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BECKER GIRLS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH DAN BAIRD was all smiles as he took his turn cutting down the net in celebration of the team's fourth consecutive Section Championship. Baird was subsequently named the Section SAAA Head Coach of the Year. See the story on page 8. (Submitted photo.)

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LGBTQ students mount protest

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker School Board held a special meeting Monday evening to listen to a presentation from two former Becker School Board Members and a representative from the Child Protection League (CPL) in regards to concerns over the treatment of LGBTQ students at Becker Schools.

The meeting was held in the PAC in expectation of a large audience.

Students and teachers associated with the LGBTQ movement at Becker Schools (GSA - Gender and Sexuality Alliance) held two protests — one at 2 p.m. and one right before the 6 p.m. meeting — in which they carried signs and chanted, “No two sides to our pride.”

They also marched the parking lot and lined up along Sherburne Ave. to rally support for their cause.

Last year at about this time, students from across the State of Minnesota held a walk-out to show solidarity with Black communities following the death of Daunte Wright in Brooklyn Center. That protest was organized by Minnesota Teen Activists, a statewide organization.

Last August, the LGBTQ advocacy organization, OutFront Minnesota, made a presentation to the Becker School Board to address students' concerns. Following that meeting, two community members attended a March board meeting and spoke during public comment, expressing an interest in the school board having a presentation in response to OutFront's presentation.

At least two community members responded to the school board a few months ago expressing concern for a presentation with a viewpoint different from OutFront Minne-

sota's.

The school board consented to the original request and on Monday, they made arrangements to hear from “the other side” of the cause — from CPL — an organization the LGBTQ community deems an anti-LGBTQ group.

GSA advisor and Becker Teacher, Dr. Heather Abrahamson said she “doesn't understand how one could think there's another side to human rights, but they claim there is.”

Betsy Armstrong, an attorney and former Becker School Board Member was the first speaker. Before she took the podium, the LGBTQ students turned away from the stage

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BL Legion finds new home

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Big Lake American Legion Post 147 has announced its new home in downtown Big Lake. The Legion will officially begin operations April 1 in the former West Sherburne Tribune office on Lake Street and Hwy. 10.

The Legion, Auxiliary and Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Committees will hold meetings and stage for various community events, announces Commander Paul Seefeld. It will also serve as an office for their charitable gaming operations, managed by Jessica Slimmer.

“It's good to have a place to meet and let the commu-

nity know we're alive and well,” said Seefeld.

The Legion has approximately 100 members and has met for the past several years in the Big Lake Police Dept. Community Room and in the Senior Room at Big Lake City Hall. They celebrated their 100th birthday recently.

The Legion is a busy organization. Besides performing for Memorial

Day services, they attend to the Big Lake Memorial Park in downtown Big Lake, hold an October Veteran's dinner at the Big Lake Twp. Hall, participate in the Spud Fest parade and Veteran's services at the Big Lake Schools. They provide school scholarships and contribute to the BLPD Canine Program, the Big Lake Food Shelf and the

Youth Center, the Wave. They contributed \$30,000 to the Food Shelf in a recent year.

The Legion does charitable gaming activities, including bingo and pull-tabs at The Buff (formerly the Friendly Buffalo).

Readers inquiring about membership or activities, may contact Seefeld at 612-801-7731.

velopment, will serve as the interim administrator until a new hire is found. Wilfahrt said he will work closely with Klimmek to ensure a smooth transition.

Wilfahrt will remain in his position until shortly after the next regular council meeting.

Fire Dept. Calls for Service

Council member Ken Halverson raised concerns over responding to some medical calls that he felt

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THE BIG LAKE LEGION has found a new home at the corner of Lake Street and Hwy. 10 in Big Lake in the former West Sherburne Tribune corner of the building. (Patriot Archive Photo.)

Big Lake City Administrator resigns

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
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During the Big Lake City Council meeting of March 9, it was revealed that City Administrator Clay Wilfahrt had submitted his resignation to the council. He spoke briefly on his decision to resign from his position with the city. He has accepted another job with Wright County. Hanna Klimmek, director of community de-



CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLAY WILFAHRT recently resigned his position and will be taking a job with Wright County. (Submitted photo.)

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At Tuesday's Becker City Council meeting, the council took action which revealed the sale of the Food Pride grocery store to Bill's Superette, a Minnesota grocery chain, is underway, with closing of the sale scheduled for April 26.

In the consent agenda, liquor and tobacco licenses were approved for businesses coming into Becker. A tobacco license was approved for Bill's Superette, which will be located at the current Deli Plus gas station (Shell) and for Bill's Family Foods, which will take over the current Food Pride Grocery store location. Expected closing date is April 26.

Cherokee Liquors Inc., dba G-Will Liquors, will be operating as the new liquor store to replace Jubilee Liquors.

Annual Police Report 2021

Becker Police Chief Brent Baloun gave the annual police report for 2021. He stated that it was a good year overall. The department is currently fully staffed with a very tight-knit group of officers.

His officers underwent training throughout the year, as always, and Baloun was happy to report that the department passed an audit for adequate training with flying colors.

Becker has, in the opinion of the chief, the lowest crime rate and the safest community in the county. A large amount of the arrests officers do make are of suspects who are not local to the area, but just passing through.

Baloun also spoke on the success of the officer reserve program. Reserve officers ride along with the regular officers in order to give an extra set of hands should the officers need them. The reserve officers in turn get some in-

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Becker MS drama puts on *Legally Blonde*

By Katherine Cantin,
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“Oh my gosh, oh my gosh you guys!” Becker Middle School’s Drama Club put on a production of *Legally Blonde the Musical Jr.* Seventh through ninth grade students worked hard and put on a great show last weekend.

The show featured a shortened version of the popular film with musical numbers added in. Elle Woods (Sophia Jiang) is dumped by boyfriend Warner (Collin Aanenson) and so follows him to study at Harvard Law School and prove she is a serious person and win him back. Along the way, she makes new friends in Emmett (Hunter Graftaas) and Paulette (Addie White). High schools juniors

and seniors ran the show behind the scenes as the actors showed off their talent on stage.

The complete cast, in alphabetical order, included: Collin Aanenson (Warner); Carol Ackerman (Professor Callahan); Reis Brake (Serena); Braden Brant (frat boy); Emi Brewer (Delta Nu sorority girl); Holly Burthwick (Delta Nu sorority girl); Kaylie Clemen (Vivienne Kensington); Abbey Gamble (Brooke Windham); Tia Gay (Chutney Windham); Hunter Graftaas (Emmett Forrest); Emi Hampton (Margot); Nox Hemze (Kiki the colorist); Abbey Hennen (Enid Hoopes); Aynsley Holm (Kate); Sophia Jiang (Elle Woods); Kali Lombard (Pilar); Ash Lumley (Winthrop); Japheth Olson (Grand-



THE BECKER MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB had high energy at their opening night production of *Legally Blonde the Musical Jr.* (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

master Chad); Lamp R. (frat boy); Colton Rauch (frat boy); Fern Robinson (Glen); Sophia Roering (prison guard); Kiera Rupar (store manager); Kiersten Sarazin (saleswoman); Si Singer (Dewey); Ellie Staples (Delta Nu sorority girl);

Ebanie Villarreal (Lowell); Alina Wangerin (Delta Nu sorority girl); Ronnie Weir (Delta Nu sorority girl); Alannah Wenner (Jet Blue Pilot); Shelby Whaley (ninth grade chorus); and Addie White (Paulette).



City Public Notices

CITY OF CLEARWATER COUNTY OF STEARNS COUNTY OF WRIGHT STATE OF MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Clearwater, Counties of Stearns and Wright, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Clearwater City Hall, in the City of Clearwater, Minnesota, relating to the proposed establishment of Municipal Development District No. 3, the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 3-1 within the Development District, and the proposed adoption a Development Plan related to Municipal Development District No. 3, and the proposed adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan for Tax Increment Financing District No. 3-1, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.124 through 469.133, as amended, and Sections 469.174 through 469.1794, as amended, and to adopt business subsidy agreements, pursuant to Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995, all inclusive, as amended. The recipient of the proposed business subsidy is Central Minnesota Cold Storage, in connection with the reimbursement of land acquisition and site improvements within the TIF District. A copy of the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan and a summary of the agreements are on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator at City Hall.

A person with residence in or the owner of taxable property in the City may file a written complaint with the City if the City fails to comply with Sections 116J.993 to 116J.995, and no action may be filed against the City for the failure to comply unless a written complaint is filed.

The property included in Municipal Development District No. 3 is described in the Development Program on file in the office of the City Administrator. The property proposed to be included in Tax Increment Financing District No. 3-1 is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the City Administrator.

A map of Municipal Development District No. 3 and Tax Increment Financing District No. 3-1 are set forth in the adjacent map:



All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their views orally or prior to the meeting in writing to City Hall, P.O. Box 9, 605 County Road 75, Clearwater, MN 55302. (Published in the *Patriot*: 03/12/22; 03/19/22).

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Spring Days event

Submitted article

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

The Wright County Master Gardeners invite the public to attend the 2022 Spring Days Gardening Workshop from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Saturday, March 26 at the St. Michael-Albertville Middle School West (11343 50th St. NE in Albertville).

This is a fun-filled day of educational, gardening related speaker sessions, opportunities to meet the University of Minnesota’s Wright County Master Gardeners, and ask gardening related questions.

The keynote speaker will be Becky Swenson of Swenson Gardens, presenting her Top 10 Peony Questions. Becky Swenson, along with her husband Keith, are the owners of Swenson Gardens in Howard Lake, where they nurture and raise over 12,000 plants and more than 1,000 different varieties.

They specialize in varieties that don’t flop over and colors not typically found in garden centers. Two years ago, Swenson Gardens released their first new peony varieties to the market and are now considered the largest hybridizer in the world. Chemical-free, sustainable farming practices has been a mainstay of their business from the beginning. In 2019 the Swensons were recognized

as the Farm Family of the Year for Wright County.

Because peonies provide classic beauty in a garden or vase, they are a favorite of novice and expert gardeners alike. The Top 10 Peony Questions will be answered, and attendees will get a sneak peek into the next generation of these beautiful plants -- be prepared to think beyond pink, red, and white!

Following the Keynote speaker, attend up to three speaker break-out sessions with discussion topics ranging from: Best Performing Tomatoes, Designing a Cutting Garden, Backyard Composting, Native Plants for Waters Edge and Wet Soil Situations, Growing Herbs for Tea, and many more.

Registration for this event includes breakfast and lunch, as well as opportunities to shop vendor booths offering a variety of products and services to enhance gardening experiences, bid on silent auction items, and enter to win fabulous door prizes. Register now. Spend a day meeting others who are passionate about gardening.

Pre-registration for this event is \$35 by March 18, \$40 on the day of the event (cash or check only.) Visit bit.ly/wrightspringdays to register online, download a mail-in registration form or contact us at Wright-ComG@gmail.com.

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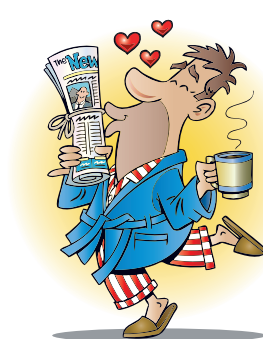
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Orrock residents gather at annual meeting

By Katherine Cantin,
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The Orrock Twp. annual meeting was held last week with an awesome turnout of residents. Board chair Bryan Adams was elected to be the meeting moderator.

Auditing
Treasurer Gary Goldsmith went over the changes recently made in the way the township handles accounting. A few years ago, Orrock reached a population threshold that required the township to hire a professional auditor yearly to go over the books. Before this, board members would hold an annual board of audit which was considered sufficient (the board still holds a board of audit, but needs to hire an auditor in addition to this.)

The auditor has found no major concerns with the township's finances. There is, of course, the lack of segregation of duties, which is a common finding for a township, as the town would have to hire several more staff members to fix this issue. It is not a major concern in the eyes of the auditors. There was also a lack of Broker Acknowledgment Certification, which the township has since obtained. Finally, the only other issue was a deposit in excess of FDIC limits which was due to a banking error and was fixed quickly.

Fire Departments



ORROCK ANNUAL MEETING. Board members and members of the electorate chatted before the annual meeting last week at Orrock Town Hall. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

Update
There were 53 calls for service from the fire department in Orrock Twp. last year.

The Zimmerman-Livonia Fire Department got a new building last year.

The Big Lake Fire Dept. is scheduled to get a new roof this year. It is also looking for more firefighters to join the department.

Orrock is growing quickly enough that in a few years the cost of service with the two fire departments may rise quite a bit. For several years, the board members have kicked around the idea of having a fire sub station in Orrock, but this is not something that is in the works at the moment. If EMTs wished, the board would be open to allowing an ambulance to be parked at the town hall for faster response in Orrock, however they would

need to work out logistics of giving the EMTs access to the building for bathroom breaks.

Town Hall Expansion

The board has been looking into expanding town hall. The building is historic for the township, having first served as a school building in the 1880's. The township purchased the building in the 1950's and it became the town hall.

The building is no longer sufficient to serve the needs of the entire community when it comes to election season. In 2020, the township was forced to use an alternative site for the elections. Using ARPA funding, the board has been planning to expand the building and bring it into ADA compliance.

Some of the Orrock citizens attending as the electorate were concerned about using ARPA funding for the building rather than another

area of the budget. They were concerned about the increase in the proposed tax levy. Another meeting of the electorate to continue discussing the town hall was scheduled for June 15 at 7 p.m.

Road Updates

Town engineer Kevin Krueger gave an update on upcoming road projects. The road and bridge budget increased this year to account for the township taking ownership of the roads in the Shores of Eagle Lake development. The township did make sure these roads were up to township standards before adopting them.

Some of the residents in attendance voiced concerns about their own deteriorating roads, and Krueger explained that the roads in question were so far gone that they would need to be completely torn up and replaced. Therefore, it is more cost effective to allow them to deteriorate for a few more years as the township saves up money for the expensive process.

Proposed Levy

Several members of the electorate raised concerns over the increase for the 2023 levy, which was set at 1,080,000 (a 7.1% increase over 2022.) The treasurer explained the reasons for the increase and, while the electorate was still concerned with the price increase, they understood the reasoning and decided to approve the proposed levy.

Clearwater Lions donate \$37,000 toward new food shelf property

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

The Clearwater Lions continue to meet the needs of the community with a donation of \$37,000 to the Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf last week. A \$12,000 gift to the Lions by the late Robert Watson of Clearwater made up part of the donation.

The money will be used to help purchase a one-acre parcel of land that will be used for a new, separate Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf building in the future. Currently the food shelf operates out of the Clearwater Lions Building.

The Lions have continually been generous in their support of the community, giving to the Clearwater Fire Department as well as many other non-profits in the area and scholarships to local schools in the district. The club takes pride in helping out local organiza-



THE CLEARWATER LIONS present \$37,000 to Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf President Mary Abraham. (Submitted photo.)

tions that will better Clearwater and the surrounding area.

The Lions are always looking for new members. Anyone interested can check out their upcoming events on the Clearwater

Lions website, E-Club-House.org/sites/clearwatermn/, and on their Facebook page.

The Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf is located in the Lions Community Building under the Clear-

water 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.



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with their backs to the school board members and the speakers.

She was allowed to speak for a little under an hour following some downtime associated with audio problems as well as disruptions from the protesters. Many of the GSA students failed to abide by the “do not interrupt the speakers” request as well as “no handheld or posting of signs allowed in the room.”

Joining the students from the LGBTQ community were Abrahamson, Joe Rand, Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers of Faith Lutheran Church and English Teacher Arnold Changamire and Teacher Lisa Sackett, to name a few. Some of the signs carried into the auditorium featured slogans such as, “Men of quality don’t fear equality”, “We can’t be erased” and “I’d choose hell over homophobic heaven.”

Armstrong spoke of gender dysphoria, suicide, the transgender movement and the increase in gender clinics across America. She said she and her other presenters conducted diligent research into the evening’s topic and the purpose was to bring balance to the information to meet the needs of the entire student body.

Armstrong also referenced a Bible quote that says God created two sexes — male and female — and said people who follow religious teachings are Constitutionally protected and their opinions ought to be given equal consideration. Murmurs and giggles came from the LGBTQ body when the slide appeared on screen and one student yelled out, “God is gay” to the cheers of others.

The next speaker was Attorney Chris Klippen, who also is a former Becker School Board member and a resident in the area.

Klippen spoke of the



ATTORNEY BETSY ARMSTRONG (L), Attorney Chris Klippen and CPL Chairman Julie Quist gave statements during a presentation to the Becker School Board Monday at the high school. Dozens of LGBTQ students protested the meeting, holding a demonstration outside the school during the day, then demonstrating before, during and after the meeting Monday (below). (Patriot Photos by Bill Morgan).



legal aspects the board will face as the challenges of protecting classes grows. He spoke of the rights of the First Amendment and reminded the board that “human rights are not reserved just for special classes.”

He said the First Amendment issues include prohibiting compelled speech (use of pronouns) and prohibiting viewpoint discrimination, which include acceptance and affirmation.

He talked about the protected class and “who’s in? and who’s out?” Some questions he presented to the board included, “when is a student ‘transitioned enough?”, “self-identified” or “objective criteria” and finally, “who decides?”

The final presenter was Julie Quist, board chairman of the CPL. She began her presentation by identifying certain books that are being incorporated into schools though she pointed out, “it doesn’t mean all or any of these books are part of the Becker curriculum.”

The books she iden-



tified she says violate the beliefs and norms of the community by accepting different gender identities.

Quist confirmed several books such as, “My Princess Boy” (for ages 3-8), “I am Jazz” (for children aged 4-8), the “Gender Unicorn” (for preschoolers) and “It’s Perfectly Normal” (for kids aged 10 on up) were part of several school’s curriculum. In mid-sentence, Quist was stopped from continuing her presentation and after a few awkward moments of silence, members of the audience began dispersing and board members gathered their belongings and left the stage.

District administrators declined to comment on the Child Protection League’s visit but Swanson read a statement ahead of Monday’s meeting acknowledging concern over the speakers.

“As a school board, we recognize that we are learners, just like the students we serve. Therefore, a critical part of our jobs as board members is to listen



and engage,” he said. “We see that it is essential for us as individual board members and as a collective to engage with a variety of perspectives and voices to ensure a complete picture.”

Public comment was not allowed at the special meeting, but Swanson told attendees they could sign up to speak at the next regularly scheduled meeting in April.

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Santiago tables decision on broadband

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

It was a deep dive into the issue of rural broadband last Wednesday when County Commissioner Tim Dolan, Asst. Sherb. Co. Administrator Dan Weber and Midco Governmental Relations Manager Melissa Wolf visited the Santiago Town Board.

Sherburne County designated broadband access a top priority as soon as the Federal government passed ARPA and doled out large sums of money across the nation.

As part of their efforts, the county is inviting townships to invest in a cost-sharing grant program to bring broadband to areas which receive no current fiber optic service or are considered under-served because of slow speeds. The Santiago Town Board has discussed the proposal for several months and was seeking additional information; thus, the attendance of the three guests at the meeting, each of whom addressed questions from the board.

Wolf explained the different projects Midco is



MIDCO GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS MANAGER MELISSA WOLF explained the scope of the proposed broadband project as Supervisor Dave Jehoich studied the map. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

undertaking in Sherburne County, as well as the investments her company is making into infrastructure. Part of the project that will go in with or without the township’s support are fiber cables as part of the RDOF (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund), which will help bring connectivity to parts of the township, including the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge. The super-

visors grilled Wolf about this part of the project, as Chair Stu Nelson mused that he was sure the Sandhill Cranes will appreciate the service, while other parts of the township won’t have fiber connections.

Wolf pointed to the requirements of the Federal government and the project scope for RDOF, which outlined the areas of service through that program. Midco

has to follow those guidelines and Wolf explained that the RDOF program was a separate project from the proposal that was being made in working with the township.

For the cost sharing agreement, Wolf was suggesting the township could utilize some its ARPA funds, in the amount of \$75,000, which would bring high speed internet to 72 residences. In total, this first ARPA-funded proposal would bring \$443,000 worth of fiber optic infrastructure to the township, with Midco paying for 44% of the cost. She stated that there was a high likelihood that Midco would subsequently use that infrastructure to bring additional service to another 121 homes, with her company picking up 100% of the costs for the second phase.

Supervisor Jeff Pappenfus next voiced frustration that the project wouldn’t cover the entire township.

Wolf explained that the ARPA guidelines delineate which areas can receive the service now, and again reiterated that this first project would help the company expand in the future because much of the expensive fiber

connection would then be in place.

Commissioner Tim Dolan noted that the costs to cover every residence in the county would be “north of \$200 million” and that the current cost-sharing proposals would position the county and townships for future connections. He noted that the county was bound by the guidelines of the Federal government and additionally, it would not be cost effective for any private company to run fiber lines to the most rural areas of the county.

“The partnership allows us to lower the long-term costs of providing broadband to more areas,” Dolan noted. “The county’s long term goal is to get everyone served. Any ARPA funds that aren’t spent go back to the state and I can guarantee the state isn’t going to come put fiber cables into Santiago Township.”

He further asserted that without the project, it will be more expensive and take longer for residents to get the service.

Weber explained that there is a finite amount of money in the county’s designated fund and the township

would need to participate monetarily in some fashion to keep the grant available to be scored in the rubric system that had been established. Once the county money runs out, no more cost sharing agreements would be approved, putting any future projects in peril. Weber also explained that the township could choose to participate at a lower cost, but it would affect the overall scoring of the project.

From there, the board thanked those in attendance for the information and adopted a motion to table the request.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Heard from Sgt. Andy Ochs regarding last month’s 59 calls for service;
- Approved the February Board of Audit minutes;
- Discussed the Fire Department truck fund and future possible expenditures;
- Heard a road report and learned that Becker Twp. has put a hold on the gravel project on the eastern portion of 67th St., while Palmer Twp. put a hold on a shared roadway project with Santiago.

Palmer Twp. sets open house for possible “Wipper Pit” acquisition

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

A date for a public Open House to discuss the possible acquisition of a property known as the “Wipper Pit” was set at Monday’s Palmer Township Board meeting. Supervisor Steve Demeules reported to the citizens in attendance that the environmental review for the acreage is being conducted, and he proposed a date of March 30 at 7 pm at the Town Hall to present the plans to the public and gather input into the possible purchase and development of the parcel.

There was general agreement on the date and time of the open house and a motion to set the meeting passed. The township decided to use its social media accounts to advertise the meeting and will also send notice to the *Patriot*. For several months, De-

meules and the board have been discussing and studying the acquisition of the property for the establishment of a yard waste compost site. Sherburne County has signaled its support for the project, which would also be used for disposal of the weeds that are annually harvested from area lakes. Chairman Mike Ganz has abstained from the discussions and negotiations because of a possible conflict of interest.

Demeules said that the open house agenda would include a discussion of the finances of the project, as well as possible uses of the property. It would also be an opportunity to gather input from the residents of the township, but no formal action or voting will take place at the meeting.

Sheriff/Fire

Commander Bob Stangler was at the meeting to discuss the 83 calls for service in

the preceding month, which is up slightly from 74 a year ago and 59 the year before.

The calls included 24 traffic stops, with six citations issued, as well as two snowmobile complaints.

Several residents spoke of the speed issues around the lakes and how the establishment of a couple “Airbnb’s” seems to be exacerbating the problem.

Demeules noted that the county is currently looking at the issue of short term rentals, as they apply to the zoning code.

Residents also discussed how some pedestrians do not follow the rules and fail to wear reflective clothing. As speed has been an issue for quite some time and probably will continue in the future, the board decided to do some preliminary research into the establishment of speed bumps at certain locations to discour-

age excessive vehicle speed.

Fire Chief Ron Koren reported on his department’s 16 calls for service last month, which included two fires in Palmer Township, one a car and one a snowmobile.

Ganz asked Koren about response time averages for the township and the chief responded that it largely depends on which firefighters are available to respond, while other factors such as the time of the day of the call have a big impact.

Roads

Ganz again discussed the issue of residents plowing snow across roadways and reported that the township has no authority to grant exemptions to the statute prohibiting the practice because it is a state law.

The board also decided to do some street sweeping this spring, since the icy conditions this winter did cause

the township to apply sand in an effort to help traction on the roadways.

Potholes were discussed and the supervisors noted that they are in better shape than ever to tackle the issue since they have their own tar trailer and kettle. As the temperatures continue in the freeze-thaw cycle, more potholes are expected and will be addressed as soon as possible.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Noted that Palmer Ball sign up will happen on May 7 from 10 a.m. until noon and on May 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.;
- Discussed that clean up day is still in the works and a date will be finalized soon;
- Discussed the possible improvements to the park and discussed further steps in gathering information, including a possible DNR grant to help with the tennis court

reconstruction;

- Heard from Demeules about Lake Association activities, including possible testing for Blue-green algae, Alum treatments for the lakes to combat phosphorous levels and a discussion about how to facilitate waste clean up during busy winter times on the lake;
- Discussed speed display sign costs and possible deployments in the future;
- Approved a bid from Wright-Hennepin in the amount of \$7,485 for security camera enhancements - to be paid for from ARPA.

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Editorials/Opinions

Our Quest For Gold

As I sit here at the computer writing my column, I'm making final preparations for a week-long vacation in Arizona.

It's been a long time since me and my wife Rita went on a vacation for more than a day or two. Over the past two years with COVID restrictions, our trips have been limited to not much more than some sight-seeing and an overnight hotel stay in Duluth or Stillwater. Now that the pandemic seems to be slowing, we feel more confident about flying again.

And the fact that the weather here has been so cold makes a trip south all the more inviting.

We've been to Arizona before. The first time was a four-day trip back in 2013 when we went on a day-long tour through Sedona and on to the Grand Canyon. The views were breathtaking, and I know we'll be going back some day.

We liked the atmosphere and the downtown area in Sedona so much that we took another short vacation and stayed there a few years later.

But this trip will be different. There is no one specific place on our list. In fact, we hope to see multiple sites this time. This will be an "adventure" vacation.

Sure, we'll spend some leisure time soaking up the sun and taking in all the scenery. We may eat at some restaurants and take in some live music or comedy entertainment. But we expect our big focus to be treasure hunting.

Back in 2020 when the pandemic was going full force, we couldn't attend any shows or go out to eat. Most places were closed. So we decided to take up a hobby where we could spend time outdoors without being part of a big crowd. We chose



By Ken Francis,
Contributing Writer

metal detecting.

I'd always wanted to try metal detecting when I was younger and living in New Jersey. I remember getting a really cheap detector for Christmas one year. It worked. But because I lived in a city with lots of pavement, there really weren't many places to search where I could dig up anything good. And since the detectors back then didn't discriminate between different types of metal, every signal sounded the same. So my "treasure" was usually a nail, a bottle cap or a soda can.

Today's technology makes detecting a much more rewarding experience. The detectors have lots of features - different tones for different types of metal; settings for depth, volume and sensitivity. Many have digital numerical readouts that can narrow down what might be giving off a signal.

I didn't know any of that until I borrowed a friend's detector. Me and Rita tried it in the yard around our old farmhouse. Once we got used to the unit, we could skip anything that was likely a nail. On our second day of detecting about 20 feet from the porch, just before dark, we got a signal that was in the range of a coin. We used a trowel to dig a hole about four inches deep. Without much light left in the day, we couldn't really see what was in the hole, so we

kept scooping out dirt.

And there it was, a 1920 Mercury silver dime! But that wasn't all. We swung the detector over the hole again and got another signal. A few seconds later up came a 1929 Buffalo nickel. And then two more coins - a 1910 cent and 1919 cent.

That was all we needed to decide to get our own detector. Rita ordered one online, and after a few weeks we bought another one so we could detect together. We've been detecting ever since and have found plenty of coins, some rings and lots of cool stuff.

So when we finally decided to plan a vacation this spring, we wanted to go somewhere where the ground wasn't frozen and covered with snow.

Since we already liked Arizona, we did some research about places to detect down there. We checked online and watched some videos and discovered there's a long history of lost treasure in Arizona. Or at least that's what people are claiming.

We saw a documentary about different people searching for the Lost Dutchman's Mine, a place in the Superstition Mountains that is supposed to be filled with gold.

There are also countless videos of people detecting gold nuggets in the desert. And Rita read about the trail in Arizona and New Mexico 16th-century Spanish explorer Francisco Vázquez de Coronado followed in his search for treasure in the Seven Golden Cities of Cibola. So far, no one has claimed to have found it.

With all those people searching for the treasure over the past few hundred years, it's not likely we can hit the jackpot in a few days. But I'm hoping we bring home more than just a tan.

guitarist, Steve Lukather. Lead vocalist, Joseph William, came into the band in 1986 and the rest of the members at various points.

The big hits, *Rosanna*, *Africa*, 99 to name a few, got the crowd going, dancing and singing along with the band. The energy was growing and getting ready for Journey.

There was an intermission before Journey came out. Everybody went and took a break and came back early to await one of the greatest rock bands out there - my opinion. Anticipation was at an all time high.

All of a sudden the stage lights up and the music starts playing, *Stone in Love*. One of my favorites of all time songs, gets the crowd going. *Those crazy nights I do remember in my youth, I do recall those were the best times, most of all.*

Oh my gosh, there I

2 Girls, 2 Bands, 2 Good



By Shelley Berthiaume
Contributing Writer

listened to some classic rock before Toto came out. *You Really Got Me Now* by Van Halen was getting us warmed up.

Toto starts out with, *Hold the Line*. The crowd roars and the light show begins. Big screens on both sides of the stage giving close-ups of the musicians and the lead singer.

Toto formed back in 1977 and had only one "original" member, lead



Needless Tax Hike



By Rep.
Shane Mekeland

floor for a approval and sending it to the governor to sign and put this issue to rest, House Democrats continued to withhold that bill through the March 15 deadline. House Republicans made a move to declare urgency on the matter Monday to take up the Senate bill for a vote but, for the second time in the past week, that motion was blocked.

Now, a tax increase is set to take place to pay the state's federal debt even though Minnesota has a surplus of around \$10 billion. The consequences are highly concerning and even the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development has sounded alarms. One recent article quotes Greater Minnesota employers saying they face tax increases in the tens of thousands of dollars next year, in one case a 130% increase which translates to a \$21,000 spike.

And, let's be clear: Those tax increases are going to impact us all, whether it's through higher prices for

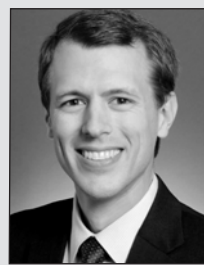
goods and services, reduced wages or diminished benefits. That 12-pack of Diet Coke already costs a lot more than it did just a short time ago and this tax increase will only serve to raise its price even more. In turn, these higher costs we pay mean more sales tax is collected by a state that already has \$10 billion in surplus revenue.

It never ends, which gets us back to the point: Our mission in the Legislature this session should be to do all we can to help Minnesotans get back on their feet after what has been, for many, an extremely challenging couple of years. The state has a historic surplus that should be used for tax relief but, instead, the House majority allowed a tax increase to take place.

Aside from mere dollars and cents, the added strain this tax increase is likely to cause people is concerning. Mental health issues seem to be contributing, on some level, to the rising rates of violent crime in our state. We need to get a grip on this dangerous trend as well and House Republicans recently outlined a package of bills which focuses on three key areas: crime prevention and accountability for criminals; police recruitment and retention; and holding the criminal justice system accountable.

If nothing else, Minnesotans and our visitors deserve to be safe.

Combatting MN's Electric Vehicle Mandate



By Sen.
Andrew Mathews

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

The Minnesota Consumer Choice of Fuel Act, S.F. 3065, comes in response to the California Cars Minnesota mandate, which was officially adopted in May 2021 and is set to be enacted in 2025. California Cars Minnesota would require a specific number of electric vehicles to be carried on every car dealership lot.

The bill I authored this session would prohibit government from banning products based on fuel source. Minnesota is a unique state with equally unique needs,

and our laws should be based on the needs of Minnesota residents. Electric vehicles are already gaining ground in the marketplace, so there is no place for an electric vehicle mandate. The California

Cars Minnesota mandate lead by Governor Walz blatantly disregards the needs of Minnesotan citizens, as it is based on California's air quality regulations. This is an issue I have been working on for nearly four years.

Whether it be farmers, auto stakeholders, or the everyday consumer, we all should have the freedom to choose our own vehicle to purchase without government intervention and coercion. And the legislation I authored this session would affirm this right and protect consumers from policies that are not beneficial to their wallets or their lifestyles.

was, back to being 19 years old, remembering what life was then at that time - carefree, fun. Mary and I bask in the moment and start dancing like we used to every Friday and Saturday night in the summertime.

One original member of the band, lead guitarist Neal Schon still had it. Up on the big screen behind the stage, playing a solo right before *Who's Crying Now*, blew the crowd away. The talent - unbelievable.

Arnel Pineda was amazing. He took over where Steve Perry left off. If you weren't looking at the screen, you could have sworn it was Perry. His voice is similar on many levels. He engaged everyone at the concert. He had us singing along to many of the songs. What a great performer.

Jonathan Cain, keyboard/piano, started with Journey in 1980. There was no doubt at age 72, that he still had it. His piano solo leading up to *Open Arms* drew big applause from the crowd.

The concert ended with *Any Way you Want it*. People jumping up and down. The best light show I have ever seen at a concert. Nobody wanted the night to end. It had been electrifying.

We recorded many of their songs, took lots of pictures and left with feeling like we did back in the day. The euphoria lasted into the following day for me. I still was in awe of the bands, grateful for my high school friend Mary and to revel in the moment of 19 - again.

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

March is famous for several things. . . Green Beer, March Madness, cold Minnesota winds and a whole lot more. But did you know that March is also a chance for us to give our local Food Shelf a boost? The local Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf is once again participating in the "MN FoodShare March Campaign." This giving opportunity runs until April 10, 2022. All food and financial donations made to the Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf earn additional funding from the Minnesota FoodShare Food Fund. Although the Food Shelf appreciates any donations, because of the limited storage space available in the current location, money is always a good donation. Any financial donation will be matched by the FoodShare Fund, making it stretch much, much further. Many are hurting in this economy and are having to make difficult decisions which can lead to food insecurity for their family. If you are able, please support this valuable resource in our community.

Karolyn Boucher
Clearwater, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Is our judicial system just? Is it just to incarcerate people for more than one year without charges or bail? That is the case for many who did not enter the Capitol on January 6th. Is it just to release repeat offenders with low or no bail before being tried for previous crimes? Is it just to tag parents as terrorists with the FBI when they brought their concerns to local school boards? Will more governments seize property and bank accounts of protesters as they did in Canada? We need to hold our judicial system and government agencies accountable. Create review boards

at the state and federal levels. Board members should be elected by citizens and not appointed by politicians. The term would be no more than two years, being accountable to the voters. Judges and other elected officials need to defend our laws and the Constitution, not render judgements on their own interpretations. Recently, three policemen were convicted of manslaughter for not doing their job. Maybe the Governor and mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul should be charged with manslaughter for dereliction of duty during the riots of 2020. People died when they did not call up the National Guard immediately. The police were told to stand down.

Barry VanBuren
Clearwater, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding the appearance of the Child Protection League at the Becker School Board meeting, Board Chair Swanson said "As a school board, we are learners, just like the students we serve. Therefore, a critical part of our jobs as board members is to listen and engage ... with a variety of perspectives and voices to ensure a complete picture." Mr. Swanson, who are you trying to kid?! Even your students recognize hate and bigotry when they see it. But, then again, that's part of the "problem," isn't it? The Board does not want Becker's students to learn inclusivity. Else, very, very little research on the Board's part would have drawn you to the conclusion that inviting a hate group to speak was a horrible idea. Birds of a feather, Mr. Swanson, birds of a feather.

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the department should not respond to, including lift assists, sometimes multiple per day from certain residents, that effectively just helped the resident move from a couch to a bed, without there being much of an emergency at the time. He also noted responses to medical calls that ended up being as minor as a bloody nose.

Halverson had pulled response numbers from the county and wished to meet with any other council member to share them. He hoped to find a solution that would both save taxpayer money and help prevent firefighter burnout.

Street Projects

Council awarded street improvement work to low bidder Knife River. Their bid for the work comes in under budget at just over \$4.1 million. Mayor Paul Knier noted that the council was pleased they could get this work done with a low-interest loan and save the taxpayers some money.

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Sports News

Becker robotics qualifies for MSHSL state tournament

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Add another state tournament appearance to the list for Becker High School, as FRC 4607 (C.I.S.) performed well enough at the Duluth Regional March 5 to earn a spot at the MSHSL state robotics tournament. The team has been in existence for just ten years, but has earned a reputation as one of the elite teams in Minnesota and across the entire FRC competition circuit.

"It truly is a testament to the students - it is incredible to see their performance," Head Coach Alex Jurek said. "I am very proud of this team."

C.I.S. went 8-1 during the qualification matches to earn second place entering the final draft selection, where they joined forces with a pair of top teams to form the #2 alliance.

"At the end of qualifications we were ranked second out of 58 teams and became alliance captains for the first time in team history," said the team's marketing department. "We picked team 876 Thunder Robotics out of Hatton-Northwood, North Dakota, for first pick and for second pick, we picked team 2239, The Technocrats out of Hopkins, Minnesota."

The trio of heavyweights won both quarter-final matches, 90-60 and 74-65, to make it to the semifinals. In those matches, Becker's alliance lost the first match, 74-54, but bounced back for a 76-61 win in the second match. In the tiebreaker, Becker's group prevailed 67-53 to make it to the finals.

"In the finals, we played a very tough alliance and lost both matches, 85-49 and 99-65," the marketing department added. "Overall we are very excited to be competing, and working to improve our robot for the next two regionals."

Becker will next compete in Grand Forks, followed by a trip to the La-crosse, Wisconsin regional.

"We performed great at Duluth, we are preparing to win at Grand Forks," team member John Nielsen commented.

This year's game has multiple scoring avenues, as is usual with the FRC challenge. One of the ways to score points is a four bar climbing structure, while there are also two different goals in a central hub where balls can be scored. As usual, the matches start with an autonomous period, where computer program-



THE BECKER ROBOTICS TEAM, CIS, is in its 10th year in existence and continues to be a top team in Minnesota with its sights set on yet another trip to the World Championships. (Submitted photo.)



DRIVE TEAM. While there are literally hundreds of hours of preparation that go into the robot before each competition, once there it is up to the drive team (pictured at the Duluth regional) to maneuver the robot on the playing field while executing the team's strategy. (Submitted photo.)

ming performed by team members controls the robot instead of the human drivers.

"We're currently improving so we can crush it at our next regional," C.I.S. member Eli Bring said.

According to the team's strategy squadron, C.I.S. is focusing on the climbing aspect of the game, as well as the autonomous programming. Other facts that figured into this season's plans were to keep the robot simple and easily serviceable.

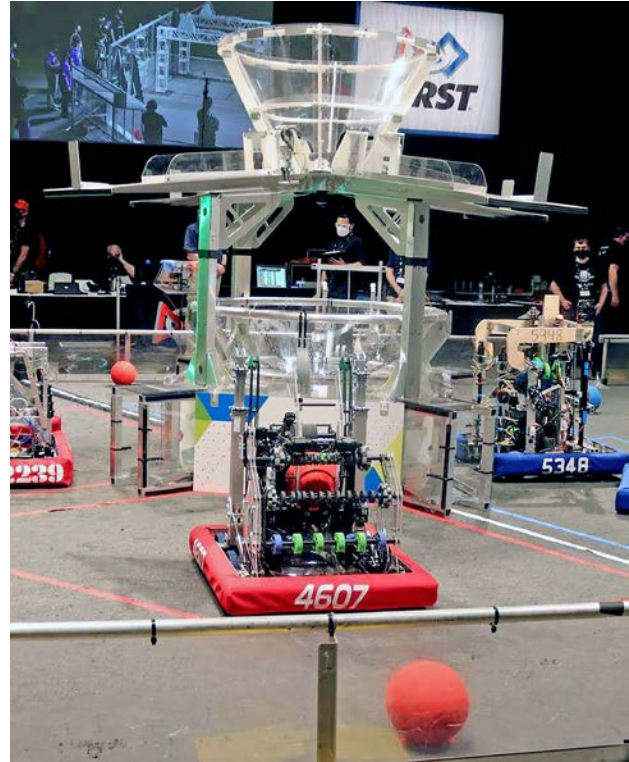
In-match strategy is determined by the alliance member partners and opponents.

"It was a lot of fun, and

good to be back in person," team member Emilia Hansen stated, noting that last season's events were held virtually.

"The entire thing was a great experience," added marketing member Kayla Meyer.

Team members for this season's squad include Matty B, Haiden Berrios, Noah Bloch, Eli Bring, Anthony Guck, Hayden Hall, Emilia Hansen, Greg Headley, Makayla Hoefs, Helen Jiang, Jakob Johnson, Landon Jurek, Joseph Kampa, Noelle Kempin, Lizzy Kluge, Kayla Gruenes, Saul Kortmansky, Collin Lietha, Lucas Bribbers, Vincent Martin, Nash



THIS YEAR'S ROBOT is named Midnight Bite, a moniker selected by this year's Seniors. (Submitted photo.)

Super, Kayla Meyer, Timothy Middleton, John Nielsen, Cameron Northenscald, Adam Sura, Aliyah Szabla, Michael Thielen, Preston Thielen, Zach Ward, Isaac Wentland, Trenton Woolhouse, and Abby Stich.

Coaches include Alex Jurek, John Stich and Joe Kurhaetz, while mentors for this year's team are: Ryan Swanson, Logan Steffen,

Corey Applegate, Jim Cota, Katy Cota, Todd Kruse, Grant Silewski, Eric McCalla, Kris Fischbach, Matt Caden, Jordan Kortmansky, Katie Meyer, Ben Fischbach, Blake Soenneker and Evan Schmidt.

State Champs!



THE BIG LAKE BOYS 6TH GRADE TEAM completed their season as State Champions in Tier 5 competition. The tournament was held in Prior Lake on the weekend of March 6. The Hornets challenged teams from around Minnesota and came out on top in all four games. The team roster includes: Maxwell Baron, Walker Blymeyer, Branson Gray, Alec Grew, Wyatt Horn, Avery Jarvi, Weston Jones, Judd Layton, Daniel Rotz and Bennett Thieke. Coaches are Ehren Layton and Don Baron. (Submitted Photo.)

CMAB awards Community Arts Support Grants to area arts organizations

Submitted article

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

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), at their March 10, 2022 meeting, awarded fourteen (14) Community Arts Support Grants totaling \$118,001.

The CMAB Community Arts Support Program provides biennial grants for administration, operations, equipment purchases and to improve access and outreach to underserved groups. These unrestricted grants are awarded to non-profit arts organizations that demonstrate efficient management and high-quality artistic programming.

Award Recipients:

510 Art Lab, \$7013 – Stearns County; Avon Hills Folk School, \$7,907 – Stearns County; Buffalo Community Orchestra, \$8,460 – Wright County; Buffalo Community Theater, \$10,000 – Wright County; Central Minnesota Youth Orchestra, \$6,982 – Stearns County; Chamber Music Society of St. Cloud, \$10,000 – Stearns County;

Granite City Folk Society, \$4,925 – Stearns County; Great Northern Theatre Company, \$10,000 – Stearns County; Great River Chorale, \$10,000 – Stearns County; Minnesota Dance Ensemble, \$4,070 – Stearns County; SOAR Regional Arts, \$10,000 – Wright County; St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra, \$10,000 – Stearns County; Sinclair Lewis Foundation, \$8,644 – Stearns County; Youth Chorale of Central MN, \$10,000 – Stearns County

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City Public Notices

CITY OF CLEARWATER COUNTY OF STEARNS COUNTY OF WRIGHT STATE OF MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Clearwater, Counties of Stearns and Wright, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clearwater City Hall, in the City of Clearwater, Minnesota, relating to the proposed establishment of Municipal Development District No. 2, the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-1 within the Development District, the proposed adoption of the Development Plan relating to Municipal Development District No. 2, and the proposed adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan for Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-1, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.124 through 469.133, as amended, and Sections 469.174 through 469.1794, as amended, all inclusive, as amended. A copy of the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator at City Hall.

The property included in Municipal Development District No. 2 is described in the Development Program on file in the office of the City Administrator. The property proposed to be included in Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-1 is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the City Administrator.

Maps of the Municipal Development District No. 2 and Tax Increment Financing Districts No. 2-1 are set forth in the adjacent map:

Proposed Boundaries of Municipal Development District No. 2 and Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-1.



All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their views orally or in writing prior to the hearing to City Hall, PO Box 9, 605 County Road 75, Clearwater, MN 55302. (Published in the Patriot: 03/12/22; 03/19/22).

Bulldog girls headed back to state tournament!

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

For the fourth consecutive season under Coach Dan Baird, the Becker girls basketball team is headed back to the MN State Class AAAA state tournament. This year's trip came after last Thursday's convincing win in the Section 5AAA Finals over Mississippi 8 Conference foe Monticello by a score of 69 to 32.

"We hit six threes to their one in the first half, which propelled us early and that momentum never stopped," Baird said after the game.

The game was played at Forest Lake High School, but the Bulldogs came out of the gate as though they were on their home court as



THE BECKER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM last Thursday captured its fourth straight Section Title with a victory over the Monticello Magic. Becker earned the right to defend its state title in the Class AAAA state tournament. Pictured are the team's players, coaches and managers. (Submitted photo.)

points and dictated right away she wasn't going to be denied by the way she attacked the basket," Baird added. "Ayla Brown did a fantastic job getting to the basket as well."

Brown had ten first half points and ended the game with 15 to help bolster the Bulldogs' scoring attack.

In addition to their usual starting five performing admirably, Becker also saw a spark from its bench, which received extended playing time in the second half of the game.

"Evelyn Kreft did a nice job scoring eight points off the bench and made some nice defensive plays too," Baird said.

With the win, Becker pushed its record to 23-4 on the season, while the Magic finished at 13-16.

Becker scoring: Dani Nuest, nine; Westin, 21; Brown, 15; Adeline Kent, eight; Lexi Rose, five; Evelyn Kreft, eight; Liz Mackedanz, three.

State Bound

For the Bulldogs, the state tournament has been a frequent destination in recent years, with the Bulldogs claiming a title a year ago. They were also slated to appear in the championship game in 2020, but the game was canceled in the hours leading up to the finals because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The previous year, the Bulldogs were runners-up. Becker will enter this year's tournament with an incredible amount of experience, and

the hope that the familiarity with the facilities and the spotlight of the game will work in their favor.

The Class AAAA tournament quarterfinals were held Wednesday at Maturi Pavilion on the University of Minnesota campus, with the semifinals (Thursday) and finals (Saturday) moving to Williams Arena.

The state seeding meeting was held last Saturday, with Becker receiving the #1 seed and drawing unseeded Austin as their first round opponent in the first game of the day, a 10 a.m. start time. Also playing each other in Becker's side of the bracket was #4 Benilde-St. Margaret, who took on Mankato East. In the other side of the bracket, #2 St. Paul Como Park was scheduled to face unseeded Grand Rapids, while #3 Totino-Grace faced unseeded Detroit Lakes.

In facing the Austin Packers, Becker will face a team with a 24-5 record that finished in second place in the Big Nine Conference with a 19-3 record, just behind Mankato East, who finished 20-2.

Becker went into the state tournament averaging 76.2 points per game, led by Dani Nuest's 15.9 points per game, while Ayla Brown averages 15.1. Close behind were Adeline Kent (14.8), Lexi Rose (13.2) and Maren Westin (12.6).

State Tournament

(Editor's Note: Reporter Mark Kolbinger

was able to submit this update before our deadline at noon on Wednesday. This covers the girls' first game Wednesday morning, and complete coverage will appear in next week's issue of the Patriot.)

The Becker girls basketball team opened Class AAAA State Tournament play at Maturi Pavilion at the U of MN campus Wednesday morning with a 53-48 come from behind victory over the Austin Packers.

Becker trailed by seven with approximately five minutes left in the game before going on a 12-0 run to seal the victory.

In the final five minutes, Becker's Adeline Kent hit a pair of three's to help pull the Bulldogs to within one point, 48-47. Becker then took control in the final minute of the game when Ayla Brown broke free for a layup to take a 49-48 lead. From there, Dani Nuest hit a driving layup and finished a three-point play with a free throw for the "and one," pushing the Bulldog lead to 51-48. Lexi Rose added a pair of free throws in the final seconds to secure the win.

With the win, Becker advanced to the state semifinals Thursday at noon against either Mankato East or Benilde St. Margarets.

Check out next week's Patriot for complete state tournament coverage!



BECKER HEAD COACH DAN BAIRD was all smiles as he took his turn cutting down the net in celebration of the team's fourth consecutive Section Championship. Baird was subsequently named the Section 5AAA Head Coach of the Year. (Submitted photo.)

they raced to a 44-15 half-time lead.

Maren Westin put on a clinic in the opening stanza, scoring 16 first half points en route to a team high 21.

"Maren Westin had 21

Bulldog boys to play for section title

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker boys basketball team is just one game away from being Becker High School's fourth winter sports team to qualify for the MSHSL state tournament, as the Bulldogs will face the Princeton Tigers in the Section 5AAA championship. The section final game was played last night (Friday, March 18) in Cambridge against the #1 seed Princeton Tigers.

Becker advanced to the title game with a semifinal win over the Monticello Magic and Head Coach Josh Ihrke said it was maybe his team's best game of the season.

"That was our most complete team victory," Ihrke said after the game. "We had valuable minutes from every guy tonight."

Heading into the game, the semifinal matchup against Monticello had all the expectations of a close fought, physical playoff game, as the two teams had split 1-1 during the regular season. Monticello won the first matchup, as the host Magic were on fire offensively on January 28 and came away with a 85-75 win.

Becker returned the favor at home exactly a month later as they won a 73-61 defensive minded contest on February 25. Becker had finished the regular season in third place in the M8 Conference with an 8-6 record (15-10 overall), while the Magic finished second at 9-5 (13-13 overall).

But this time it was the section tournament and Becker was dominant in earning a trip to the finals.

The Bulldogs went on an offensive onslaught in the first half, posting 49 points on the Magic and putting the game out of reach with a 49-20 halftime lead.

"Brady Paumen was playing at such a high level throughout the game, Ihrke added. "We were able to establish a toughness on defense that led to a productive offense."

Becker shot 52% in the game and held the Magic to a woeful 30% field goal percentage, and in addition the Bulldogs were better in points in the paint (40 to 30), defensive rebounding (29 to 20) and points off turnovers (20 to 11).

Paumen put up the double-double for the Bulldogs, as he scored 18 points and also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Eric Seavert also played well, scoring 15 points and dishing out five assists, while Hayden Harmoning played perhaps his best game of the year with 11 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Ihrke was proud of how his #2 seeded team handled a very good Magic squad.

"We earned the opportunity to play in the section final on Friday against Princeton," Ihrke said.

Becker scoring: Alex Weiss, four; Nick Berglund, eight; Julius Hendricks, six; Ryan Bengtson, five; Harmoning, 11 (five rebounds, four assists); Seavert, 15; Paumen, 18; Carter Callahan, two (five rebounds).

Thunder

The #2 seed Bulldogs opened Section 5AAA play last Wednesday by hosting Zimmerman in a quarterfinal game that saw Becker shoot 39% from the three-point line in a 67-54 victory over the Thunder.



BRADY PAUMEN dunked the ball here and earned his coach's praise for his all around game in helping lead Becker to the Section title game. (Submitted photo.)

Becker had a slim 27-24 halftime lead before taking over in the second half behind some aggressive play. The Bulldogs were on the attack all evening, as evidenced by their 19 free throw attempts (making 13) to the Thunder's 10 (making eight).

The home team also took care of the ball, only committing 11 turnovers.

"Zimmerman battled hard, but we made enough plays to get the win," Coach Joh Ihrke said.

Becker scoring: Alex Weiss, six (four assists); Nick Berglund, six; Julius Hendricks, 10; Hayden Harmoning, two (four assists); Eric Seavert, 24; Brady Paumen, 14; Carter Callahan, five (five rebounds).

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Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC at Becker
Community Center (BCC)

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Tues., Mar. 22: 9am-Coffee, Conversation, Cards
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March - Sherburne County - Health & Human Services - Classes are as follows:

Car Seat Distribution Classes: Monday, March 7, 2022 1:30-3 pm, and Tuesday, March 22, 2022 9:30-11am at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River. If eligible, residents of Sherburne County can receive a car seat for a \$20 suggested donation. Call to find out income guidelines (families who are on WIC or children on medical assistance are automatically eligible). Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4112 or 1-800-433-5239.

First Steps Central MN Personal Nurses: Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright County have a team of Personal Nurses who connect with families that are pregnant or recently had a baby. Our Nurses offer support and information to be the best parent you can be, have a safe, loving home for you and your baby, connect to resources in your community to get things needed for your baby, and find ways to continue your education and develop job skills. The program is at no cost to you. Call 763-276-0441 or visit www.firststepscentralmn.org for more information.

HIV testing: Free and confidential testing is available by appointment at: Sherburne County Health and Human Services, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330. Contact our HIV tester at 763-765-4000.

Immunization/ Covid-19 Vaccine Tuesdays
Sherburne County Public Health is offering free Covid-19 Vaccine, and offering free or low cost immunizations for children 18 years of age or younger and uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years and older in Minnesota who meet eligibility guidelines on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4000 or 1-800-433-5239.

Outreach in St. Cloud: The Sherburne County Wellness bus will be at Salem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 9:30-3pm. HHS staff will answer questions about public assistance programs and assist Sherburne County residents in applying for, or maintaining, benefits. Need Help with Food, Child Care, Medical Assistance, Housing, Utility Disconnections, Evictions? Walk ins welcome!

WIC (Women, Infants & Children): is for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, recently had a baby, infants and children to their 5th birthday. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to health services/community resources. The service is free, and you or your children may be eligible. For more information, please call 763-765-4116 or 1-800-433-5239, or check out the website <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/hhs/wic.php>. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in the administration of its programs. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.

***Drop-in Childcare:** Need someone to watch your children while you renew your driver's license, attend a court hearing, apply for a passport, or conduct other business at the Sherburne County Government Center? Free childcare is now available for children ages 6 weeks -12 years. 2.5 hour time limit. Hours of operation are Monday – Thursday 9am – 3:30pm and Friday 9am – noon. Parent/caregiver will be provided with a pager and must remain on premises. Guidelines and capacity limits apply.

Announcements

Becker - Organizations

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

The auxiliary meets the second Tues. of the month at 7pm.. For info please contact Paula Hinds (President) at (763) 262-6679 or see John Riebel or Nellie Simpson at Becker True Value.

Becker American Legion Post 193

Becker Legion meets the second Tues. of every month at 7pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall.)

Becker AA Meeting

Becker Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thurs., 8pm at Mary of the Visitation, 12100 Sherburne Ave, Becker. For information, call/text (320) 247-4732 or email beckeraagroupmnn@gmail.com

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92

Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum
Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer located near Becker True Value. Paper & cardboard recycling location is at the Becker Community Center, please remember to flatten the cardboard & absolutely no garbage on the first Sat. of every month. There will be a Scout there to help unload between 9am-12pm. Thanks for your support!

Becker Evangelical Ministries

Every Wed., 6-7:30pm at Becker Middle School. GYM 45 - growing young men. HIS KIDZ - K-3rd grade. G.I.R.L.S. GROUP - 4th & 5th grade girls.

Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125 or register online at W W W . B E C K E R - F R E E C H U R C H . O R G (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

Becker Food Shelf

Open Tues., 9-11am & Thurs. 4-6pm. The food shelf is located 12060 Sherburne Ave. in City Hall. (763) 261-4612.

Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild

Meet 2nd Mon. of month at 7pm. Becker Baptist Church.

Contact Elizabeth Steckelberg (320) 259-9542.

Becker Lions Club

Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 7pm at Becker City Park. Dale Seavert (320) 290-5342.

Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

The Becker Lions are collecting used eyeglasses (no cases please) and hearing aids. Collection buckets are located at the Becker Community Center, Insight Eye Care and Becker Food Pride. We are no longer collecting used cell phones or printer cartridges. If you have any questions please contact Lion Dale Seavert at (320) 290-5342 (phone or text) or by email at dj-seavert@gmail.com.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

Meets the third Tues. of each month at 7 pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall). Looking for new members. Commander John Fischbach (320) 249-0579.

Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

The monthly meetings are held 6 pm the third Thurs. of the month at Becker City Hall. (320) 980-2752 or see the state website at www.beyondtheyellow-ribbon.org.

Compassion Connection

A 501(c)(3) community-based non-profit. We partner with local & private child welfare agencies. We fulfill emergency requests to expedite safe placement of babies & children & assist aged-out youth as they transition.

At our Resource Closet, we are committed to helping not only the foster community but families in need making the most items in our Resource Closet available to all. We host regular events to encourage awareness & motivate community participation in support of our most vulnerable children. For more info: www.thecompassionconnectionmn.com.

Dementia Support Group

The fourth Wed. of each month at 10-11am, Room 19 at Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave. No cost to join. Tami Kolbinger at (612) 590-2449 or email tjkolbinger@gmail.com.

Great River Faith in Action

If you are a senior, age 60 & above, family caregiver or an individual in need of services, Great River Faith in Action can provide volunteer transportation, chore services & grocery shopping assistance, as well as caregiver groups. Call (763) 263-4277.

Snake River Free Mission Church

Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check Snake River Church FaceBook page for updates. 5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary (612) 219-8648.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

The Refuge is open to visitors year-round during the daylight hours. The Refuge is located at 17076 293rd Ave, Zimmerman. Call (763) 389-3323 or sherburne@fws.gov

Big Lake - Organizations

Big Lake Ambassador

"Empowering young ladies of Big Lake to be women of tomorrow through Community Service. To promote leadership, professional development & personal growth with an opportunity to earn an educational scholarship. Core Values - Honesty, Respect, Loyalty & commitment." Information about program email: biglakeambassadors@gmail.com or biglakejuniorambassadors@gmail.com.

Big Lake American Legion Post #147

Meets the first Thurs. of the month @ 7 pm. Community Room by the Big Lake Police Station, 790 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake 55309. Please contact Commander Paul Seefeld (612)

801-7731.

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

Mon., 7pm at the Church of Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, Big Lake. Big Book Study, Handicap Accessible. Questions? Contact: Rob, (763) 218-5328.

Big Lake Al-Anon

Meetings held Mon., 7pm at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church - Big Lake Annex, "lawn chairs outdoors when weather permits."

Newcomers encouraged - we are a very welcoming group! Laurie (763) 218-5330.

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

Meets the first Tues. Mar.-Dec. at 6:30pm. in the Senior Citizen Center at Big Lake City Hall. Please contact Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for information.

Big Lake / Becker Mops

Mother's of preschoolers Group meets the second & fourth Wed. of the month (Sept.-May) at Becker Baptist Church, 9-11:30am.

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

The Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meets at 6:30pm on the third Mon., of each month in the Community Room adjacent to the Big Lake Police Dept. & the Big Lake Library.

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meets second Tues. of each month at 11am. Meetings via Zoom due to COVID. Contact Recreation & Communication Coordinator Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331 for meeting links or questions on the Committee Website: <https://www.biglakemn.org/443/Big-Lake-Bicycle-Advisory-Committee>.

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

The Big Lake Community Food Shelf hours of service are Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-7:30pm & Wed. 9-11am. We also serve clients every "Freebie Friday" from 11:30am-12:30pm., providing

produce, dairy, & bakery goods. Our new, "Pop-up Pantry", from 11:30am-12:30pm every Tues.To volunteer call (763) 263-2432 or www.blcfs.org.

Big Lake Day of Prayer

Big Lake meets year round the first Wed. of the month, at 7am for a prayer breakfast at Big Lake High School flagpole.

The Big Lake Lions

Looking for community minded people to join our organization. If interested in getting involved with our organization, please contact any Lion member or send a note to P.O. Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309 or (763) 263-2218.

LC of Big Lake Lioness

If you are interested in learning more about the LC of Big Lake Lioness you can catch us on FB: www.facebook.com/BigLakeMnLionessClub, or attend any meeting held the second Mon. of the month at the Lions Park on CR5. social starts 6:30pm, meeting 7pm. All are welcome to attend to learn more about the club.

Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Big Lake Living Clean NA meeting Sun., 7pm, Bridgeview Assembly of God Church, 20500 Co. Rd. 11, Big Lake, MN, (763) 482-1695.

Big Lake Women of Today

Hold a monthly general meeting at Senior Activity Center located in the Big Lake City Office Building on the 3rd Thurs. of the month @ 7pm. Contact Natalie @ (612) 518-3504 or find us at FaceBook or www.biglakewomentoday.webs.com.

God's Grub Community Meal

Second Sun. of every month, 4:30-6:30 pm. Saron Lutheran, Big Lake, 311 Lake Street South. Served curbside, ready to go.

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.

Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

Moms in Prayer

Meets weekly to pray for their children & the school they attend. Information: www.momsinprayer.org or Colene Stenberg (763) 263-6809 or stenbergjc@outlook.com

Upcoming Becker Events

Easter Basket Drive

Easter Basket drive for foster kids. Now through Mar. 25. We have a Spring Open Shop Day at our Resource Closet on Mar. 28, & foster families will receive them for their foster kiddos when they come to shop! For more information: www.thecompassionconnectionmn.com

Upcoming Clearwater Events

Rejoice Lutheran Church

The Rev. Dr. Karen McKinney will preach & lead a learning session at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater on Sun., Mar. 27. All are welcome to worship at 9:30am followed by a meal & conversation. Free will offering will be taken for the meal catered by Chevy's Pit. The learning session will address how equity applies to us at home, at church & in our community from Noon-3pm. Please call 320-558-6851 to reserve a spot for the meal.



Public Notices

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ASSUMED NAME: **Hayley Kay Interiors**

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NAMEHOLDER(S):

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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-PR-22-15

In Re: Estate of

Kenneth David Palmer, Decedent

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF TESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 14, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, MN 55330, on a petition for the

adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Linda M. Palmer, whose address is 1155-10th Avenue NE, Apt. 129, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration. This hearing will be held remotely. Contact Sherburne County Court Administration for appearance instructions.

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

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: February 16, 2022 /s/ Beverly Hillesheim, Deputy Court Administrator JEDDELOH & SNYDER, P.A. Gwen M. Anderson - 169766 803 W Saint Germain Street St. Cloud, MN 56301 Telephone: 320-240-9423 Facsimile: 320-240-9454 E-mail: gwen@jeddelohnsnyder.com

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Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Other Civil - Quiet Title Court File No. 71-CV-22-144

Nott Company, Plaintiff,

vs

Princeton Opportunities, Inc. also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein,

Defendants.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney an answer to the Complaint which is herewith served upon you within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This action involves, affects and brings into question title to real property lying and being in the County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 1, Princeton Industrial Park, Sherburne County, Minnesota

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the object of said action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee of the property described above and that the Defendants, and each

of them, have no right, title, estate, interest or lien in or upon the said real estate.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that no personal claim is made by Plaintiff against any of the Defendants.

Civil cases are subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution processes as provided in Rule 114 of the General Rules of Practice for the District Court. Alternative Dispute Resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes set forth in the rules. You may contact the Court Administrator for further information about these processes and about resources available in your area. Dated: 2/16/2022

FENSKE LAW OFFICE, PLLC

/s/ Jeffrey J. Fenske, #150502

Attorney for Plaintiff

2096 James Avenue

St. Paul, Minnesota 55105

Telephone: (651) 288-0800

Email: jeff@jfenskelaw.com

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Foreclosures

NOTICE OF ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association (henceforth the Declaration) dated August 11, 2003 and recorded in the office of the County Recorder in and for Sherburne County, Minnesota on August 18, 2003 as Document No. 518022 which said Lien covers the following described property situated in the County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 10, Harrisons Cove, CIC No. 39, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Sherburne County Recorder. Street Address: 677 Independence Drive, Big Lake, MN PID #65-520-1008

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Nicole Nelson as unit owner to Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association, the principal amount of Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars and 84/100 (\$3,127.84) for assessments through March, 2022; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota at Sheriff's Main Reception in the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Dr. NW, Suite 100, in the City of Elk River in said County on May 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney's fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owner, her personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on November 19, 2022. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

Dated: March 15, 2022

HARRISON'S COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

FULLER, SEAVER & SWANSON, P.A.

By: /s/ Timothy D. Fuller 32694

12400 Portland Avenue South, Suite 132

Burnsville, MN 55337

(952) 890-0888

Attorneys for Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association

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Public Notices

Public Notice

Notice of non-bonafide sale on April 5, 2022, Sherburne County Sheriff's Department. 6125 115th Ave, Clear Lake, MN 55319.

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Civil Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE PROBATE/MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-CV-22-145

In the Matter of the Wallace J. Fink 2004 Revocable Trust Under Agreement for the benefit of Christopher M. Sharp and Ryan D. Tharp.

Notice and Order for Hearing

Bremer Bank, N.A., formerly known as doing business as Bremer Trust, N.A., as Petitioner, having filed its Petition for Approval of Distribution and Appointment of Successor Individual Trustee and for other relief.

The hearing will be held telephonically or via Zoom video conference at the Court's direction. The Court will notify the petitioner prior to the hearing of further information regarding remotely attending this hearing. Any other interested person who wishes to attend the hearing must contact the court by telephone prior to the day of the hearing so that arrangements may be made for that person's appearance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the hearing shall be given by publishing a copy of this Order one time, at least twenty days before the date of such hearing, in *Patriot News MN, LLC*, a legal newspaper for Sherburne County, Minnesota, and by mailing a copy of this Order to those beneficiaries of the trust who are known to or reasonably ascertainable by the Petitioner or to any other person requesting notice at least fifteen days before the date of such hearing.

Any objection to the relief

sought must be made in writing and filed with the court prior to the date of the hearing.

BY THE COURT

Dated: 03/09/2022

/s/ Brienne J. Buccicone.

District Judge

ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER:

Marya P. Robben (287167)

Beth T. Morrison (0393449)

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Public Notices

Township Public Notices

TOWN OF BIG LAKE 2022 LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property This may affect your 2023 property taxes

Notice is hereby given: The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization, for the **TOWN OF BIG LAKE**, County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, shall meet at the Big Lake Town Hall, 21960 – County Road 5 Big Lake, MN, 55309 **Thursday, April 07, 2022 at 9:00 AM.**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Big Lake Township will meet on April 07, 2022, 9:00 A.M., at Big Lake Township 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 the Sherburne County 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/ Brenda Kimberly-Maas
Big Lake Town Clerk
(Published in the *Patriot*: 03/19/22).

Lynden Township, Stearns County Important Information Regarding Property Assessments This may affect your 2023 property taxes.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Lynden Township will meet on April 12, 2022, 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.

Jenny Schmidt
Lynden Township Clerk
(Published in the *Patriot*: 03/19/22).

ORROCK TOWNSHIP 2022 LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property This may affect your 2023 property taxes

Notice is hereby given: The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization, for **Orrock Township**, County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, shall meet at the Orrock Town Hall, 26401 180th St NW Big Lake, MN, 55309 Wednesday, April 6th, 2022 at 4:00 PM. 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 Sherburne County Assessor’s office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after speaking with the County Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to Sherburne County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

/s/ Chris Weber
Orrock Township Clerk
(Published in the *Patriot*: 03/19/22; 03/26/22).

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Becker Library Events

Becker Book Club: Read the monthly book selection & join the group for discussion. If you haven’t read the book, join the group anyway. Please stay home when sick. For adults. Registration is required.

Dr. Seuss Hat Hunt: Let’s celebrate Dr. Seuss’s March birthday. Look for striped hats hidden around the Becker Library & receive a sticker for completing the hunt. Tues., Mar. 1 to Sat., Mar. 26. During library open hours.

What’s Growing in Your Garden? Stop by the library for this vegetable guessing game to help us celebrate the Becker Library’s ‘Locally Growin’ fundraising month. This is a self-directed activity. Tues., Mar. 1 to Sat., Mar. 26. During library open hours.

Storytime Wednesdays: Children, with a favorite adult, enjoy books, songs, rhymes & movement activities while building language, early literacy & school readiness skills through reading, singing, talking and playing. Social distancing measures will be in place at programs. Please stay home when sick. For ages 2-6. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library. Wed. Mar. 9, 16, 23 & 30 & April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10:30 to 11am.

Bleeding Blossoms Take & Make: Using the items provided in the kit, learn about capillary action & the properties of materials in this science art project. Kits available while supplies last. For ages 6-12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library. Wed., Mar. 9. During library open hours.

Wire Sculpture Class: Join Marilyn Dirkswager & learn about wire sculpture while making a sculpture of your own during this in-person class. All supplies provided. Please stay home when sick. For ages teen & adults. Limit 12. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library. Mon., Mar. 14 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Fantastic Beasts Scavenger Hunt: Get into the spirit of the new Fantastic Beasts movie: The Secrets of Dumbledore! Search the Becker Library for fantastic beasts & register for the chance

to win a prize! Fri., Apr. 15 to Sat., Apr. 30. During library open hours.

Glass Mosaic Class: Learn about the unique art of glass mosaic work with instruction from Laura Ruprecht. All supplies provided to create a glass mosaic to take home. Please stay home when sick. For ages 10 & up. Limit 15. Registration required. A Legacy event.Mon., Apr. 18,5:30 to 7:30pm.

Author visit-Mary Casanova: Mary Casanova, author of One Dog Canoe & Moose Tracks will be presenting at the Performing Arts Center in Becker. Please stay home when sick. For all ages. Registration required. A Legacy event. Mon., Apr. 18, 1:30 to 2:15pm.

Storybook Art: Art is in the eye of the beholder! We will discuss the beauty of abstract art & create crumpled paper art based on the story “Ish” by Peter H. Reynolds. Please stay home when sick. For ages 6-10. Limit 12. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library. Thurs., Apr. 21, 4 to 5pm.

Becker Schools Art Show and J2J: Bring mom, dad, aunts, uncles, grandmas & grandpas to the Becker Schools Art show. The library will display art produced by students in the Becker School District. Cello & flute music provided by J2J will fill the air to enhance your viewing experience. For all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library & a Legacy event. Thurs., Apr. 28, 4:30 to 6pm.

Artist Stroll: Stroll around the Community Center lawn & learn about different artists throughout history. This stroll is in conjunction with the Becker Schools Art Show, hosted in the Becker Public Library & is self-directed. Thurs., Apr. 28, 4:30 to 6pm.

Big Lake Library Events

We’re Going on a Bear Hunt: Look over, around, under & through the library to find the items on the scavenger hunt sheet. Keep your eyes peeled for the bear hidden somewhere in the library! For ages 2-6. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library. Tues., Mar. 1 to Saturday, Mar. 26. During library open

WATER SURFACE USE ORDINANCE PALMER TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA ORDINANCE NO. 115

On February 8, 2022, the Palmer Town Board adopted a Water Surface Use Ordinance establishing a slow - no wake speed 24 hours per day on Briggs Lake, Rush Lake and Lake Julia, when the water level exceeds 964.2 feet as measured by the gauge established and maintained by the Board.

The Ordinance will be enforced by the County Sheriff. It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate the Ordinance.

A full copy of the Ordinance may be obtained from the Palmer Town Clerk during regular office hours when the Town Hall is open, or during any Palmer Town Board Meeting.

/s/ Amy Bragelman
Clerk
(Published in the *Patriot*: 03/19/22).

Open House For all Palmer Township Residents.

Discussion will be held in regard to the purchase of the “Wipper Pit”

PID 40-021-2300.

Meeting will be held at the Palmer Township Hall at 4180 105th Ave. on March 30th at 7:00 PM.
(Published in the *Patriot*: 03/19/22).

Big Lake Public School #727 Notices

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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

- CALL TO ORDER**
The Work Session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools was called to order on March 10, 2022.
- ROLL CALL**
All Board members were present except Mr. Dan Nygaard.
- POLICY 506**
Superintendent Truebenbach reviewed Policy 506 and the proposed changes.
- STRATEGIC PLAN REFRESH**
Reviewed and discussed mission and belief statements.
- ADJOURNMENT**
A motion passed to adjourn the meeting.
(Published in the *Patriot*: 03/19/22).

Sherburne County Public Notices

Sherburne County Water Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

The Sherburne County Water Plan Advisory Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Sherburne County Government Center Maple Room, 13880 Business Center Dr NW Elk River, MN 55330.
(Published in the *Patriot*: 03/19/22).



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hours.

ECFE at the Library: ECFE & the library are partnering to host a monthly circle time! Join us as we sing songs, do movement activities, create fun crafts, & read books. For ages 0-5 & their families. Please stay home when sick. Space is limited. Registration required. Please register with Big Lake ECFE. Tues., Apr. 12, 11am. to 12pm.

Bleeding Blossoms Take and Make kit: Using the items provided in the kit, learn about capillary action & the properties of materials in this science art project. Kits available while supplies last. For ages 6-12. Sponsored by the Friends of the Becker Library. Wed., Mar. 9. During library open hours

Dave's Big Fun Show: Dave’s Big Fun Show will be performing at ECFE’s Rise & Shine event at Liberty Elementary school. Bring the family for a fun filled 30-40 min show with music & comedy. Please stay home when sick. For all ages. A Legacy event. Sat., Mar. 12, 10:30 to 11:15am.

Storytime Tuesdays & Fridays: Children, with a favorite adult, enjoy books, songs, rhymes, & movement activities while building language & early literacy skills through reading, singing, talking, & playing. Please stay home when sick. For ages 2-6. Limit 20. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library. Tues., Apr. 5 & 19, Fri., Apr. 1, 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 to 11am.

Tiny Tot Tuesday: This is a self-directed time for parents/ caregivers to explore & play with their little ones. Activities that help to build early literacy & school readiness will be set up around the Community Room down the hall from the library. Supplies are provided. Social distancing measures will be in place at programs. Please stay home when sick. Limit 10. Registration required. Tues., Apr. 26, 10:30 to 11am.

Agamograph: Learn how to make a “moving” artwork, also known as a Lenticular. This program will be available in person or as a take & make. Please stay home when sick. For ages tweens & teens. Limit 10. Registration required. Sponsored by the

Friends of the Big Lake Library. Wed., March 30, 4 to 5pm.

Weaving Class: Joy of Exploration: SAORI Weaving with COMPAS Teaching Artist Chiaki O’Brien - SAORI Weaving provides the opportunity of freedom. The aim of the workshop is for participants to create one-of-a-kind piece of woven art! For ages teen & adults. Limit 9. Registration required. A Legacy event. Mon., Apr. 4, 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Spring Gnomes class: Use the supplies provided for this in-person class to create a gnome with a spring theme. All supplies provided. Please stay home when sick. For teens & adults. Limit 12. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library. Wed., Apr. 13, 3:30 to 5pm.

Wire Sculpture Class: Join Marilyn Dirkswager & learn about wire sculpture while making a sculpture of your own during this in-person class. All supplies provided. Please stay home when sick. For ages teen and adults. Limit 12. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Big Lake Library. Mon., Apr. 18, 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Clearwater Library Events

Photography Workshop : Learn to take better pictures from the combined experience of this group of amateur photographers. Beginners are encouraged to attend. Open discussion starts at 6:00 p.m. For teens & adults. Wed., Apr. 6, 6 to 8pm.

Intro to Block Printing: Block printing can be used to create greeting cards, paper crafts & designs on fabric for custom made clothing & accessories. Spend the morning with local artist, Megan Larson, as you learn to design & carve a vinyl tile. Use your tile, & others that Megan provides, to block print the cover for a journal that will be yours to take home. For ages 13 and up. Registration required. Limit 15. A Legacy event. Sat., Mar. 26, 11am.to 12:30pm.

Unicorn Day Take & Make: Pick up a Take & Make kit to celebrate the day of this favorite mythical creature. While supplies last. Sat. Apr. 9. During open hours

City Public Notices

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 AMENDING PART I, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V – WEEDS OF THE CLEARWATER CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

City Code Section 14-93, Notice to Remove is hereby amended as follows:

When the owner and/or occupant permit a nuisance to exist in violation of section 14-92, the weed inspector, or assistant inspectors, shall serve a notice on the owner, occupant or agent of the owner of such lot or parcel of land ordering such person to have such weeds or grass cut and maintained or otherwise eradicated or removed within ten days after the service of such notice. Such notice shall also state that in event of noncompliance, removal will be done by the city at the owner’s expense. When no owner, occupant or agent of the owner can be found, no-tice shall be sent by mail to the person who is listed on the records of the county auditor or county treasurer as the owner.

City Code Section 14-94, Assessment is hereby amended as follows:

If such person fails to comply with the notice within ten days after service, or if no owner, oc-cupant or agent can be found, the weed inspector, or assistant inspectors, shall have such weeds cut and maintained or otherwise eradicated. A record showing the cost of such work attributable to each separate lot or parcel shall be delivered to the city clerk-treasurer. On or before November 1 of each year, the amount so charged against said lot or parcel of land, together with a description of the premises and the name of the supposed owner shall be certi-fied to the county auditor and shall be collected in the same manner as taxes and/or special assessments against said premises. The charge shall be a perpetual lien on the premises until paid.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and summary publication, which is hereby authorized by the City Council.

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2022

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Andrea Lawrence Wheeler, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator
(Published in the *Patriot*: 03/19/22).

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF CLEARWATER ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05 AMENDING PART I, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE III – CHICKENS

OF THE CLEARWATER CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CLEARWATER HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

City Code Section 10-99, Sunset Date is hereby amended as follows:

This article III and the modifications to the definition of poultry which allow for the keeping of chickens in city limits shall expire on February 1, 2023, unless otherwise extended by the city council prior to that date. If not so extended, these modifications, which are outlined in Ordi-nance No. 2020-02, shall be rescinded and chickens will not be allowed to be kept in city limits.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and summary publication, which is hereby authorized by the City Council.

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH 2022

APPROVED BY:

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ATTEST:

/s/ Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator
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Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)
Pastor: David M. Johnson, 763-262-7782, 11185 27th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship 9am, Sun. School 10:30am, Wed. J.U.M.P. 6pm.
Becker Baptist Church
Pastors: Nathan Bucher (Senior), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. of Child/Fam. Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am, Sun. School 9:15am, Wed. AWANA/Youth Group 6:30pm during school year. www.beckerbaptist.org.
Becker Evangelical Free Church
Pastors: Gerald Deppa (Interim Senior), Chris Salvevold (Youth), 763-261-4125, Becker High School, Office: 11373 150th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Teaching/Fellowship 10am.
Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month. (Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays in Big Lake).
Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers & Vicar Molly Wills, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 8:30am, Wed. Confirmation 5:30pm, Senior High Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. 6pm www.faithlutheran-becker.org.
Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God
Pastors: Gerry Bass & Sarah, 763-220-6004, 13140 1st St (SW Corner of Becker Furniture World). Services: Sun. Bible Study/Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.
Snake River Free Church
Pastor: Steve Johnston, 612-219-8648, 180th St SE. Services: Sun. Worship/ Sun. School 10:30am., Hymn Sing is second Sun. of every month.
Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church
Pastor: Ken Hanson, 763-262-2177, 15455 59th St SE. Services: Sun. Praise & Worship 9:30am, Wed. Family Fellowship 7pm.
Beacon House of Prayer
Pastors: Brian & Linda Holmes, 763-263-3771, 12264 Pleasant Ave. Services: Thurs. Worship 6:30pm.
Free Grace United
Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, Becker High School, 12000 Hancock St, Enter door 11. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

• BIG LAKE
Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church
Pastor: Bill Nixon, 763-263-2287, 20455 187th Ave NW. Services: Sat. Worship 9am, Sat. Sabbath School 10:15am.
Bethany Bible Church
763-263-2167, 511 Eagle Lake Road. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.
Bridgeview Assembly of God
Pastor: Steve Royalty, 763-263-6274, 20500 County Road 11. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Service 6:30pm.
SVEA Hill Covenant Church
Pastor: Don Bellach, 763-263-6322, 16392 235th Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.
Cornerstone Baptist Church
Pastor: Gordon Langdon, 763-263-7878, 15300 County Road 35.
Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrick
763-263-7990. www.hopetherefuse.weebly.com.
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Pastores: Juan & Patricia Aguayo, 763-607-5403, 21 Lake St N. Services: Sat. 6pm.
Lord of Glory Lutheran Church
Pastor: Marty Mabry, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10am.
Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm; Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays in Becker).
Riverside Church
Online: www.myrcc.church, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.
Saron Lutheran Church
Pastor: Kyle Sidlo, 763-263-2209, 311 Lake St. S. Services: Sun. Worship

9:30am, indoors or livestream.

• SANTIAGO
South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA
Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am in Sanctuary Worship, 10am in Sanctuary. Audio broadcast in parking lot for both services.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School
Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.
Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Shari Routh, 920-573-0193, 1100 186th Ave NE. Services: Sun Good Shepherd 9am, Sun. Glendorado 10:30am.
Gethsemane Church (ELCA) – Ronneby
Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.
Glendorado Evangelical Country Church
Pastor: Sam Alfano, 763-662-2244, 16999 Glendorado Road NE. Services: Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

• CLEAR LAKE
Living Waters Church
Pastor: Mark Stahl, 320-292-0250, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Bible Study 6:30pm.
Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Pastor: Josh Reber, 320-743-2919, 8641 Main Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 8:45am, Sun. School 9:45am.
SHED Church - Non-Denomination in Palmer
Pastor: TBD, 320-241-0123, Palmer Town Hall, 4180 105th Ave. Services: Sun. 5pm.
St. Marcus Catholic Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. 8am.

• DUELM
St. Lawrence Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Services: Sun. Mass 10am, Tues. Mass 8am.

• CLEARWATER
Clearwater United Methodist Church
Pastor: Alison Hendley, 320-558-2581, 405 Main St. Services: Sun. Wor-ship 9:30am.
Freedom Bible Church
605 Lime St. (Old Clearwater Post Office). Services: Sun. Bible Study 9:30am & 6pm, Sun. Worship 10:45am, Wed. Bible Study 7pm.
Rejoice Lutheran Church – ELCA
Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. School that begins in Worship 9:30am. Livestream worship at Rejoice's Youtube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWYi5vmGw
Church of St. Luke
Father: Dennis Backer, 320-558-2124, 17545 Huber Ave NW. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8am & 10am, Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8am/ Sat. 9am.
Tri-County Alliance Church
Pastor: David Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

• SILVER CREEK
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Pastor: Ken Tatkenhorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am
Silver Creek Community Church
Pastor: Zach Pryor, 320-963-3957, 4282 114th St NW. Services: Sun. Wor-ship 9am, Sun. Fellowship 10am, Sun. School 10:30am.

Obituaries

Donna Mae (Mitchell) Peterson, Age 91
Monticello, MN
March 14, 1931 – March 14, 2022

Donna away on 3/14/22, on the day of her 91st birth-day. Preceded in death by her parents Scott & Florence (LaDew) Mitchell; husband Wilbert “Bud”; and sister Carol. Survived by brother-in-law John Walter “J.W.”; cousin Harold Mitchell; numerous nieces & nephews and friends; and caregiver Rachael Smith. Donna enjoyed fishing, being by the water, flowers, and took a special interest in old western shows like “Bonanza” and “Gunsmoke”. She was strong willed and faithful to the end.

Visitation 9:30 AM, Tuesday 3/22/22, with fun-eral at 10:30AM at Peter-



son-Grimsmo Funeral Chapel, 250 E. Broadway, Monticello. 763-295-2918. Interment Fort Snelling National Ceme-tery at 2PM. (www.peterson-grims mochapel.com)

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BL Twp. holds annual meeting March 8, regular meeting March 9

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

The Big Lake Twp. annual meeting was held Tuesday, March 8, with the regular meeting on the fol-lowing day, March 9.

Finance Report

Treasurer Ken Warneke gave an overview on how the township makes and spends money. About 89% of the township’s funding comes from the tax levy they set annually, while the remaining 11% comes from state or federal funding and miscellaneous fees.

There is an increase in the public safety bud-get for the upcoming year, as the Big Lake Fire Dept. is scheduled to purchase a new engine. Rather than make a large increase in taxes at the time of pur-chase, Warneke advised setting it slightly higher a few years in advance in order to save up for the pur-chase.

A full list of expen-

ditures for the township is available for public view-ing at the township hall at the Lions Park in Big Lake (just inside the front door of the building, on the bulletin board).

Warneke made his levy recommendation, but as usual he suggested the electorate not accept the levy as it was but rather reconvene the annual meeting in September, giving him more time to work on the budget. As in years past, the electorate chose to take his advice. The meeting will therefore reconvene Sept. 14, 6 p.m. The 2023 annual meeting was set for March 14, 2023.

Guest Speaker

Leah Hirsch spoke during the annual meeting to give an update on the hospital district and the food shelf.

The CentraCare Hos-pital in Monticello recently began using a new linear accelerator, which pro-vides advanced oncology treatments to patients in the area. Hirsch said that

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credible hands-on experience. One of the reserve officers, Jenna Voight, was actually recently hired as a full time police officer with the department. Baloun said the reserve program has been a great re-cruiting tool and, while the department is fully staffed and is not hiring, it is still a great way for individuals in-terested in law enforcement to get experience they can use on their resumes when looking for a job at another department.

GRRL Annual Presentation

Jeannette Burkhardt, who runs both the Becker and Big Lake branches of the Great River Regional Library, gave her 2021 annual presen-tation to the council.

The winter reading program was a big success, which Burkhardt attributed to the gift cards to local busi-nesses the library was able to give away as prizes.

The library changed its hours slightly in order to offer more morning hours to the public. They chose to do this based on public requests and the perception of chang-ing needs in the community (especially with the Becker Area Senior Center recently moving right next door.)

Last year, the library

teamed up with Pebble Creek with a goal of raising \$500 for the Locally Growin’ pro-gram. They were able to dou-ble this amount and raised about \$1,000. Last weekend, they again teamed up with Pebble Creek but without the same level of success, raising only \$300. Burkhardt attributed this to having bet-ter weather at the 2021 event, which led to golfers being out on the course and making use of the clubhouse that day. Pa-trons can still contribute to the program through the end of March. Stop in or contact the library for more information.

The library hoped to have a unique item available for checkout at the library to encourage residents to come in and move their bodies. They hoped to purchase a tandem bicycle that could be rented for rides around town, but their insurance company discouraged this idea. Instead, the library opted to purchase pickleball equipment that can be used at the court behind the Community Center. Kits include balls, paddles, and in-structions for playing.

Story Strolls were pop-ular last summer. These walks through city or county parks feature pages of a book printed on signs. In order to read the book, families take

from 3:30-5 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The regular town board meeting followed the next day with business as usual, beginning with the monthly report from the Sheriff’s Office.

Sheriff’s Report

Sgt. Luke McLean mentioned a couple of no-table crimes for the last month. A local business was broken into. This was not a random burglary, as the suspect knew ex-actly where the cash box was stored. The crime was caught on surveillance cameras.

A fish house was bro-ken into as well, before they were required to be re-moved from the lakes. Mc-Lean reminded everyone to remove valuables when leaving the fish house at the end of the day.

There was a rise in the number of traffic stops compared to last year. Mc-Lean suspected this was due to less snow on the roads, as people tend to drive over the speed limit if

a walk around the park. Last year, kids were able to stamp cards every time they finished one of these strolls and won prizes if they completed all four sponsored by the library.

The library is continuing their outreach with the food shelf, putting together “take and make” bags for kids, which provide all the neces-sary materials to make a craft.

Job Classification and Compensation Study

Council decided to im-plement changes from the job classification and compensa-tion study April 2, at the be-ginning of the second quarter. This will slightly alter city employee pay scales. Council Member Mike Doering asked whether the new pay scale will allow for higher rates to attract or retain talented em-ployees in the competitive market. City Clerk Julie Blesi said that was not possible at this time, but there should be some options for such a case in a few weeks’ time, at an upcoming council meeting.

Pebble Creek Remodel

Pebble Creek continues to get a makeover as staff sets its sights on the lower club-house level. The lower level is not in great shape, and is not being utilized as much as it could be. Currently, there

the roads are not snowy and icy. As the ice melts, it is likely that traffic stops will continue to rise.

Fire Dept. Roof Replacement

The fire department needs a new roof. The proj-ect is looking to cost a little more than the township and the city had assumed. The town board approved the advertisement for bids on the project but noted that if the cost was too high, they might have to wait until next year to get it done. When advertising for bids, the board approved two different types of product, which are equal in all re-spects, in the hope that the project can start moving this year without having to wait for product to be in stock (if the price is right, that is.)

On another note for the fire dept., the fire board requested to use the station August 13 for the annual Fire Relief Assoc. Dance.

Precincts

As redistricting contin-ues within the county, Big

are a snack shack and locker rooms in the lower level. Staff proposed using the mens’ showers as extra storage. The women’s locker room would be converted into a bridal party prep room, including soft seating and vanities. The old snack shack would be turned into club storage, so patrons would not have to haul their clubs back and forth from their vehicles every time they came to use the course or the simulators. The ceil-ing tiles in the hallway would also be replaced. \$25,000 was budgeted for this project.

Committee Reports

Public Works Commit-tee reported doing leak de-tection at city fire hydrants. Staff did find one leak which they hoped to have fixed this week. They also elected to be put on a waitlist to purchase a new snow blower in 2023. This item was budgeted for purchase in 2023, but orders are taking up to 12 months to be filled at the moment. The actual purchase will happen in 2023.

The Economic Devel-opment Authority reported eight homes on the market this week, all of which were new construction.

Lake Twp. was asked by county staff to reduce the number of precincts they have by one. Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas thought this would actually be very useful for the township residents, as many are con-fused each election cycle as to where their precinct is located and to which poll-ing station they need to go. This should help to allevi-ate the confusion.

The new precinct boundaries should be avail-able soon.

In Other Business, the Board:

- Awarded 2022 over-lay projects to Knife River;
- Reminded the audi-ence that the BLFD chili cookoff will take place at Lupulin Brewing Saturday March 19;
- Noted that the board of appeal and equalization (where residents can speak with town and county staff about concerns with their taxes) will be Thursday, April 7 starting at 9 a.m.

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