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Township Day is March 8

Residents to attend annual meetings and vote on tax levy, officials

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SAUK RAPIDS – Minnesota's 1,780 townships will host their annual meeting Tuesday, March 8.

Known as Township Day, these annual meetings are held every year on the second Tuesday in March. Residents of the townships meet to voice their opinions about issues and vote directly on their annual tax levy. Citizens attending annual meetings also often discuss and vote on other local issues.

In addition, many of the state's townships host their officer elections on Township Day. Voters can check with their townships for polling times. Standard polling hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., but Minnesota's rural townships are only required to be open from 5-8 p.m., according to the Secretary of State website.

For most Benton County townships, a three-year supervisor and two-year clerk position are on the ballot.

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Huberty wins second country music award

BY ELLARRY PRENTICE
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SAUK RAPIDS – For Greg Michael Huberty, making music started as a passion and became a lifelong career.

The Sauk Rapids-based music producer won Studio Engineer of the Year from the Midwest Country Music Organization, formerly the Midwest Country Music Association, Feb. 20.

Huberty has won back-to-back Studio Engineer of the Year awards. One of five nominees from the Midwest this year, he accepted the award before hundreds of country artists, songwriters, producers and industry leaders at the Midwest CMO Awards Show in Medina.

"I felt very humbled," said Huberty, who has lived in the Sauk Rapids-Sartell area for five years. "It takes a ton of knowledge and hard work in the studio to shape a song into radio-quality standards. I'm so grateful to the artists who trust my process and the team of studio musicians I bring in on the songs. Then, to get recognized by the country music community is a real honor."

Based in Minnesota, the Midwest CMO exists to cultivate the country music community across six states. The non-profit organization



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Greg Michael Huberty (right) holds his Studio Engineer of the Year award Feb. 20 at the Midwest Country Music Organization awards show in Medina. Country artist and songwriter Hailey James (left), whose music is produced by Huberty, won Song of the Year and New Artist of the Year.

provides resources to help artists hone their craft, advance their skillset, give back to the community and celebrate the flourishing Midwest country scene.

"The organization is really bringing attention to the talent we have here in the Midwest," Huberty said. "The country music mecca extends beyond

Nashville. We're really making some noise out here."

Huberty was just a toddler when country music first touched his soul as he listened to the Oakridge Boys belt out "Elvira" on his dad's vinyl record. To this day, his heart is on fire for the genre.

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Commissioners pursue civil action against Inman

Auditor-treasurer residency issues reach tipping point

BY JAKOB KOUNKEL
STAFF WRITER

FOLEY – Benton County commissioners voted unanimously March 1 to pursue civil action against Nadean Inman, the county's auditor-treasurer, for allegedly violating Minnesota law by residing outside of the county as an elected official.

Public documents provided at a board meeting Feb. 15 allege that Inman was living outside of Benton County from October 2018 to April 2020 while serving as auditor-treasurer. The documents also include that the Sherburne County Attorney's Office declined to pursue criminal charges because the office did not believe proceedings would be successful in court.

Commissioners were given three options: declare the office vacant (which has little legal precedent), pursue quo warranto action in court or wait for Benton County residents to initiate a petition for a recall election.

Commissioners chose to pursue writ of quo warranto legal action, which is meant to challenge an elected official's right to hold public office.

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