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Saying goodbye—with a smile and a hug

By Andrew Diemand, Contributing Writer

A self-proclaimed “hugger,” Carol Lucius — the longest-tenured employee at Sherburne State Bank in Becker — welcomed this reporter with open arms, literally, when we sat down to reflect on her remarkable 42-year career ahead of her well-earned retirement. Her warmth, easy laughter, and love of numbers quickly made her a good fit when she joined the bank. Hired for a part-time role, Lucius was offered full-time work after just three days. “At first, it was just something different to try,” said Lucius. Certainly a departure from the potato farm and turkey hatchery jobs she worked while growing up in Clear Lake. Now in her 42nd year, Lucius has worn many hats with the bank: teller, loan processor, insurance agent— “It seems like I’ve always answered phones,” she adds with a chuckle. But as times changed, Lucius had to adapt and evolve, too. “Everything was paper. Everything was by hand. No computer. Nothing like that,” she recalled. “Though, we did have a copy machine,” she added with a chuckle. “Otherwise, it was typewriters and calculators.” But rather than resisting the tides of change, Lucius embraced them. As new systems and technologies emerged, she kept pace, often helping others adjust, too. “It was a good thing,” she said. “To be able to go from typewriter to computer.” Now, of the newer systems and processes, Lucius says she enjoys “almost everything.” But it wasn’t just the technology that changed. Clients and coworkers have changed over the years, too. “I wasn’t sure how it’d work with my age and the younger people,” she admitted. “But it worked out perfect.” Throughout it all, Lucius found joy in the simple routines — like her daily walk to get the mail. “It was my favorite because of all the people you saw,” she said. “And it’s ‘Good morning,’ and you visit, and ‘How’s so-and-so?’ and all that,” she chuckles. This passion for community and connection—and exercise—continued through the wintertime, too. An icy slip just outside the post office doors one winter left her with a broken wrist. But, just as with the changing technologies and changing world, Lucius adapted, strapping cleats onto her boots and pressing on. It’s clear Lucius is all about people. “Number one, I’m going to miss my co-workers. And our customers — the best. They’re the best,” she said, her face lighting up a tinge. Though it’s not easy to say goodbye to relationships built over four decades, Lucius is looking forward to more time with her family—especially her son and granddaughters in Florida—and to tackling long-postponed home projects. “I can’t imagine what that’s going to be like,” she said with a laugh. Lucius’ last day at Sherburne State Bank is Tuesday, September 30, and the bank is hosting an open house from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate her many contributions to this community. There will be cookies and cupcakes provided and “just good times,” Lucius adds.

THE SMILE that has greeted Sherburne State Bank customers for 42 years. Carol Lucius is retiring after 42 years with the bank. (Patriot Photo by Andrew Diemand).

The event promises to be a hug-friendly affair, as Lucius reminds me, “A hug can make your day.”

County okays commuter bus pilot program

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Sherburne County Board last week voted, 4-1 to start a two-year commuter bus pilot program beginning in 2026. The bus will serve county commuters once the NorthStar commuter train ends operations Jan. 2 of next year. The board discussed a few options for the program for 40 minutes with Administrator Bruce Messelt and members of the Met Council and Metro Transit before making it’s decision. The options included two or three round trips a day from Big Lake to Minneapolis and the option for a period of either one or two years. Each of the commissioners had input on the program. “I like how this is set up as a pilot project,” said Commissioner Andrew Hulse. “Because we’re bus service, but because it could be monitored, the board could decide its future. “It’ll either work or it won’t,” he said. “If we get six months into this, if we get nine months into this and nobody’s riding this - shut it down.” “I would say give it a year,” said Commissioner Gregg Felber. “Give it at least a full year to see how people respond.” Commissioner Brad Schumacher, who was the lone dissenting vote, said from the map that was shown, there were very few riders in some areas that it would serve. He said he felt it would be throwing “good money at a bad problem.” Administrator Messelt explained that the cost would be significantly less than the Northstar Commuter Train, which subsidizes each rider \$4,600 a month. Calculating the number of total riders for 255 days a year put the subsidy for the bus program at about \$13 per rider per day. The program would also use existing buses from Met Council - at least for the pilot program. “I’d like to see us support this pilot program. We will be able to monitor it. If we don’t see it performing like we would hope it would, we can stop the pilot,” said Commissioner Raeanne Danielowski. “I just think we need to provide something.” Commissioner Gary Gray agreed.

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Career Fair Connects Students with Real-World Opportunities

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By Andrew Diemand, Contributing Writer

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Board Sets 2026 Preliminary Levy with 6.49% Hike

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

After a 20-minute discussion Tuesday, the Sherburne County Board adopted the 2026 preliminary levy at \$6,842,284. That represents a 6.49% increase over the 2025 levy, and none of the commissioners were happy about the increase. Administrator Bruce Messelt gave a brief explanation about what went into the increase. “We’re seeing upward pressure on personnel costs, insurance and inflationary activity,” he said. “And we have to continue to address mandated services and the growth in population.” There have been staff reductions in the budget that cut total staff by 6.41 FTE (fulltime

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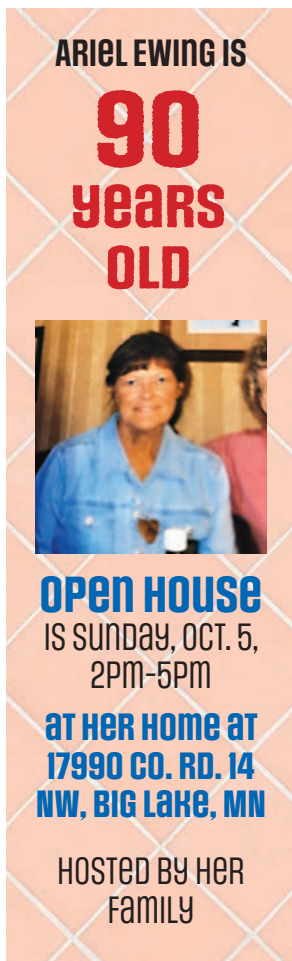
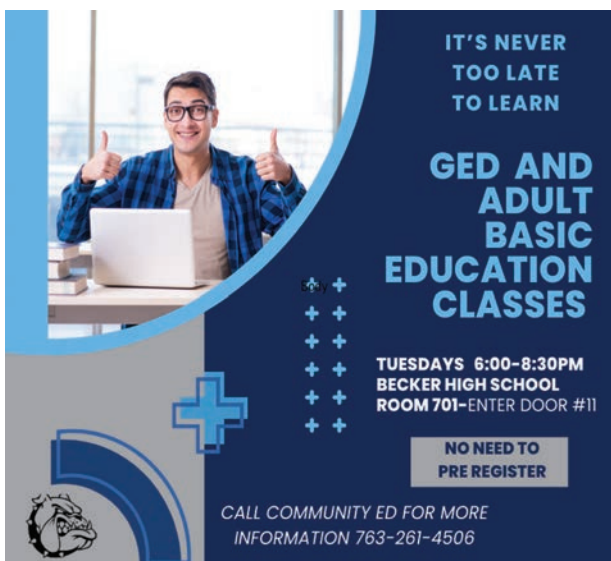
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/s/Andrea Lawrence Wheeler, Mayor  
/ATTEST/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator  
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**BL girls soccer goes 1-0-3**

*By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer*

The Big Lake girls soccer team won a game, lost one and had three ties over the past two weeks.

The Hornets beat Cambridge-Isanti, 3-0 on Sept. 8. In that game, Kynlie Fournier had two goals and Caitlyn Jensen scored the other in a well-played defensive game. Addilynn Hallstrom and Adeline Hitter each had an assist.

Lilliana Reinoso had eight saves in goal.

Big Lake and North Branch played to a 1-1 tie on Sept. 11. The Vikings scored a first-half goal and led, 1-0 until Hadley Priest knotted the game with an assist by Hitter in the second half.

The Hornets suffered a 6-1 defeat to undefeated Wattertown-Mayer on Sept. 13. Hitter had the lone goal for Big Lake in the second half. Reinoso had 13 saves in the game.

Big Lake had a 1-1 tie against Monticello on Sept. 16. Hallstrom scored the goal for the Hornets, assisted by Hitter.

In a tight defensive game last Friday, Big Lake and St. Cloud Tech played to a 0-0 tie. Reinoso had five saves in the game.

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## Liberty Paper Player of the Game



By Bill Morgan, Editor

Sawyer Brown, senior captain, was named "Player of the Week" for his outstanding play in Friday's homecoming football game.

In spite of having a large cast on his left hand, Brown played almost every down in Becker's 20-12 win over a tough Princeton team.

Sawyer made an amazing catch for the winning TD late in the game in the pouring rain.

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## Bulldogs stave off Tigers, 20-12

By Bill Morgan, Editor

The Becker Bulldog football team satisfied the Homecoming crowd last Friday by delivering a 20-12 win over the Princeton Tigers to improve to 2-2.

After falling behind by a TD early in the second quarter (kick failed), the Bulldogs mounted a comeback that carried them to victory in an evenly-fought contest.

QB Tristan Kowalkowski got the home team on the board in the second when he powered his way into the end zone from two yards out to put the Bulldogs up, 7-6 by halftime.

In the third, Kowalkowski found Tarver Schendzielos from 51 yards out to go up 14-6.

Princeton rallied and scored a TD of their own in the fourth quarter to make the score 14-12 as the two-point conversion to tie failed.

Later in the final quarter Kowalkowski sealed the deal when he hit Sawyer Brown from 26 yards out to make it 20-12. The defense did their job and held the lead as the clock ticked off in Becker's win.

Kowalkowski finished seven-of-13 for 156 yards and two TDs through the air as well as his rushing TD earlier in the game. The Bulldogs



**TARVER SCHENDZIELOS** celebrated early his TD catch that put the Bulldogs up 14-6 in the third quarter. (Submitted Photo by Anne Koste).

dogs garnered 179 total yards with only 23 rushing yards as Princeton's defense stood tall for most of the game.

## Blg Lake drops to 2-2 with loss to Delano

By Bill Morgan, Editor

The Big Lake Hornet football team fell to Delano 28-6 last Friday at Delano.

The first half was a back-and-forth defensive battle. Delano eventually took a 7-0 lead and held onto it heading into halftime.

The Tigers extended that lead on the first offensive play of the second half with a 75-yard TD run.

The Hornets were able to make it a one possession game in the fourth quarter,



**QB DILLON SPAETH (#0)** had a decent game as he was 12-of-24 for 128 yards and one TD through the sir. (Submitted Photo by Jessica LaRoche).

following a 38-yard touchdown pass from Dillon Spaeth to Carter Stromberg. However, the inside kick attempt was unsuccessful and Delano's running game was able to seal the game, scoring two more times in the final minutes of the game to spell doom for the visitors.

Spaeth finished 12-of-24 for 128 yards and one TD score. He also had two interceptions.

On the ground, Stromberg gained 69 yards on 16 carries, averaging nearly 4.5 yards a carry.

Schendzielos was the leading receiver for the Bulldogs as he reeled in three catches for 107 yards and his one score.

Bennett Kujawa was all over the field on defense as he recorded seven tackles, five assists, three sacks and two tackles for loss. Nathan Weiss also had a fantastic game on defense as he recorded five tackles, 10 assists and two tackles for loss.

Fergus Falls remains in first place in the district standings at 4-0. Becker is tied with St. Cloud Tech for second with 2-2 records and SCT is Becker's next opponent on Sept. 26.

Through the air, Jack Midas reeled in four catches for 51 yards to lead the Hornets.

On defense, Trevor Couch had seven tackles while Parker Spaeth, Jackson LaRoche and Bennett Thieke all recorded interceptions.

The Hornets finished with 222 yards total while Delano recorded 467.

**Up Next**  
This week the Hornets will take on Westonka High School at home for their "Tackle Cancer" game.

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## Hornets Do Well Against Huskers

By Bill Morgan, Editor

The Big Lake swim and dive team had a nail biter of a meet this past week, as it was tied 86 to 86 going into the very last event — the 400 Freestyle relay.

Unfortunately for the Hornets, Holdingford captured first place in the relay, and thus won the meet. The final score was Big Lake 90 - Holdingford 96.

Emmelia Kortenkamp captured fifth place in the 200 IM and nabbed a new PB (dropping 1.66 sec.). The Hornets placed first and second in the 50 FR — with Emily Edlund attaining first place while Adelyn Fox placed second with a new season best time of 28.91.

Greta Schwartz placed second in the 100 yard Backstroke with a time of 1:18.22, which was also a new personal best.