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Structural holds 40th Anniversary celebration to massive crowds

By Bill Morgan,
Editor

In celebration of their 40th year in business, Becker's Structural Buildings held an Open House week-long event that culminated with a party unlike any other.

Saturday, roaring monster trucks, speeding dirt bikes and flipping ATVs captured the crowd's excitement as professional riders soared up a ramp and into the sky to the delight of onlookers.

There was plenty of fun activities for the young-

sters in attendance as lines formed for a face painter, a bubble & foam party, bounce houses and slides and more.

Adults had the pleasure of visiting numerous food trucks and a beer garden and Structural had prize raffles which included the

grand prize of a complete 30x40 building kit.

During the week, an Ice Cream truck visited the grounds of Structural Buildings to serve delicious frozen treats. They also held a BBQ on Tuesday and free coffee and donuts on Wednesday. A motorcy-

cle ride was held Thursday led by Al Stewart and his sons and Friday they held a Classic Car Show.

What a week and what a weekend to celebrate the four decades they've been in business. Congratulations Structural Buildings owners and staff!

Bermudez 1 of 24 students selected to new medical school in St. Cloud

By Bill Morgan,
Editor

What does a wife, a mother of four young children, two cats and a golden dragon do to fill her already busy days?

She applies and gets accepted to medical school!

The University of Minnesota Medical School CentralCare Regional Campus will soon open their doors and be the first new medical school in Minnesota in the last 50 years. It is a school that grants Doctor of Medicine (MD) degrees and Sierra Bermudez (Bratsch) of St. Cloud applied to one day be a physician.

And she was accepted! Bermudez, 25, was one of 2,000 St. Cloud School applicants to be welcomed

into the inaugural class. Only 24 students were received favorably for this year and following some rigorous testing, Bermudez cleared the hurdles and is set to join the others at orientation August 18.

"The road to becoming a medical doctor is long and difficult," she says. "After high school, you need to complete four years of undergraduate studies (bachelor's degree), typically in a science-related major, because most schools require upper-level science coursework."

Where it Began

Sierra first became interested in medicine when she got pregnant in the 11th grade.

"Having so much support from my medical team

during such an uncertain time inspired me to help others in the same way," she says. "I had four kids by the time I was 22 and through all of my pregnancies my doctor and care team taught me so much about my body and reproduction while also connecting me with community resources."

It was this experience that sparked her interest in science and showed her a way to combine her interest in science with her desire to help others within her community.

"Medicine is a lifelong learning experience. I cannot think of a

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SIERRA BERMUDEZ is one of 24 medical students accepted into the new medical school in St. Cloud. (Submitted Photo).



1 arrested after shooting at Sherburne County Government Center

Submitted Article

An Elk River man was arrested Saturday morning after he fired several shots into windows between the front doors of the Sherburne County Government Center and entered the building, said Commander Ben Zawacki.

The man was arrested outside the building as he was walking away holding a long gun, Zawacki said.



FIFTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD ZHA VANG of Elk River (right photo) fired shots into the front door windows of the Sherburne County Government Center last Saturday. Photo above is a file photo from 2018. (Submitted Photo).



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EDITORIALS-OPINIONS-NEWS

Remembering Bruce

I’m praying for Senator Anderson’s wife and the entire Anderson family. My heartfelt condolences go out to them. Bruce was a man deeply dedicated to his faith and to serving the people of his district and Minnesota with honor and integrity.

I first got to know Sen. Anderson when I interned for Rep. Sondra Erickson in the House in 2007. Several times that session, he approached me—a kid just out of high school—and struck up meaningful conversations. We talked politics and life. He shared about his first wife, who he had lost the year before, and I could tell how much she meant to him by the way he spoke about her. It was clear her loss had a big impact on him.

He was a staunch defender of faith, family, and freedom. He was friendly to everyone, from lawmakers to interns, and I’m honored to have been his friend and colleague.

The family has asked for privacy and will share a statement at a later time.

A summary of Senator Anderson’s public service career follows.

Bruce Anderson (R–Buffalo) began his legislative career in the Minnesota



By Sen.
Andrew Mathews

House in 1995, representing District 1B, and later District 1A through 2012. He was elected to the Minnesota Senate for District 29 in 2012 and served until his passing on July 21, 2025

Throughout his tenure in the Legislature, Anderson has focused on key issues like agriculture, energy, rural economic development, broadband access, and public safety. He chaired the various Veterans’ committees in the House from 2011-2012 and again in the Senate from 2017 to 2020.

Before entering politics, Anderson served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and in the Minnesota Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Un-American

Last Thursday, one of our biggest legislative priorities, the Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act, passed the House of Representatives with nonpartisan support

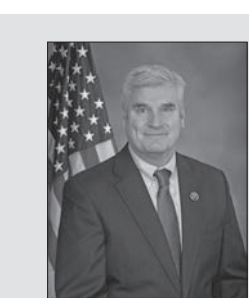
The Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act is simple. It prevents unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats at the Federal Reserve from issuing a financial surveillance tool that would fundamentally undermine the American way of life.

For those who are unfamiliar, a central bank digital currency (CBDC) is a digital form of sovereign currency designed and issued by a government, which transacts on a digital ledger controlled and monitored by that government. Simply put, a CBDC is a government-controlled programmable money that, if designed without the privacy protections of cash, would give the federal government the ability to monitor, track, and restrict Americans’ individual transactions

This is more than alarming; it’s un-American.

We have already seen examples of foreign governments weaponizing their financial system against their citizens. In China, the Communist Party uses a CBDC to monitor and control its citizens’ spending habits. This data is being used to develop a social credit system that rewards or penalizes individuals based on their behavior.

Think this could never



By Rep.
Tom Emmer

happen in the United States? Think again. In 2022, President Biden issued an Executive Order placing urgency on CBDC research and development.

For years, we’ve worked to educate our colleagues on the dangers of this insidious technology. President Trump understands the dangers and has already issued an Executive Order preventing the development of a CBDC. Now that our legislation has passed the House of Representatives, we are one step closer to codifying this Executive Order in law and ensuring that no future administration is able to weaponize this technology against the American people.

This type of financial control and surveillance has no place in the United States. We are grateful to our colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, for recognizing the threat CBDCs present and for supporting our legislation to ban their development permanently.

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Nobody was injured. The suspect has been booked at the Sherburne County Jail and has been identified as Zha Vang, 51, of Elk River.

Law enforcement from several agencies responded to the Government Center at about 9:30 a.m. after the report of shots fired. There is an active and ongoing investigation into whether Vang committed any additional crimes before and/or after shooting at the Government Center.

County staff are working to secure the building and assess the damage, Zawacki said.

Because the Government Center campus remains a crime scene, access to the building, parking lot and surrounding grounds is restricted until investigators clear.

According to records, Vang has convictions dating back to 2017. He was cited and convicted for violations ranging from petty misdemeanors to a misdemeanor, including for a Wildlife Management Area firearms violation, three speed citations, two parking violations, fishing without a license, and driving after suspension.

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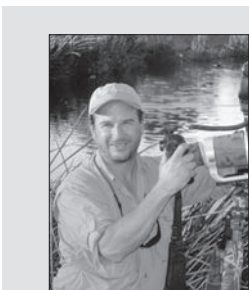
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Very Cool Critters



By Naturalist
Stan Tekiela

light, our Fireflies are tiny little insects, less than a half of an inch long.

The light production is a chemical process called bioluminescence. It occurs in a specialized organ where



an enzyme luciferase acts on luciferin and oxygen and produces light. The oxygen is supplied via the breathing tubes along the abdomen of the beetle’s body. The light they produce is a cold light, no heat energy is produced, making it one of the most efficient light sources. The light has no infrared or ultraviolet frequencies. The light is usually a yellowish color. Different species of Fireflies produce green or pale red colors.

So why do these beetles emit light? Adult beetles emit light for mate selection. In our local Fireflies, both the male and female will blink their bright yellow light on and

off. Males are flying around, blinking their light on and off, while the female is on the ground also blinking. This is how they find each other and tell the difference between males and females in the dim light of the evening.

Last night when I was out, I saw a female on the ground (female are slightly larger) and a male was flying nearby. He saw the light and landed within an inch of her. They continued to blink their light on and off. He walked over to her and circled her. I can only assume he is figuring out the lay of the land. When he figured it out, he quickly mounted her, so they were both facing the same direction. This brief encounter will fertilize her eggs, and he flies off to continue blinking and looking for other females.

The female goes off to lay her eggs and will die, thus completing the lifecycle of the Firefly.

What I find absolutely fascinating about the Fireflies are, there are fossilized Fireflies dating back 99 million years. This is well back in the dinosaur era. So, when I look out my window and see the flashing of the Fireflies, it feels like I am looking back at ancient times and at the same time looking back at my own youth enjoying a warm summer evening. A childhood without experiencing fireflies in summer is a wasted childhood. Until next time...

Stan Tekiela is an author / naturalist and wildlife photographer who travels the U.S. to study and capture images of wildlife. He can be followed on www.Instagram.com, www.Facebook.com and www.Twitter.com. He can be contacted via his webpage at www.NatureSmart.com.

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SIERRA BERMUDEZ with her family, Husband, Anthony, eight-year-old Dalton, six-year-old Ivory, five-year-old Kalia and two-year-old Azaleah. (Submitted Photo).

she said. “This test is not pass/fail. You receive a score and you can then decide to apply or retake. Some schools require additional testing but for the University of Minnesota, I was able to apply with just my MCAT.”

Sierra had a primary application and a secondary application, which required different essay questions. Following her secondary, she received an interview invitation.

“The interview lasted a couple of hours,” she said. “I received an acceptance call about two months after my interview. Medical school primary applications open early May of the year before you plan to attend, so the application cycle can last an entire year.”

Staying Hopeful

Sierra sat on pins and needles until she finally got the call that she had been accepted.

“Upon being accepted, I just screamed and cried,” she said. “I was probably scaring my kids, but to be one of 24 accepted was an amazing feeling. Knowing I got into my first-choice school and did not have to move my kids away from their school and family was a huge relief. Having the privilege of studying at an incredible school like the U of M while being part of the inaugural class is such an honor!”

Why the Need for a New Medical School?

Rural communities within Minnesota and the United States are facing serious physician shortages. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), the United States will face a physician shortage

of up to 86,000 physicians by 2036. This is disproportionately affecting rural areas. The AAMC found that underserved communities would have needed 202,800 more physicians in order to obtain the same care as populations with better access to care in 2021. The new Saint Cloud Campus aims to train more physicians to serve rural Minnesotans to ensure that access to care is available for everybody regardless of where they live.

“Once I graduate from medical school, there is a process of applying to residency programs,” Sierra says. “There’s different programs all over the country and you select and rank which you are most interested in. In five years, I hope to be in my preferred residency program in the St. Cloud area. I hope it’s not too rough, residency is allegedly some of the hardest years of training. All of my kids will be in school so I just hope they are enjoying their classes and doing activities that make them happy. I hope my husband continues moving up within his career (Supervisor at Cintas) and we can continue building our future.”

And in 10 years?

“In 10 years, I hope to be doing what I love, helping to keep people happy and healthy while closing gaps in care to rural Minnesotans,” she says. “Dalton will be an adult, and the kids will be more independent. I hope to be in a specialty that I love and be a successful practicing physician. I hope we have time to travel and experience the world and all of its rich cultures.”

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Autopsy shows baby died from Meningitis

Submitted Article

Sherburne County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death last week of a six-month old boy who lived in Big Lake, said Commander Ben Zawacki.

The deceased has been identified as Gideon Peter Mwangi. Preliminary autopsy results show that he died from bacterial meningitis, Zawacki said.

According to Big Lake police, around 8 a.m. officers responded to a medical call on the 5500 block of Aberdeen Way.

At the scene, officers found the six-month-old infant unresponsive and not breathing. The infant ultimately died at the scene, police said.

Investigators discovered an extremely dirty and cluttered house when responding to the 911 call last Friday and found black mold in numerous locations throughout the house. The house has been deemed unlivable by health officials.

The investigation into Mwangi's death is active and ongoing. No arrests have been made as a result of investigators' findings thus far.

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Republicans mourn the passing of Anderson

Submitted Article

Senate Republican Leader Mark Johnson (East Grand Forks) released the following statement:

"I'm saddened to learn Sen. Bruce Anderson passed unexpectedly today. Bruce was a dedicated public servant, loving family man, and dear friend to many at the Capitol and in Buffalo. We

offer our condolences and prayers for comfort for the entire Anderson family."

Bruce Anderson (R-Buffalo) began his legislative career in the Minnesota House in 1995, representing District 19B, and later District 19A through 2012. He was elected to the Minnesota Senate for District 29 in 2012 and served until his passing on July 21, 2025.

Throughout his tenure in the Legislature, Anderson has focused on key issues like agriculture, energy, rural economic development, broadband access, and public safety. He chaired the various Veterans' committees in the House from 2011-2012 and again in the Senate from 2017 to 2020.

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Motorcyclist
injured in BL
Twp. crash

Submitted Article

One person was hurt in a two-vehicle crash involving a motorcycle in Sherburne County last Thursday. The Minnesota State Patrol says the incident happened at about 7 a.m. on Co. Rd. 14 in Big Lake Township. According to the report, both a pickup and a motorcycle were going east when they collided.

The driver of the motorcycle, 33-year-old Samantha Porter of Elk River, was taken to CentraCare in Big Lake with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the pickup, 37-year-old Jonathan Volkens of Foley, was uninjured. His passenger was also not hurt.

The Big Lake Fire Department and Police Department assisted at the scene.



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Jasper Orlin Thompson, 32
Big Lake, MN
January 3, 1993 - June 29, 2025

Jasper Orlin Thompson, 32, sadly passed away on June 29, 2025. He was the beloved oldest son of Kevin Thompson and Michelle Paripovich Thompson and big brother to Sean and Emma.

Born in Carson City, NV on January 3, 1993, Jasper immediately showed a spunky personality and the ability to charm everyone with his bright blue eyes and big grin. Throughout his whole life he loved adventure, the outdoors and disassembling toys big and small. As he grew, he learned to reassemble and fix most things with engines as his specialty. He loved to fish and spend time with his grandparents on their farms.

Jasper had a creative imagination and a witty sense of humor. His unexpected jokes were like gems—rare and treasured. He loved to test the limits of everything. If a toy survived Jasper, it was well-made and worth the investment.

(Thank you Little Tikes and Tonka Trucks!) Bicycles, dirt bikes, motorcycles, any vehicle always found their limits with Jasper in control. His guardian angel worked overtime his entire life!

His family always said he was like an M & M. Jasper had a soft heart in a tough exterior. The teenager who rode his dirt bike over jumps at top speeds and worried the neighbors with his wheelies down the street

would also stop by the side of the road to pick his mom wildflowers. He always left the stems long so they could go in a little cup on the kitchen window sill.

Jasper was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Mike Paripovich, aunt Stephanie Paripovich and aunt and Godmother Katie Paripovich Adan. He is survived by father Kevin Thompson of St. Augusta, mother Michelle Paripovich Thompson of Big Lake, brother Sean Thompson and sister Emma Thompson, grandparents Betty and Orlo Thompson and Darla Paripovich, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation took place at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Big Lake on Saturday, July 5 followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. A Celebration of life took place on Saturday, July 19 in Barrett, MN.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Big Lake. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about August 14, 2025 the City of Big Lake will authorize the Wave Youth Center to submit a request to the HUD for the release of Community Project Funding under the FY2024 CPF Grant of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (2024), and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act (2024), to undertake a project known as The Wave Youth Center for the purpose of constructing a new facility at 20169 County Road 43 NW in Big Lake, Minnesota (PID # 65 00020-2401) to address the growing needs of youth in the community, expand programs and mentoring, and provide necessary resources through a facility with the right tools, technology and space. The Wave is requesting \$1.8 million in Community Project Funding from HUD to support this \$12,50,140.00 project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Big Lake has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Big Lake, 160 Lake Street, Big Lake, MN 5509 and may be examined or copied weekdays 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (M-TH) and 7:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (F).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Big Lake City Planner Kendra Lindahl at klindahl@landform.net. All comments received by August 13, 2025 will be considered by the City of Big Lake prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Big Lake, 160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN (phone 763-263-2107) is the Responsible Entity (RE) and certifies to HUD/State that Paul Knier in his capacity as Mayor and Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Wave Youth Center to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Big Lake's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Big Lake; (b) the City of Big Lake has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 184 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to HUD administration office at CPDRROFMIN@HUD.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. /s/ Paul Knier, Mayor of City of Big Lake (Published in the *Patriot*: 07/26/25)

SUMMARY ORDINANCE 8-0 Becker Township Sherburne County, Minnesota For Regulation of Animals

SECTION 1 PURPOSE

SECTION 2 DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS.

- Definitions.
- Enforcement.
- Right of Entry.
- Records.
- Running at Large Prohibited.
- Confinement of animals/dog with history of biting
- Dog Animal on a leash.
- Abandonment of Animals.
- Rabies Shots Required.
- Impounding dog.
- Impounding stray dog or Animals.

100.12 - Disposition of Certain Diseased or Dangerous Dogs or Other Animals.

- Redemption of Dog and Other Animals.
- Possession of Nuisance Animals.
- Animals Disturbing the Peace.

100.16 - Permits for commercial dog kennels and permits for keeping more than three dogs over the age of six months.

- Keeping certain animals absolutely prohibited.
- Maintenance of Animal Quarters.

19. - An owner shall not allow their dog/animal to leave bodily wastes on property owned by another.

SECTION 3 ENFORCEMENT

- This ordinance adopts
- Any person violating sections 8 through 10 and 11 through 10.9 of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
- Administrative Enforcement.

- 23. - This Ordinance does not regulate commercial dog kennels which operate under an interim use permit from Becker Township.

SECTION 4 EFFECTIVE DATE

- 24. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment and publication.

This is a summary of Ordinance 2025 02. The full Ordinance is on file with the Becker Township Clerk, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN 5508.

This Ordinance was passed by the Becker Towns Board on the 21st day of July 2025

Lucinda Messman
Clerk, Becker Township
(Published in the *Patriot*: 07/26/25)

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

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Becker

/s/ Lucinda Messman, Town Clerk

(Published in the *Patriot*: 07/26/2508/ 02/25)

TOWN OF BECKER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Becker Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11, 2025, at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN.

The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearings:

7:00 p.m. and following
Debra Johnson, Applicant and Vicki MacGlover-Kramer and John Kramer, owners. Minor Subdivision of parcel 05 00127-4203 for the purpose of combination with the proposed plat of Cameo Rose Acres.

Debra Johnson, Applicant and Vicki MacGlover-Kramer and John Kramer, owners: Preliminary Plat application and consideration of Final Plat application for Cameo Rose Acres, including a portion of parcel 05 00127-4203 and address 1126 173rd Ave SE, Becker, MN.

Anyone interested in these requests is encouraged to attend in person or via zoom and comment at the Public Hearing. If you have questions regarding the requests please contact Lucinda at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN, 763-261-301. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at P.O. Box 248, Becker, MN 5508 or by email to lucinda@beckertownship.org by 4:00 p.m., August 11, 2025 /s/ Lucinda Messman Clerk, Becker Township (Published in the *Patriot*: 07/26/25)

BECKER JOINT PLANNING BOARD

ORDINANCE 8-0

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT; SECTION 8, GENERAL RURAL DISTRICT; SECTION 9, SPECIAL PROVISIONS; AND SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATION OF THE BECKER JOINT PLANNING BOARD ZONING ORDINANCE

The Becker Joint Planning Board so ordains:

Section 1.

The Becker Joint Planning Board Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Section 7. Agricultural District

Insertion of Special Event Venue as an Interim Use allowed in the District

Section 8. General Rural District

Insertion of Special Event Venue as an Interim Use allowed in the District

Section 16. General Performance Standards

Insertion of Conditions and Restrictions related to Special Event Venues

Section 20. Administration

Insertion of requirements related to Interim Use Permits

Section 2. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication.

Adopted this 22nd day of July, 2025

/s/ Brad Wilkening, Chairperson

(Published in the *Patriot*: 07/26/25)

THREE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (TLID)

ANNUAL MEETING

August 6, 8:00 am
Palmer Township Hall

The Three Lake Improvement District (TLID) will hold its annual meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday August 16, 2025, at the Palmer Township Hall, 4180 105th Ave, Clear Lake, MN 55319. All property owners on Rush Lake, Lake Julia, Briggs Lake and the Briggs Bayou (all members of the TLID) are invited to attend. The meeting agenda will include the discussion and adoption of 2026 projects, approval of the 2026 budget, election of the TLID directors and any other business that may come before the TLID. (Published in the *Patriot*: 07/26/25)

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The City of Becker is requesting fully-insured proposals for active group Medical Coverage. All questions regarding the RFP should be directed to Beth Klimmek at Gallagher Benefit Services 3600 American Blvd W – Ste 500, Bloomington, MN 55431. The RFP will open July 26, 2025. RFP submission instructions, all pertinent underwriting and general information can be obtained by contacting Beth Klimmek at Gallagher Benefit Services: e-mail Beth_Klimmek@ajg.com. Quoting carriers must provide electronic proposals to Beth (Beth_Klimmek@ajg.com) by 2:00 p.m. on August 18th, 2025. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered late and ineligible for consideration. (Published in the *Patriot* 07/26/25)

CITY OF CLEAR LAKE

Ordinance No. 02-2025 separating Clerk and Treasurer functions. The City shall employ a separate City Clerk and City Treasurer. Each Shall have all the powers and all the duties

Minnesota law imposes on their respective positions, as well as the powers granted and the duties assigned by the City Council to the extent consistent with Minnesota law. (Published in the *Patriot*: 07/26/25)

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By Katie Cantin,
Contributing Writer

During their recent meeting, the Clear Lake City Council decided to hire a new building inspector.

At the previous meeting, the council asked for example permit fees from three different building inspection companies as they considered switching their service provider. The council heard the differences between the proposals. The proposals were very comparable, and the council spent some time debating their decision. They ultimately decided to go with Metro West Inspection Services, switching from their previous provider AllSpec Inspection Services.

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Evan Johnson reported there would be a water distribution training system in Annandale. Council

granted him and his employee permission to attend the training in August.

Mayor Tim Goenner said he'd received complaints about puddles not drying up on Church St. Council Member Lance Gilleland said the homeowner shared with him that she was concerned the puddle was caused by an issue with city water. Johnson said he was sure the puddle was just rain water that didn't dry up due to the worn out nature of the road and the frequent rainfall.

Staff Hours

With the hire of new city clerk, Ryan McCann, and treasurer, Amanda Scheiber, council discussed cutting back on the hours of the temporary city clerks. Clerk Ryan McCann was planning to take leave, but after his return the council wished to "phase out" the temporary staff and have McCann and Scheiber take over the clerk's office duties.



MIKE GOLOMBIECKI of the Clear Lake Baseball Team approached the council to discuss recent improvements to the ball field. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

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Baseball Tournament

Mike Golombiecki approached the board to discuss the upcoming regional baseball tournament. The

team has done a lot of work on the field with the assistance of Johnson and Goenner. The Clear Lake Lions will be handling concession sales.

The sprinkler system is still acting up. Johnson said it could be rewired though it would cost \$1,500. Whatever the solution, it won't be done in time for the tournament, and the sprinklers will continue to need to be manually switched.

Golombiecki spoke about some of the improvements he, the team, and other residents made to the park, including some tree trimming, donating plastic picnic tables, and other things. He asked that the council consider spending more money on the park to make it look nice.

Council Member Stefany Janish suggested getting together with the team in the winter after the season to discuss support going forward.

After some discussion, the council voted to install a four foot fence by the dugout for safety.

Fire Department

The council made a payment to Fire Safety USA for the new fire truck. The Travelers Country Club donated \$1,600 to the fire department. The council updated fire department job descriptions.

Janish said the council is supposed to perform an annual review of the chief officers of the department, which hasn't been done in recent years. She wanted to restart the annual review. The council discussed briefly but took no action.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Ryan McCann requested to capitalize a couple of opportunities for training as well as a membership with the MCFOA (Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association of Minnesota), which the council said they would

look into. McCann also requested that he and the treasurer be allowed to apply to become notaries for the convenience of the city. The council approved the application for McCann only for the time being.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Decommissioned a performance bond for Distributed Solar Development LLC;

- Tabled a resolution to censure a council member due to lack of publishing information beforehand;

- Held a closed meeting to discuss acquisition of the lift station easement which will allow the city to access their lift station for improvements, as a follow up to the previous meeting;

- Heard from the mayor that he was very upset by the council's decision at the last meeting to dispose of the Rainbow playset, as he wished to show it to a local family.


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Big Lake Chamber golf wrap up

Submitted Article

The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce held their 7th Annual BLCC Golf tournament on July 10 at Pebble Creek in Becker.

"Swinging through the Decades" was the theme for the year. With 23 teams teeing it up for an 18-hole round, it was a perfect overcast day to network and "FUNdraise" for the Big Lake Chamber.

The day began at the check in tent along with opportunities to "help" their score and purchase raffle tickets for prize giveaways later. Breakfast goodies were available from Kwik Trip. Iced coffee, sponsored by J's Junction, on a warm day was appreciated.

The golfers found their way to their cart where a gift bag provided by Ona Rawson EXP Realty contained goodies from local businesses. Ian Holmes, Pebble Creek's Golf Services Manager, gave a welcome speech and explained the rules for the day. Julie Brandt, Executive Director of the Big Lake Chamber welcomed everyone and thanked them for their participation.

Sharply at 11 a.m., the teams all carted off to their starting hole to begin the day. Throughout the course, many holes featured a sponsoring business who offered games, snacks, and prizes as they networked and played.



THE GOLF THEME
"Swinging through the Decades" meant participants could go all out in showing off their fashion ideals and styles. (Submitted Photo).

Sponsors included: Old National Bank, Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Homes, Connexus Energy, National Bank of Commerce, Cargill, Sherburne State Bank, McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes, Minnco Credit Union, Big Lake Spud Fest, Sovran and CentraCare.

This year a Hole-in-One contest on hole #4 was offering \$10K, sponsored by Deanstech Business Technology, but no winners emerged. Other hole sponsors included Edward Jones-Tim Suchy, Data Success, Inc., Real Broker, LLC with Stacey Stanley, and Renewal by Andersen.

Queen Bees' Floral & Garden helped sponsor the drinks and was a bogey sponsor as well.

Also, on a number of holes were individual contests. The winners were: Long Drive - Men: David Wankel; Long Drive - Women: Lauryn Green; Closest to the Pin - Women: Kathy Swanson; Closest to the Pin - Men: Aaron Cosellian. Long Putt was won by Brittany Harris.

Best dressed team went to Sherburne State Bank for their 80's neon look.

Once again this year, it was a tie breaker for the top spot based on hole #2. Mayor of Big Lake, Paul Knier and his team came in #1, with Old National Bank taking the #2 spot. Third place was the National Bank of Commerce team.

Once all teams were in, a great appetizer buffet was provided by Old National Bank as the Platinum sponsor. A few drinks, comradeship, and laughs were also enjoyed. The program, led by Brandt announced the golf winners and all the generously donated raffle item winners. Thanks to all the sponsors, players and business volunteers for their help.

"We are looking forward to another fun time in 2026," said Brandt. "All are welcome to join in the fun!"

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