the said proposal received and accepted, the County Board of Commissioners will award the bids for the year 2026 at its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at 9:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter. Bids will be received for the following:

1. Publication of financial statement as required by Minn. Stat. § 375.17.
2. Publication of official proceedings of the Sherburne County Board sessions as required by Minn. Stat. § 375.12.
3. Publication of notice and list of real estate taxes remaining delinquent in Sherburne County as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 279.08 and 279.09.
4. Publication of other public notices.

Bids shall be submitted in exact accordance with the Bidding Documents. The Bidding Documents may be obtained at the Sherburne County Auditor-Treasurer Office, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Suite 100, Elk River, Minnesota 55330.

All bids must be sealed and marked "Bid for Publication of the Sherburne County Financial Statement, Delinquent Real Estate Taxes, and the Official Proceedings of the Sherburne County Board."

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in bidding.

By order of the County Board.

Dated at Elk River, Minnesota, this 18th day of November 2025.

/s/ Loraine Rupp, Auditor-Treasurer

Sherburne County

(Published in the Patriot: 11/29/25, 12/06/25, 12/13/25.)



Some local tax rates could be higher in 2026

By Ken Francis,
Contributing Writer

Tax rates in some jurisdictions in Sherburne County could be increasing in 2026.

A report released by the auditor-treasurer's office last week shows six of eight cities and three of nine townships in the county are proposing higher tax rates in 2026.

All nine townships held their annual meetings in March, at which time residents voted to either increase or decrease their tax levies.

In Becker Twp., the rate is proposed to go from 19.462% to 20.741%.

Blue Hill Twp. could see a slight increase from 11.840% to 12.077%.

Livonia Twp. is proposing an increase from 19.535% to 20.489%.

The other six townships are looking at a tax rate de-

crease.

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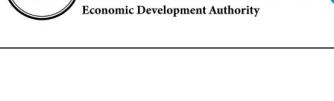
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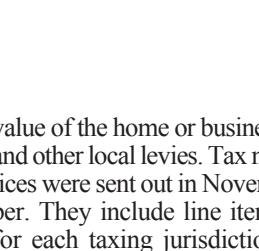
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BTYR bingo a huge hit

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Becker's Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR) committee held its Turkey Bingo event last Saturday at Pebble Creek, and the results were a gobbling success.

Ten games of bingo were called, with winners claiming a \$50 prize and a nice sized turkey. For the blackout games (fifth and 10th on the schedule), the lucky winners also claimed a turkey fryer that they could use just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

As with past BTYR events, the crowd was a robust "standing room only" size, as many community members came out to support the committee.

Becker's BTYR is a comprehensive program that

creates awareness for the purpose of connecting service members and their families with community support, training, services, and resources.

Some of their services include being a support group for veterans at the community level, helping service member families when a spouse is deployed, assistance in finding employment for Veterans and creating community events for military families and families to come together.

According to local BTYR organizer Kent Graning, the group is already making plans for their annual Meat Bingo event in February and the committee wishes to send their sincere gratitude to the citizens and businesses in the Becker community for the ongoing support.



WINNERS ABOUND. Many bingo players and raffle winners went home happy from last Saturday's Beyond the Yellow Ribbon bingo event held at Pebble Creek. (Submitted Photo.)

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CITY OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER VACATION OF A PORTION OF DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS WITHIN THE PROPERTIES CURRENTLY IDENTIFIED AS PID #60- 00494-0105 AND #60-00447-0105

After receiving a petition signed by the majority of the owners of land abutting easements proposed to be vacated, which easements are legally described below, on the properties currently identified as PID #60-00494-0105 and #60-00447-0105, and pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 412.851, the City of Becker City Council duly called for a public hearing to consider vacation of said easements.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Becker on the 2nd day of December, 2025, in the City Hall City Council Chambers located at 12060 Sherburne Ave SE at approximately 5:00 pm to consider the vacation of said drainage and utility easements which are legally described as:

The southeasterly 5.00 feet of Lot One (1), Block One (1) LTTM PROPERTIES, Sherburne County, Minnesota, except that part of said southeasterly 5.00 feet lying within the northeasterly 5.00 feet of said Lot One (1), Block One (1) and that part of the southeasterly 5.00 feet lying within the southwesterly 25.00 feet of said Lot One (1), Block One (1)

AND
The northwesterly 6.00 feet of Lot One (1), Block One (1) E AND E ADDITION, Sherburne County, Minnesota, except that part of said northwesterly 6.00 feet lying within the northeasterly 6.00 feet of said Lot One (1), Block One (1) and that part of the northwesterly 6.00 feet lying within the southwesterly 10.00 feet of said Lot One (1), Block One (1)

Anyone interested in this issue is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to Austin Petersen at P.O. Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to apetersen@ci.becker.mn.us by 4:30 p.m. December 2nd, 2025.

/s/ Austin Petersen, Associate Planner
City of Becker
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

a Truth in Taxation public hearing will be held on Monday, December 1st at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of City Resident's commenting on the 2026 tax levy. Any persons wishing to make public comment on this request may do so by attending the meeting that will take place at the Clear Lake City Hall, located at 7684 1st Ave West or in writing to the city clerk. Written comments must be received prior to the hearing date.

/s/ Ryan McCann, City Clerk
City of Clear Lake, MN
(Published in the Patriot: 11/22/25, 11/29/25.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VACATION OF DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Clearwater City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the council chambers at Clearwater City Hall, 605 County Rd 75 NW, Clearwater, MN 55320, to consider vacating the platted drainage and utility easement which straddles the shared boundary between Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Sunrise Crest, which is located entirely within Wright County PID 104-026-002020 in the city of Clearwater. The petitioning property owner has requested that said portion of drainage and utility easement, recorded with the Office of the Wright County Recorder via the plat of Sunrise Crest (Doc. No. A760436), be vacated so that the two aforementioned lots can be combined to accommodate construction of one new single-family dwelling thereon. Persons wishing to comment on this item may do so during the public hearing. Comments may also be submitted in writing prior to the meeting date.

/s/ Annita Smythe, City Administrator
City of Clearwater
(Published in the Patriot: 11/22/25, 11/29/25.)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF THE 2026 CITY FEE SCHEDULE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Big Lake will meet on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Big Lake City Council Chambers located at 160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN, to consider adoption of the 2026 City Fee Schedule.

Persons desiring to be heard with reference to the proposed 2026 City Fee Schedule will be heard at this meeting.

/s/ Gina Wolbeck, Clerk
City of Big Lake
(Published in the Patriot: 11/29/25.)

**Larry L. Voigt, 89,
Clear Lake, MN**

August 3, 1936 - November 21, 2025

countered.

In 1998, Larry and Marlene retired to Annandale, embracing a new chapter of life.

As a family they created lasting memories through camping trips and outdoor adventures. His love of the outdoors naturally drew him to pastimes like fishing and squirrel hunting. Known for his playful spirit,

Larry was a natural

joker who never met a stranger. His love for Christmas shone brightly in his heart.

He was a handyman with an innate talent for fixing anything, always ready to lend a helping hand. His loyal companions, beloved dogs Sparkey, Peppy, Major, Max, and Kitty, brought him joy throughout his life.

While he reflected on his years, Larry often expressed, "I

wouldn't change a thing about it," a testament to his contentment and gratitude for the life he lived. Above all, his family stands as his greatest legacy.

He leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Marlene of Clear Lake; children, Bryan (Bonnie) Voigt of Litchfield, Sandra (Tim) Ryan of North Branch,

David (Denise) Voigt of Big

Lake, Karen (Mark) Rinehart

of Clear Lake, Linda (Brian)

Sudman of Deerwood, Kathleen (William) Dolezal of Waverly,

Sarah (Todd) Eigenheer of

Maple Lake, and Jessica

(Justin) Goff of Annandale; 18

grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and other family

members and friends. Larry

was preceded in death by his

parents; granddaughter, Jennifer Voigt; and brothers, LeRoy

and Vernon.

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**Lorraine J. Bluhm, 91
Annandale, MN**

September 17, 1934 - November 19, 2025

Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater for Lorraine J.

Bluhm, age 91 of Annandale, who

passed away on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at Parkview

Care Center in Buffalo.

Pastor Carol Olson officiated.

Burial will take place at the Minnesota State Veterans

Cemetery in Little Falls.

Visitation took place from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on

Tuesday at the Daniel Funeral Home in Clearwater and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the Church.

Lorraine was born on September 17, 1934 in Willmar, Minnesota to Melvin and Katie (Ruter) Johnson. She married Robert Bluhm on July 19, 1952, in California. They lived in Mounds View until 1975.

She worked for Fridley State

Bank as the Secretary to the

President. They then moved to Annandale where Robert built

Lorraine's Dream Home. Lorraine was a charter member of Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater.

She enjoyed crocheting, crossword puzzles, reading, watching the wildlife outside her window, traveling, trips to the casino.

Lorraine especially loved the time spent with her family.

She is survived by her children, Gregory

(Cindy Ann) of Clearwater, Cindy (Lyle) Landowski of Buffalo, Cathy Carlson of St.

Peter; grandchildren: Adam and Alicia (AJ), Joseph (Bridget) and Jessica (Marvin), Donald (Amanda) and Deanna (Matthew); great-grandchildren, Olivia, Kylee, Kennedy, Julius, Liam, Charley, William, Maddy, Blake, Alana, Lila, Josie, Clara; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; husband in 2014; siblings, Merlin, Sharon, Arlene.

Visitation will be held at

Rejoice Lutheran Church in

Clearwater on Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

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