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FREEZING COLD CUTS

Crews pulling 600-pound blocks of ice for the ice harvest

By Vicki Gerdes
Detroit Lakes Tribune

The opening of Detroit Lakes' Polar Fest celebration is only a couple of weekends away, and preparations began in earnest this Thursday as a crew of professional ice cutters and dozens of local volunteers began harvesting more than 2,000 blocks of 600-pound ice from Little Detroit Lake.

"The Wee-Kut Ice crew (from Spicer, Minnesota) showed up around 8:30 and spent the morning setting up the job site," said MN

"Each block is about 20-22 inches thick, and weighs between 600-660 pounds."

DON OKESON,
VOLUNTEER SAFETY
COORDINATOR

Sn'Ice Harvest Steering Committee member Becky Mitchell. "It was 26 below zero when they started."

Don Okeson, who is serving as the volunteer safety coordinator for the ice harvest and palace construction, said the Wee-Kut crew had set up their equipment for



Ryan Kraus pushes new ice blocks through the trimming machine on Thursday during the 2022 Ice Harvest on Little Detroit Lake.

maximum efficiency, from cutting the ice with a giant blade to floating it over to a specially designed

conveyor system, then sending it to another giant cutting machine to make sure each block is cut to a uniform size

and shape.

"Each block is about 20-22 inches thick, and weighs between 600-660 pounds," Okeson said.

Mitchell noted that the ice they took for the first ice palace was much thicker, and each block weighed around 1,000 pounds, which made them much less maneuverable.

Though the bulk of the ice will be used to construct the community's largest ice palace to date, some of it will also be used for a children's ice maze, a media "icecast" desk, outdoor furniture made

of ice, professionally carved ice sculptures and more, she added.

Construction of the 4,000-square-foot ice palace was originally slated to begin shortly after the ice harvest got underway on Thursday, Okeson noted, but some issues caused by the subzero temperatures led to its postponement until Friday.

Besides the crew from Wee-Kut Ice, there were dozens of volunteers on hand to help with getting the ice ready for construction, and many more will be involved in the construction itself.

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BECKER COUNTY BOARD

County plows ahead with \$9.8M bond

Money will go towards highway department

By Nathan Bowe
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Plans for a new Becker County Highway Department facility got the green light Tuesday, when the county board approved the sale of up to \$9.8 million in general obligation bonds.

The true interest cost is not to exceed 2.75% for the 20-year bond issuance. Ehlers, a public finance advisory firm in Roseville, is handling the bond sale, which will be completed by March 1.

The board also approved the low roofing

bid of \$925,000 submitted by Herzog Roofing of Detroit Lakes. Other bidders were McDowall, Haataja, A&R Roofing, and The Roofing Company - which submitted the next lowest bid of \$940,000.

The new highway department compound on North Tower Road is expected to cost about \$12.5 million, according to the five-year capital improvement plan put together by Ehlers as part of the bonding process. The county has other funds earmarked

to supplement the bond issuance.

Roughly speaking, about half the building will be taken up by a 7,800-square-foot parking and storage area on the north side. Offices will take up the southwest quarter of the building, and the shop area will take up the final southeast quarter.

A non-automated wash bay will be next to the shop area, and a roof overhang "lean-to" outdoor storage area will be next to that.

As part of the project,

Becker County Transit will relocate to the new highway department facility from its bus garage in the Becker County Fairgrounds. The new transit garage will be basically an extension of the warm parking area.

The shop-maintenance area will include a welding shop and a small engine and wood shop, which will be shared with the Becker County Natural Resources Management (forestry) Department.

The 20-foot high shop area will have a platform



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A look at the shop area of the new Becker County Highway Department. The "lean-to" storage area is under the overhang next to the plow.

lift, a two-post lift and a crane system on metal tracks that can access most of the shop area. It can be used for heavy work, like lifting off a truck box and replacing it, or pulling out an

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Man charged with felony in fire

By Nathan Bowe
Detroit Lakes Tribune

A Detroit Lakes man has been charged with a felony after sparks from a fire bowl on his apartment balcony allegedly caused a major fire in downtown Detroit Lakes on Sept. 10, 2021.

Taylor James Davis, 26, of Detroit Lakes, has been charged in Becker County District Court with Negligent Fires.

According to court records, police officers on the scene determined that the fire started in an apartment above 814 Washington Avenue, adjoining the Washing-

ton Square Mall.

While they were notifying residents and evacuating the mall, officers were approached by Davis, who told them the fire may have started in his apartment. He explained to officers that he was burning boxes in a fire bowl on his apartment balcony. He watched the boxes burn until he thought the fire was out, then took a shower and left to go to the nearby bike shop. He didn't pour water on the fire bowl before leaving it unattended, and later got a call from his aunt, who told him his apart-

ment was on fire.

There were two adjacent apartments on the upper floor of 814 Washington Avenue. The fire caused the roof to collapse over most of Davis' apartment, and part of the roof was missing from the adjoining apartment. An investigator with the State Fire Marshal's Office determined the fire started on the second floor west rear exterior wall, just below Davis' bedroom window, where there was a wood pile and other vegetation and combustibles.

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MN LEGALS

BECKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION SETS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Becker County Planning Commission will conduct a tour on Wednesday February 2nd, 2022, at 8:00 A.M. in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room in the Becker County Courthouse and a Public Hearing on February 8th, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. in the 3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room of the Becker County Courthouse, 913 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN. Public testimony regarding this application will only be received by email, in writing, or in-person at the hearing. Interested parties are invited to submit to the Becker County Department of Planning, Zoning, and Land Use, written facts, arguments, or objections by 12:00 pm the day of the hearing. These statements should bear upon the suitability of the location and the adequacy of the Project and should suggest any appropriate changes believed to be desirable.

Old Business:

1. APPLICANT: Tobias J & Sarah C Miller 15961 Co Hwy 39 Frazee, MN 56544 Project Location: 15961 Co Hwy 39 Frazee, MN 56544 LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION: Tax ID number: 33.0235.000 Section 29 Township 139 Range 038; 29-139-38 W 1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4 & W1/2 SW1/4 LESS N 615'; W 330' SE1/4 SW1/4. APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a Conditional Use Permit for mining operations.

2. APPLICANT: Jared & Jolene Aho 19534 Co Hwy 39 Frazee, MN 56544 Project Location: TBD 427th Ave Frazee, MN 56544 LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION: Tax ID number: 33.0235.004 Section 29 Township 139 Range 038; 29-139-38 N 615' W1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4; N 615' W1/2 SW1/4. Tax ID number 33.0235.003 Section 29 Township 139 Range 038; SW1/4 NE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4, E1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4 APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a Conditional Use Permit for mining operations.

New Business: 1. APPLICANT: Josh & Kayla Swangler 21246 Co Hwy 29 Rochert, MN 56578 Project Location: 18178 Co Hwy 29 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION: Tax ID number: 10.0379.000 Section 23 Township 139 Range 040; 23-139-40 PT SE1/4 SE1/4; COMM SE COR SEC 23, N 1215.56', W 38.72' TO POB; W 225.28', S 91.24', E 18.27', S 39.18', E 60.25', SLY 169.06'; ELY AL HWY 125.45', N AL HWY 269.30' TO POB. TRACT C. APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a Preliminary Plat for an eleven (11) unit Multi-Unit Storage Structure Development to be known as PRIORITY STORAGE OF THE LAKES.

2. APPLICANT: Fred G S Lassonde III & Anna Lassonde 28304 125th St Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Project Location: 28304 125th St Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION: Tax ID number: 19.0482.000 Section 24 Township 138 Range 041; 24-138-41 PT W1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4; COMM W QTR COR SEC 24, E 1324.14' TO POB; N 365.5', E 595.89', S 365.51', W 596.06' TO POB. APPLICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Request a Conditional Use Permit to operate an automotive shop for repair and restoration.

3. Zoning Ordinance Amendments: 1) Chapter 8, Section 4, Letter E, numbers 2 & 3; Section 5, Letter H, number 2, Letter e, numbers 1 & 2; Easements: To Reduce the width from sixty-six (66) feet to thirty-three (33) feet for all private easements regardless of the number of tracts it serves.

2) Chapter 3, Section 7, number 7; Chapter 5, Table 5-4.5; Chapter 6, Section 10, Letter D, numbers 1-3; Chapter 8, Section 3, Letters D & E; Section 6, Letter H, Number 3, Letter d; Section 9, Letter H, number 5; Section 11, Letter F, number 6; Impervious Surface Coverage: To increase the allowed percentage outside of the shoreland.

3) Chapter 2, Section 2, Letter C; Section 3, Letter G; Board Conduct: To establish policy for attendance.

4) Chapter 5, Section 2, Table 5-2 & Letter E; Wetland Setbacks: To eliminate the setback for all wetlands on riparian lots and to implement a setback for wetlands listed in the Public Waters Inventory for all lots.

All interested persons are invited to attend or submit written comments

Kyle Vareberg, Planning & Zoning Administrator (Jan. 23, 2022) 25087

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF BECKER DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 03-PR-22-40

Estate of SANDRA J. LEUM Decedent

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on February 16, 2022, at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Sherry Leum, whose address is 880 White Clover Beach Road, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objection to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. (COURT SEAL)

/s/ Referee Susan Solheim Dated: 1/10/22 /s/ Sarah Schlauderhoff Court Administrator - Deputy Dated: 1/10/22

The hearing will be held remotely via zoom. If you wish to participate contact Court Administration for the remote hearing information prior to the hearing date. Attorney for Applicant: J.R. Strom Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. P.O. Box 220 510 West Caledonia Avenue Hillsboro, ND 58045 Attorney License No.: 0400768 Telephone: (701) 636-5700 FAX: (701) 636-4025 (Jan. 15 & 22, 2022) 23410



Jesse Disse, left and Parker Davis pull an ice block out of the trimming machine on Thursday during the 2022 Ice Harvest on Little Detroit Lake.

HARVEST

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“My job is to keep everyone safe,” said Okeson — not just the volunteer ice harvest and construction crews, but also the spectators who go down to the City Beach this weekend to watch the process. The harvest will continue through Saturday, Jan. 22.

Spectators are asked to stay behind the barricades that surround the ice harvest field and palace construction site, unless accompanied by a designated guide.

“It’s not just for their



Gideon Doty cuts through lake ice with an ice saw on Thursday during the 2022 Ice Harvest on Little Detroit Lake.

safety,” Mitchell said, “it’s for the safety of the workers, too.”

Mitchell said construction of the palace, King Isbit’s

Royal Throne and surrounding ice sculptures will most likely continue up until the Grand Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11.



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The office area of the new Becker County Highway Department, which will be built with engineered steel panels instead of precast concrete.

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engine. It will also be used to store and access heavy equipment and large tires in a loft area. Becker County has been frugal with its

bonding authority: It has about \$10.4 million in existing debt, and even after the new bond issuance, will still have over \$200 million in unused statutory debt authority.

That number is based on how much taxable property is inside the

county. All the property in Becker County is currently valued at about \$7.53 trillion. By law, the county can’t take on debt over 3% of that estimated market value, so that sets the county’s debt ceiling at about \$226 million.



Vicki Gerdes / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Firefighters shot over 300,000 gallons of water onto a downtown fire in Detroit Lakes in September of 2021.

FIRE

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Davis’ fire bowl was located about 12 feet away, diagonally from the wood pile and combustibles. It was determined that winds blew hot ashes from the fire bowl to the wood pile area, which started on fire.

The flames from the wood pile and vinyl siding spread, burning upward into the soffit and fascia, and then into

the void space between the ceiling and roof.

The fire itself, which was deemed accidental due to improper burning of debris, was contained to the original building at 814 Washington Avenue. There was fire damage on the second floor, and heavy water and smoke damage on the main floor.

The surrounding mall-owned units from the middle to north end sustained water and smoke damage. The two businesses on

the ground floor of 814 Washington were seriously damaged, and a number of stores in the mall, clothing stores in particular, had to close temporarily to deal with smoke damage.

On Jan. 11, a remote hearing for Davis was set for Feb. 24 in Becker County District Court. Also on Jan. 11, attorney Matthew Spielman of Fergus Falls was appointed a special assistant county attorney for Becker County to prosecute the case.

SUDOKU

Fun by the Numbers. Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 8, 6, 2, 8, 5, 9, 7, 3, 1, 7, 4, 8, 5, 8, 1.

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

TODAY’S PUZZLE SOLVED

Solved 9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 1, 2, 8, 9, 8, 6, 9, 3, 9, 8, 6, 1, 7, 4, 2, 8, 6, 2, 9, 7, 7, 3, 1, 5, 1, 2, 8, 7, 3, 9, 9, 7, 6, 5, 7, 3, 9, 2, 7, 6, 9, 8, 1, 6, 7, 9, 9, 1, 8, 2, 3, 7, 7, 8, 7, 1, 9, 2, 6, 5, 3, 2, 3, 6, 7, 5, 7, 4, 1, 9, 8, 9, 5, 1, 6, 8, 3, 4, 2, 7, 7.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-43.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. You fry food in it
4. Pesky insect
8. Gets older
10. ___ Dern, actress
11. Uncouth man
12. One who sulks
13. Napoleon s king of Naples
15. One who swims underwater
16. Make amends
17. Expressions
18. Document format
21. What a beaver makes
22. Limb
23. Photograph
24. Golf score
25. Moroccan mountain range
26. Wrinkled dog breed: Shar ___

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Town in central Brazil
2. Large burrowing rodent
3. Nerve cell
4. Estimating
5. Bakers use it
6. Regions
7. Small lake
9. Environmentalist nun
10. More kookie
12. Announce officially
14. Israeli city ___ Aviv
15. Title given to friar
17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
19. Buildings
20. Pouch
23. They steal on the high seas
24. It’s mightier than the sword
25. Going off on a tangent
26. Monetary unit
27. Young woman
28. Type of bulb
29. Type of drug (abbr.)
30. City opposite Dusseldorf
31. Animal disease
32. Martini necessities
33. Elude
34. La ___: Buenos Aires capital
36. An oft-enduring symbol

PUZZLE SOLUTION

Solved crossword puzzle grid with letters.