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## CEO Report

*Good day North Itasca!*

I have my fingers crossed when you get the chance to read this article the winter has passed. This has been a rough couple of weeks on all of us. I'm writing this article on 4/15, we've had snow everyday this week. I'm ready for the spring flowers, I hate to see my friends and neighbors frustrated and down because of the weather. Looking at the forecast, we might just have warmer days coming soon. I'm ready to start complaining about the

bugs rather than the cold! Who's with me?

We have begun planning for the Annual Meeting June 16th, 2022, in our parking lot here in Bigfork.

We will have a similar event to the past couple of years. I heard GRE will be present with their EV, MREA has also been invited to attend the event. This is our chance to talk to you about your investment in your cooperative. Our Bylaws require this



Brad Dolinski, CEO

meeting, I look forward to the yearly annual meeting. North Itasca is controlled by you, our Member-Owners. You elect directors from your district to represent you on the Board. North Itasca has a nine-member board, split by districts, based on population of

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## Leading by example: *Building heating system upgrade*

by Jerry Loney

After years of (JK Mechanical) campaigning for Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHPs) North Itasca Electric Cooperative is finally making the investment itself, installing two 6 ton rooftop ASHP units on the roof over its showroom floor and another over the oldest part of its office building.

The photo below

shows the contractor hoisting one of the units up onto the roof with their crane and on page 3, Kris Clusiau working on the ductwork coming down from the showroom floor unit. We also had one of our local electricians on site (Derek Goggleye, owner of Goggleye Electric) who worked closely with

JK Mechanical during this installation.

At this point in time, the work is roughly 90 percent complete and expectations growing for the time we can measure the amount of energy savings (and comfort levels) North Itasca Electric will be receiving from this installation.

Last February I published an article on this project showing the estimated savings approaching \$12,000 per year in heating cost;

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## Operation Round-Up spring grants

by Jerry Loney

The Operation Round-Up trustees met on April 7 for their spring Round-Up fund distribution meeting. North Itasca Electric Cooperative received 30 applications of which 29 applicants received money for projects. With \$13,800 available, not all were able to receive the full amounts requested. The total amount of funds requested came to \$65,222.48, so there were good conversations on how to divide the

dollars out fairly. I feel the trustees did a good job distributing the funds.

Funds awarded went to organizations which help Members in our service territory. Since the program's establishment in October 2004, more than \$391,300 has been distributed to community-based projects and programs. The organizations which received funds this past April are shown on page 7.



## Business Spotlight: Eyeglass Barn



Mark Baumgartner, Eyeglass Barn

by Sally Sedgwick

There are hundreds of glasses frames on the shelves – clear glasses and sunglasses, glasses for men, women and kids. There are thick frames and metal frames. Serious and whimsical. But if you still can't find that perfect look, there are thousands more in a virtual store that can be accessed from home.

They are all in a new business to the

area: the Eyeglass Barn located in the Marcell Family Center.

The business is owned by Optician Mark Baumgartner, who has had an almost 40 year career in the field and retired with his wife Shari to a "cabin in the woods" near Big Too Much Lake. It was an ideal life, doing the things they loved like kayaking and foraging – and for Mark, hunting with a longbow and riding his Harley Davidson 1200 Sportster Custom on winding country roads.

But he still had extra time, and decided to offer his experience to local customers. The Eyeglass Barn is open two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 to 5, for drop-ins and other times by appointment.

He is like a "pharmacist for the eyes," he explained. He fills prescriptions for

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**New  
Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



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the district. Our directors serve a three-year term, we have three directors up for election every year. This year Districts 7, 8, and 9 will be up for election. Bruce Leino Dist 7, Jeff Kilian Dist 8, and Roy Bain Dist 9 are your incumbent Directors.

If you are interested in running for the board, we have a Candidate packet available here at the office or you can contact your Nominating Committee Member printed in the WATTS. The Candidate Packets are reviewed by the Nominating Committee May 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the cooperative office in Bigfork. The Nominating Committee ensures candidates meet the Bylaw requirements to be a director. The number of candidates we have dictates if we have a contested or non-contested race for the seat. If we have more than one candidate running for the district, the ballots are sent out to the Member-Owners only in that district. If there is only one applicant, the ballots are not sent out and the candidate will be elected by acclamation.

This entire process is overseen by our Attorney Andrew Shaw. We must ensure that we are following our Bylaws to the finest point. Your voice matters and needs to be heard in this democratic process. Andrew does a great job with oversight throughout this detailed series of events. If we have more than one candidate, we convene a canvassing committee to count the ballots. The ballots from each district

are counted several times by different committee members to determine accurate results. This also is overseen by Mr. Shaw. Results of the election are then announced at the Annual Meeting during Andrew's report to members. Now you know the initial steps it takes to be a board member at your cooperative.

I was told North Itasca Electric is the talk of Bigfork right now. We've had a little action happening in the parking lot, and around the building. Jerry has a detailed article on this in the WATTS. We are in the process of installing two air source heat pumps on the roof of the headquarters building. These units are a little bigger than I expected. Let's just say you'll notice them when you drive by. We had new ductwork installed throughout the showroom floor area and through the office area. This project will pay for itself through energy savings in less than ten years. Along with lighting changes we have made, this will showcase cost reductions and a good demonstration of energy efficiency. Feel free to stop by and check out the new system, we're excited to share the information with everyone that will listen! I expect everyone is just as excited as I am about energy efficient heating and cooling, right?

So, there you have it. I'm heading up to see the family in Baudette today to celebrate Easter Sunday. Before you know it, we'll be out planting the gardens, launching the boats, and enjoying all that spring has to give us. I'm looking forward to getting a crew of friends together to go enjoy the ATV trails we have in our backyard. This is a beautiful area we live in, with a ton of outdoor activities to enjoy, let's go enjoy it together.

*By your side! Miigwech  
Brad*

## Co-op adds three new line crew



Three new linemen have joined North Itasca Electric: (l to r) Jake Bowers, Calvin Wolf and Josh Hubbard. Starting last March, Jake graduated from high school in Cohasset and enrolled in line school. His experience includes four years at Lake States Construction, a power line builder, and five years with the Grand Rapids Public Utilities. Outside of work, he enjoys time with his family; wife Ashley and children Brylee (8 years old), Bristol (3 years old) and Kael (1 1/2 years old). He is also an outdoorsman, enjoying riding his side-by-side, hunting, fishing and generally being in the woods. Coming to North Itasca Electric, he says he really likes the area and has found people to be really nice.

Calvin and Josh applied together

and started on the same day: November 21, 2021. Originally from Brainerd, Calvin moved with his family to Carlton as a teenager. He worked at Lake States for almost 9 years and attended construction school. His interests include hunting and fishing.

Josh is from Ely and also enjoys hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He has family connections with northwest Itasca County through his grandparents Ray and Judy Hubbard and is married to Elizabeth. When the mine he was working at shut down, employees were offered a choice of training opportunities, and he chose utility work, realizing that it would always be a needed career. He was happy to come to a smaller co-op where he could be an important member of a team.

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## 2022 Nominating Committee

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## North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors

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James White, District 1

Mary Rahier, District 4

Todd Christensen, District 6 Bruce Leino, District 7

Jeff Kilian, District 8



## Highlights from the Board Room

NORTH ITASCA ELECTRIC CO-OP., INC.  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING  
March 24, 2022

**Start time: 10:00 a.m.**

**End time: 3:25 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office and electronically through Zoom on March 24, 2022.

Directors Present: M. Rahier, B. Leino, J. White, W. Waller, J. Kilian, T. Christensen, R. Bain, L. Salmela and L. Kongsjord

Also Present: CEO Brad Dolinski, Andy Shaw, D. Pederson, Jerry Loney, T. Danielson and K. Giesen.

o A Motion was made to go to Executive Session, seconded, motion carried at 10:00 a.m.

o Executive Session adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

**Start Regular Board Meeting: 11:00 a.m.**

o Pledge of allegiance was recited.

o A motion was made to adopt agenda, seconded, motion carried. A motion was made to consent agenda, seconded, motion carried.

o B. Dolinski held the safety discussion. Be vigilant in verifying allergies versus Covid 19.

o T. Danielson reviewed the operating reports. Motion was made to accept the operating reports, seconded, motion was carried.

o A. Shaw – Legal update. Board Policies 500.10 Community Service Organizations, 500.40 Requests to Attend Board Meetings, 500.50 Identity Theft Prevention were reviewed. A motion was made to accept these policies without any changes, seconded, motion was carried.

o D. Pederson gave the Line Department Report. MREA CPR Training went well. Upcoming projects were reviewed.

o J. Loney gave the Member Service Report. Operation Round Up Trustee Meeting is set for April 7, 2022.

o T. Danielson gave the office reports.

o Nominating Committee will meet Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

o B. Dolinski gave the CEO report.

o B. Dolinski gave the Northland Connect report.

o W. Waller gave the MREA report.

o B. Leino gave the GRE report. Brad shared the February 2022 PCA detail report

o A Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, motion carried at 3:25 p.m.

Regular board meetings are generally held the fourth Thursday of every month. If you wish to speak with the board or have an item that you would like to have placed on the agenda, please contact CEO Brad Dolinski at least two weeks in advance to be included on the agenda.

## North Itasca Electric moves to ASHP heating/cooling

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this didn't include the reduction anticipated with air conditioning during the summer months. The photos below show the existing equipment that has been in the building since it was first built, consisting of a large inefficient fan motor and individual duct heaters in branching ductwork to various rooms and areas of the building. Since this equipment has been in service since construction, it's not hard to believe its efficiencies are much lower than that of the new equipment being installed.

Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio, or SEER rating, has greatly improved in systems over the past years. This measures an air conditioning system's efficiencies by calculating the cooling output divided by the amount of electric energy input. The higher the SEER rating, the greater energy efficiency of your air conditioning system.

When estimating a commercial building lighting consumption,

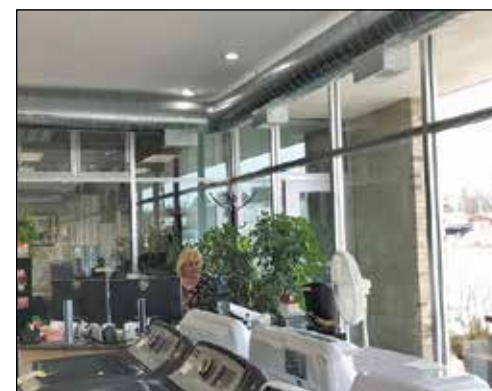


Kris Clusiau (JK Mechanical) working on the ductwork.

1.5 Watts per square foot is used. Since the North Itasca Electric building has 15,488 square feet, calculations would come to 23 kW per hour. With lights being on 9 hours per day, 22 days per month, energy use for lighting is 4,554 kWh per month. Since there is minimal other equipment in the building, even adding 2,000 kWh for it shows 6,554 kWh out of the 13,200 kWh per month as a baseline leaving 6,646 kWh for air conditioning. I can see these units using much less than 6,646 kWh for air conditioning.

I'm looking forward to comparing the numbers to past consumptions. When up and running, I will keep you posted on the results.

Existing original equipment showing large inefficient fan motor and individual duct heaters extending into various rooms and areas of the building.



Ductwork starts to go up around the showroom.

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## North Itasca Electric is offering a new product: Electric Bikes!

Spring is on its way, and we thought it would be fun to try something new.

We are starting with just one bike to see how much interest there is in our community. With gas prices continuing to climb, this could be a fun way to cut costs and get some exercise too! It's fun for kids and adults alike. Maybe you'd like to ride out to get the mail but you're afraid you won't have enough energy or strength to make that hill, well now you can!

The GOEXPRESS Bike is the perfect source for all your travels and getaways. With its step through frame, it makes it easy to get on and off and comfortable as well. This bike is made to cruise in the city as well as go off-roading for weekend adventures. You can go from pavement to sand, climb hills, pretty much wherever you



want to go. These bikes are built with quality and weigh 60 lbs., and the weight limit is up to 300 lbs. You can run up to 36 miles with pedal assist and 18 miles without pedaling on a single charge. Top speed is 20 mph; they have a 750 W hub motor, 48 V 10Ah. You can fully charge in 5 hours. One of the best things about these bikes is that they fold up so you can take them with you without needing a pickup to haul them!

There are several other models we can order, too, if you're looking for something else. Stop in or give me a call (218) 743-1132 to check out what's available, and pricing. Just like our appliances we will offer a contract to members who qualify, so you can put 20 percent down and spread your payments out if you choose.

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### Democracy in action:

## Great River Energy members elect directors, board elects officers

Part of being a democratically governed electric cooperative involves gathering annually and establishing the structure of the board of directors for the upcoming year.

During these annual meetings, cooperatives elect the directors — new and old — to their seats on the board and hold elections for board officers.

At the Great River Energy annual meeting on April 6, Great River Energy's member-owners elected the 24 individuals listed below to serve a one-year term on the Great River Energy board of directors.

During the board of directors' reorganization meeting following the annual meeting, Bob Bruckbauer (Lake Country Power, Grand Rapids) was re-elected board chair; Dale Anderson (Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, Spicer) was re-elected board vice chair; Audrey Hjelle (Runestone Electric Association, Alexandria) was re-elected secretary and Lee York (Nobles Cooperative Electric, Worthington) was re-elected treasurer.

"Electric cooperatives serve members 24 hours a day, seven days a week — and the directors make consequential decisions that affect the membership throughout the year," Bruckbauer said. "What makes cooperatives special is they are governed by their member-owners, who truly want to make the best decisions for their friends and neighbors."

Each Great River Energy director is a member of the board of directors of one of Great River Energy's Class A member-owner cooperatives.

"Cooperatives are designed to represent the values and expectations of their membership," said Great River Energy President and Chief Executive Officer David Saggau. "The election of the Great River Energy board by our member-owner cooperatives and the board's oversight of Great River Energy ensure that our member-owners all have a voice in the decisions that guide our company."

The following are the members of Great River Energy's board of directors:

- Mike Littfin, Arrowhead Cooperative, Inc., Lutsen
- Gary Stenzel, BENCO Electric Cooperative, Mankato
- Bill Berg, Brown County Rural Electrical Association, Sleepy Eye
- Fran Bator, Connexus Energy, Ramsey
- Mark Ethen, Connexus Energy, Ramsey
- Scott Veitenheimer, Cooperative Light & Power, Two Harbors
- Margaret Schreiner, Dakota Electric Association, Farmington
- Clay Van De Bogart, Dakota Electric Association, Farmington
- Lonnie Johnson, East Central Energy, Braham

- Joe Morley, East Central Energy, Braham
- David Hernke, Goodhue County Cooperative Electric Association, Zumbrota
- Nancy Utke, Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative Electrical Association, Park Rapids
- Dale Anderson, Kandiyohi Power Cooperative, Spicer
- Bob Bruckbauer, Lake Country Power, Grand Rapids
- Craig Olson, Lake Country Power, Grand Rapids
- Mike Brasel, Lake Region Electric Cooperative, Pelican Rapids
- Randy Hlavka, McLeod Cooperative Power Association, Glencoe
- Harold Harms, Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative, Aitkin
- Lee York, Nobles Cooperative Electric, Worthington
- Lloyd Kongsjord, North Itasca Electric Cooperative, Inc., Bigfork
- Audrey Hjelle, Runestone Electric Association, Alexandria
- Greg Blaine, Stearns Electric Association, Melrose
- Gary Wilson, Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric, Owatonna
- Michael Thorson, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative, Wadena

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## Great River Energy’s summer load control hours

### Electric Thermal Storage

- Water Heating and Pool Heating
- a) Total estimated summer control = Every weekday during summer months of May - September, approximately 1,500 hours.
  - b) Predefined load control periods – Summer control strategy
    - Monday – Friday
    - Restore periods 10:00 p.m.
    - Shed period - 9:00 a.m.
    - Total recharge time – 11 hours

### Interruptible Air Conditioning

- a) Total estimated summer control = 60 hours
- b) Control limits = Maximum of 6 hours/day
- c) Randomization: control schedules at individual receivers will be staggered by up to 30 minutes.
- d) Predefined control periods: None

*\*Times are approximate. Control schedules at individual receivers will be randomized and staggered by up to 60 minutes.*

## Electrical Inspections

Except for minor repair work, all electrical work you do at your home, cabin, or property is required to be inspected by a State Electrical Inspector.

A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. Please visit [www.electricity.state.mn.us](http://www.electricity.state.mn.us) for more information. The inspectors can be reached weekday mornings between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

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## WATTS deadlines

Listed below are upcoming deadlines for the WATTS News for ads and content. The deadline can also be found on the classified page each month. Dates are subject to change.

- June Weds., May 18
- July Friday, June 17
- August Friday, July 15

# Roxanne’s Sales Talk

by Roxanne Prather, member services representative

## Stop in and check out our Appliance Showroom at the Co-op

We carry a variety of brands! We carry Crosley - which is made up of Whirlpool, Frigidaire & GE - Frigidaire, LG, Samsung, Speed Queen, Danby and GE.

We have a good variety on the floor and can order if you’re looking for something not on the floor. For all you Members who don’t know, we offer great whole house deals. We are competitive with our prices already but if you purchase 3 appliances you will automatically get 8 percent off, 4 appliances get you 10 percent off and 5 or more will get you 15 percent off! That adds up to a lot of savings.

A lot of people call and tell me what they are looking for and I put a package together for them. I can either email or mail it to you and go from there. Some of the stuff is still taking awhile to get in but it has gotten somewhat better. It is best to let me know as soon as you are thinking about getting appliances, so we have some time to combine orders to save on freight.

We also offer contracts to Members who qualify. To qualify,

you must have been current on your electric bill for at least 3 months in a row. You would put 20 percent down (some people choose to put more down) and spread your payments out up to 3 years. There’s 4 percent interest on contracts. If you’re interested in a contract, I would be happy to tell you what the monthly payments would be. We can do this with whole house generators as well as the appliances.

North Itasca Electric is also selling Electric Go bikes. These bikes are great for Grandma and Pa when you want to take the grand kids biking to wear them out. They will be impressed that you can keep up! They will also be nice if you want to ride trails in the woods. Since they are so quiet, they won’t scare the wildlife.

Call or stop in for more information (218) 743-1132.



Member Services Manager Jerry Loney tries out a Electric Go bike.

## Member Warning: Doxo.com

There is an on-line bill pay website that appears to be affiliated with North Itasca Electric, but it is not. Doxo.com is third-party website that allows people to pay their electric bills via their site. However, doxo.com may charge the member extra fees, and North Itasca Electric cannot control when we will receive the member

payments from doxo.com, possibly resulting in a late payment from the member or even disconnection due to non-payment. To make sure you’re paying North Itasca Electric directly, visit our website [www.northitascaelectric.com](http://www.northitascaelectric.com), for our direct link to the online bill payment portal, [mypesportal.com](http://mypesportal.com).

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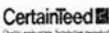


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Stephanie Skaret receives checks for programs at the Northome school.

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| Applicant Organization                                 | Project Title   | Awarded     |
|--|---|-------------|
| Northome Koochiching County fair                       | Prizes for kids / teens / adults Activities                                 | \$600.00    |
| South Koochiching - Rainy River #363 (Northome School) | North School food pantry  | \$1,000.00  |
| South Koochiching - Rainy River #363 (Northome School) | Northome school post prom   | \$400.00    |
| South Koochiching - Rainy River #363 (Northome School) | Backpack and supply drive   | \$500.00    |
| City of Mizpah   | Community Easter Egg Hunt   | \$800.00    |
| Grace House of Itasca County                           | Homeless prevention Fund  | \$1,000.00  |
| South Koochiching - Rainy River #363 (Northome School) | MCA Prep Week - Survivor  | \$250.00    |
| Ardenhurst Township                                    | Electrical upgrade  | \$550.00    |
| Bigfork Improvement Group                              | Kitchen Utensils  | \$500.00    |
| Deer River Sportsman Club                              | Safety training books and materials for youth                               | \$500.00    |
| Northome City Library                                  | Library Supplies and programs   | \$500.00    |
| Bigfork Parent teaches association (PTA)               | 2021-2022 School Supplies and financial assistance                          | \$732.00    |
| Wildwood-Plum Creek Community Club                     | Repair and replace front and rear access steps for handi-cap access.        | \$200.00    |
| MN NBHA (National Barrel Horse Association) districts  | Update equipment  | \$600.00    |
| Blackduck High School Trap Club                        | Lumberjack Invitational   | \$930.00    |
| Crisis Response Team                                   | Emergency bucket  | \$200.00    |
| Deer River Pony League                                 | Summer baseball   | \$300.00    |
| Northland Progressive Inc.                             | Northome Mainstreet beautification project                                  | \$200.00    |
| Bigfork Volleyball program                             | Team volleyball camp - UMN  | \$300.00    |
| Class of 2023 (prom)                                   | Prom 2022   | \$400.00    |
| Bigfork Speech Team                                    | Speech Booster  | \$250.00    |
| BHS Spanish Club, Bigfork Public School                | Prepare Latin Foods and other cooking                                       | \$250.00    |
| Backwoods Bots Robotics                                | Program budget  | \$600.00    |
| Bigfork School   | New Student packs   | \$500.00    |
| North Itasca Hospital District, dba Bigfork valley     | Bigfork Valley - Bigfork Wilderness Days 2022                               | \$500.00    |
| North Itasca Hospital District, dba Bigfork valley     | Ankle weights for patient rehabilitation / hand weights for senior fitness. | \$388.00    |
| Deer Lake Watershed Association                        | Water Quality sampling - 2022   | \$300.00    |
| Northome Community Education                           | Summer / Fall Youth Athletics   | \$300.00    |
| Deer River High School - ISD 317                       | Engaging texts for Middle School  | \$250.00    |
|  |   | \$13,800.00 |

Eyeglass Barn opens at MFC

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glasses from ophthalmologists and optometrists, fitting glasses with accurate measurements and frame choices from the customer.

He has some stiff competition from online sites and optical shops tied to eye doctors. Often patients don't realize that they can fill prescriptions at a different location. However in 1978, a federal law required a prescription release right in the doctor's office after an eye exam.

When a prescription is brought to him, he will walk the customer through the order of frames and lenses. Too often, he points out, a new bifocal user will hear "You'll get used to them." But understanding how they work, and what they can and cannot do gives a new user a much better experience.

Frames in his shop typically run half to 2/3 the cost of optical shops, costing \$59, \$79 or \$99. In addition, Mark subscribes to a remarkable computer app where any of his supplier Modern Optical's frames can be placed on the customer's own image to see what they look

like.

Lenses come from a lab in Iowa. Over the years, he points out, he has had the opportunity to interact with all the frame companies and labs in the U.S. and trusts this lab to have a good product at a good price.

Mark's career started in the Service. With a low draft number, he enlisted in the Army during the Viet Nam War. That gave him the opportunity to pick a trade, and he chose optical technician.

It provided vocational education and hands-on training – actually making glasses for the Army and Air Force. When he left the service he pursued another year of vocational training in Anoka and later a year in sales and marketing in Thief River Falls where he managed a Midwest Vision Center. He pursued his career in the Twin Cities and St. Cloud and also spent time in Hayward, Wis., returning for family reasons to Roseau before retiring. Throughout his career he gained experience in wholesale, retail, direct customer care and management.

That's another reason to try



the Eyeglass Barn, he said: an experienced person who can help find the best pair of glasses, fit them properly and give follow-up service if a frame is bent or broken.

And how does the Harley come in? Growing up he was fortunate that his father was the Polaris Sales Manager before it was sold to larger companies, he said, so he was able to drive and race the machines. That gave him a love of engines and speed.

The Eyeglass Barn is open Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment at the Marcell Family Center (north entrance). Visit it on Facebook for more information or to try out the OCHO glasses app. You can also connect by phone at (218) 452-1134 or email at eyeglassbarn@gmail.com .

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FRIGIDAIRE 20.5 C.F. FGHT2055VD \$999.70 SALE \$919.72

FRIGIDAIRE 20 C.F. FFTR2021TW \$999.70 SALE \$919.72

L.G. 20 C.F. LTCS20020W \$1020.50 SALE \$938.86

CROSLEY 22 C.F. CRS XRS22KGABSS \$1038.70 SALE \$955.60

G.E. 22 C.F. GER-NNGTS22KGMWW \$884.00 SALE \$813.285

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G.E. 25 C.F. GER GNE25JGKWW \$2094.95 SALE \$1927.35

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## CHEST FREEZERS

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DCF07B1WW \$496.32 SALE \$456.61

DCF087B11WM \$474 SALE \$436.08

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### CROSLEY WASHER CAW4512LWO \$773.28 SALE \$711.42

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Auto Dry Cycle, Wrinkle Prevent, Powdercoat Drum  
Wide Reversible Door.

### **LG WASHER WT7100CW \$895.05 SALE \$823.45**

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### **LG WASHER WM400CW \$804.70 SALE \$740.32**

4.5 cu. ft. Smart Pairing works alongside compatible LG washers to suggest the perfect drying cycle, TurboWash 360 power cleans large loads of laundry in under 30 minutes, Energy STAR certified, Certified asthma and allergy friendly by the AAF, Allergiene cycle uses steam, Smart Pairing allows the washer to suggest the perfect drying cycle, ThinQ app to control your washer from smartdevice, Tempered glass doors resists shock and scratches, ColdWash option, Direct Drive Motor and 6Motion technology, LoDecibel Quiet Operation. 12 wash programs: Normal, Perm. Press, Heavy Duty, Delicates, Towels, Speed Wash, Bedding, Tub Clean, Bright Whites, Sanitary, Allergiene, Downloaded. 13 wash options: TurboWash, Steam, Fresh Care, Pre-wash, Remote Start, Delay Wash, Wi-Fi, Add Item, ColdWash, Extra Rinse, Rinse+Spin, Control Lock, Spin Only, 4-tray dispenser: Prewash, Main Wash, Bleach, Fabric Softener, 4 adjustable legs, Never Rust stainless steel tub and lifters

### **LG DRYER DLE3400W \$848.90 SALE \$780.99**

7.4 cu. ft. capacity dryer, Sensor Dry, FlowSense duct clogging indicator, Energy STAR Certified, Closet-depth, Aluminized Alloy steel drum, LoDecibel quiet operation, SmartDiagnosis, 5 Drying Levels, 8 Drying Programs, 7 Drying options.

### **LG DRYER DLE7100TW \$891.80 SALE \$820.46**

Enjoy a quieter spin cycle with its front-loading door.  
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### **LG DRYER DLE7150W \$904.80 SALE \$ 832.42**

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Lo Decibel quiet operation, Energy STAR, Reversible Door

### **FRIGIDAIRE DRYER FFRE4120SW \$685.45 SALE \$630.61**

6.7 cu ft. 4 temperature selections, DrySense technology, Wrinkle release technology  
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### **FRIGIDAIRE WASHER FFTW4120SW \$681.20 SALE \$626.70**

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### RANGES

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5.3 cu. ft. oven capacity, Self-clean oven, Oven window, Sensor-Temp Technology, Porcelain Upswept cooktop, Dual-element Bake, Removable full-width storage drawer.

#### **CROSLEY XB625DK5WW \$687.70 SALE \$632.68 (WHITE)**

5.3 cu. ft. oven capacity, Self-clean oven, Ceramic Glass Cooktop, Electronic Clock and Time, Large Oven window, Sensor-Temp Technology, Dual-element Bake, 2 Oven Rack, Removable full-width storage drawer.



#### **GE JGBS10DEMWW \$552.50 SALE \$508.30**

30" freestanding gas range by GE has up to 4.8 cu. ft. oven capacity and 4 sealed cooktop burners. features heavy duty grates, 2 flat nickel racks, electronic ignition system, and broiler drawer. Front controls.

#### **GE JB645DKWW \$703.63 SALE \$647.34**

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#### **LG LREL6323D \$1016.60 SALE \$935.27**

5 Elements, convection bake, convection roast & keep warm, auto shutoff after 5 hrs., self-clean, Wi-Fi, Smart diagnosis, bake, broil, air fry, timed cook etc.

### DISHWASHERS

#### **FRIGIDAIRE FFBD240UB \$765.60 SALE 704.35**

20" width, 6 program settings, At 52 db(a) noise level, with 12 place setting capacity. Multiple Cleaning Cycle Options, Energy STAR certification.

#### **FRIGIDAIRE FGID2479SF 638.95 SALE \$587.83**

24" wide, 7 program features. With the near-silent noise level of 49 db(a), you can run a load or two of the dishes during naptime without any disturbance. Accommodates 14 place setting, 8 wash cycles, DishSense technology, NSF Certified sanitize option, Store-More adjustable/removable third rack Stainless steel interior and filtration, LED Floor Beam indicator, 24-hour delay start, 30 minute quick clean, EvenDry technology, Smudge-proof stainless steel, Tall tub design, Control lock.



#### **FRIGIDAIRE FFBD2420UW \$697.45 SALE \$641.65**

20" width, 6 program settings, 52 db(a), impeccable cleaning power, 12 place setting capacity, 24-Hour delay start option, 12 place settings, heated dry system, National Sanitation Foundation Certified, Removable, self-cleaning filtration system, Energy STAR Certified.



#### **FRIGIDAIRE FGIDP2468UD \$600.37 SALE 552.34**

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## Edge Gallery

### Juried exhibit moved to August

*Call for Entries Deadline is June 6, 2022*

by Lynn Nachbar

The Edge Center Gallery in Bigfork will present Art on the Edge: 16th Juried Exhibit during the month of August 2022, with June 6 as the deadline for entering your art. The Call for Entries is now open and goes out to all visual artists in our community and beyond.

A juried show consists of artists submitting digital images of up to three pieces of work that they have been created between 2019 and 2022. These are viewed by an independent juror who chooses pieces for the exhibit. In addition to selecting art for the exhibit, the juror chooses three excellent examples of visual art to receive cash awards. The fourth cash award, People's Choice, goes to the art work winning the most votes from patrons visiting the art gallery during our artists' reception, held this year on August 5, 2022.

Not every piece of art submitted gets selected for the show. The juror this year is Ann Klefstad, a Duluth sculptor. She has worked for over 25 years in arts journalism and public sculpture. Her work mainly explores the interface between nature and culture. As juror, she will look at composition and craftsmanship, but also originality, creativity, use of materials, or something special that causes a viewer to be drawn to a piece of artwork. All artists need to realize the juror's decisions are final; the Gallery committee does not participate or influence the juror's process.

A \$20 non-refundable entry fee must accompany the submission of your application showing the

pieces you are submitting. Be sure to show your work in the highest quality image you can, remembering that if the image is too small, blurred, or has reflections, the juror usually will not select it. Work must be original, not copied from another image, and not a print of an original. Any media is welcome; paintings, photos, sculptures, carvings, pottery or fiber arts are examples.

The Juried Art Exhibit is often the way we get introduced to new artists and work that we would like to invite back for a month-long solo or combined exhibit.

More information and an application form for Art on the Edge is available on the Gallery page of [www.edgecenterarts.org](http://www.edgecenterarts.org). The deadline for entering is June 6, 2022. There are no geographic limitations for entries, so tell all your artist friends, 16 years of age or older, that it's time to submit their work for the chance to display it, and maybe win a cash prize if they are successful in being chosen for the 16th Annual Art on the Edge Juried Art Exhibit!

*Operating support is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.*

## Effie receives community grant

by Sally Sedgwick

Effie has been the recipient of a Blandin Foundation community grant of \$75,000. The grant is to be spent this year and must be used for community improvement projects like beautification or recreation, but cannot be used for infrastructure.

A community meeting was held on April 28 to discuss ideas for using the funds, but a council shortlist included fixing the RV campground, renovating the playground, repairing the skating rink, assessing asbestos needing to be removed at the old Effie School, paying some of the dumpster cost for the community clean-up days and/or furnace replacement at the Community Center.

Furniture and electronics/appliance dumpsters will be at the Community Center for Clean-Up Days on May 6-8 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. No household garbage

will be accepted. The city will pay a per ton fee for disposal plus a fee for tires. Only city of Effie residents are eligible.

Representatives of Advanced Utility Solutions were present to discuss the sewer system. They have been engaged to take over as operator from Kevin Odden and Chuck Brist, who have resigned. Odden noted in his March report that the system had passed its sample testing. Later in the meeting a house owner notified the council that the sewer was backing up into her house.

Lil Longtine is seeking someone to take over the organization of Rodeo Daze the fourth weekend of July. She will help coordinate vendors this year.

The next regular council meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 9 at the Community Center.

*Excerpted from an article in the Scenic Range NewsForum*

## Bigfork High School theater

The Bigfork High School Theater Program will present *Silent Spring* by Lauren Gunderson on Friday and Saturday, May 20-21, at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. *Silent Spring* is a semi-fictionalized story of sky.

Henrietta Swan Leavitt, a pioneer in astronomy Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

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## Greenhouse Openings

### Bigfork

Bigfork Hardware is located just north of the river on Highway 38. Onsite greenhouse open during store hours, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Phone: (218) 743-3231.

Country Gardens Greenhouse is located in the parking lot of Kocian's featuring flowers, heirloom vegetables and hanging baskets. Opening mid-May, hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon-Sat. Phone: (218) 743-3343

### Blackduck

Grundmeier's Greenery is located at 589 Main St North, Blackduck. Opening Thurs, May 5. Hours are Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Grundmeier's carries bedding plants, vegetables, a selection of Proven Winners®, hanging baskets and planters. Phone: (218) 368-4282

### Effie

Forevergreen Greenhouse and Gifts is located 1 mile east of Effie on Highway 1. Opening Sat., May 7. Bursting at the seams with blooms this year; specialties include patio tomatoes, petunias and geraniums plus a large variety of flowers, baskets and vegetables. There is also an attached gift shop with candles, western primitives, garden art and more. Open 7 days a week, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Phone (218) 743-3358 or email forever@bigfork.net, or find us on Facebook at Forevergreen Greenhouse and Gifts.

### Marcell

Lloyd's Landscaping is located at the junction of Highways 38 and 286 in Marcell. Opening May 7, Mothers' Day weekend. Bedding plants, shrubs, fruits, perennials, hanging baskets, bagged soil and bulk bin materials like mulch, crushed rock and top soil. Landscaping services available - call with your questions. Open Mon-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun., 9-3 p.m. Phone: (218) 832-2842. Check out our website: www.LandscapeWithLloyd.com.

### Mizpah

Mizpah's Local Roots Greenhouse is located at 11354 Pleasant St. in Mizpah. Opening April 29, hours 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., 7 days a week. Large variety of vegetables and flowers: succulents, herbs, perennials and new varieties of annuals. Strawberry and flower baskets, porch pots of cucumbers, strawberries and tomatoes. Phone: (218) 244-9716. On Facebook under Mizpah's Local Roots Greenhouse, pictures updated often. New flowers and vegetables new requested varieties

### Northome

Harvest Moon Greenhouse is at 12337 Town Rd. #425. (from Hwy 71, north on Co. Rd. 15, right on Co. Rd. 51, right on Co. Rd. 425) Opening April 29. Hours 8 a.m.-6 p.m., 7 days a week. Custom pots and design, annuals, non-GMO vegetables, baskets. Phone: (507) 456-7611, Facebook at Harvest Moon Greenhouse.

## Lost Forty duo at the Edge May 1

For the first program in a new season of entertainment this year, the Edge Center for the Performing Arts will present an upper Midwest talent treat by the name of "The Lost Forty." The performance is on May 1 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and children free. Masking strongly advised.

*submitted by Paul Kraska*

## Horticulture Day

The University of Minnesota North Central Research Station has announced that Horticulture Day will be back to in-person this year on August 25, 3-7 p.m. It's an opportunity to see the research on flowers, berries, apples and forestry plots and learn from the experts!

## Community Cafe

The Community Cafe is available to anyone who is in need of a meal. There is no income or financial qualification.. Each Tuesday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. (or until gone), a nutritious three-course meal is served at King Elementary School. For more information, visit communitycafemn.org.

## Community Education

**Bigfork:** Register for classes at (218) 743-3444, online at [getlearning.org](http://getlearning.org).

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE PAYCHECK STOPS? RETIREMENT INCOME

Date: Tues., May 10

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Bigfork School Media Center

Cost: Free

Budget for retirement expenses, examine potential sources of retirement income

**Blackduck** Register online at [blackduck.k12.mn.us](http://blackduck.k12.mn.us) under Community Education

BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER CLINIC

PK-Gr.3, Tues., May 10, 17

Gr 4-8 Weds., May 10, 17

Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Location: Elementary Playground Field

Cost: \$10

Class size limited, Register by April 29.

## ElderCircle SAIL classes

ElderCircle has replaced Bone Builders with "Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)."

Following is the local schedule as of Jan 18:

- Virtual via Zoom video conference  
Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 am-12:00 pm

- Virtual via Zoom video conference  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 am


- Deer River, Bethany Lutheran, live-in-person  
Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 am-12:00 pm

**On hold until further notice:** Bigfork Old Scenic Church, Bowstring Town Hall, Togo at Carpenter Town Hall

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3:00-4:30 p.m. Effie: Effie Cafe  
5:00-6:30 p.m. Bigfork: City Hall  
Thursdays: May 19; June 9, 30  
11:45-12:45 Togo: Junction Bar & Grill  
Mondays: May 16; June 6, 27  
12:30 -1:00 p.m. Gemmel; Comm.Church  
1:45 - 2:30 p.m. Northome; Apartments  
3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Alvwood; Hoot-n-Holler  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Squaw Lake; Community Ctr  
  
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Area Memorial Day Services

VFW Post 9703 Perry Heide

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| May 28, Saturday: |            |
| Bearville         | 10:00 a.m. |
| May 30, Monday:   |            |
| Wirt              | 8:45 a.m.  |
| Sand Lake         | 9:25 a.m.  |
| Donnelly          | 10:10 a.m. |
| Jessie Lake       | 10:50 a.m. |
| Marcell           | 11:30 a.m. |
| Suomi             | 12:10 p.m. |

American Legion Waldron-Flaat Post 182

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| May 30, Monday: |            |
| Fredheim        | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Stokes          | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Bigfork         | 11:00 a.m. |

Memorial Day program at Bigfork with a combined Veterans Honor Guard, followed by refreshments at the Effie Community Center hosted by American Legion Auxiliary.

VFW Larry McKenzie Post 3869

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| May 30, Monday:                         |                 |
| Gemmell                                 | 8:00 a.m.       |
| Mizpah Hall coffee and rolls            | 8:15-10:00 a.m. |
| Forest Grove                            | 8:25 a.m.       |
| Mizpah                                  | 8:50 a.m.       |
| Wildwood                                | 10:00 a.m.      |
| Ardenhurst                              | 10:55 a.m.      |
| Nore                                    | 11:20 a.m.      |
| Sandwich luncheon, Ardenhurst Town Hall | 11:40 a.m.      |
| Forest Hill, Northome                   | 12:15 p.m.      |

~ May Calendar ~

- 1 The Lost Forty performs at the Edge Center in Bigfork, 2 p.m.
- 2 ISD318 School Board meeting at Admin Board Room in Grand Rapids or at watchictv.org, 6:30 p.m. Public Forum, 6 p.m. Contact for information: jrasmussen@isd318.org or call (218) 327-5704.
- 3 Bigfork Valley Hospital Board meets, 9 a.m. Contact (218) 743-1772 for telephone or virtual attendance information.
- 4 The Club I Never Wanted To Join” breast cancer support group meets 3:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in the chapel, use south entrance, Grand Rapids. More info from Lynn (218) 832-3612, lynn\_ettl@msn.com
- 5 Job Fair at Bigfork City Hall for Edge of the Wilderness area businesses and residents, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.
- 6-8 Effie holds a Clean-Up Day for Effie City residents, 8 a.m.-6 p.m at the Community Center. No household garbage.
- 7 Treasures Are Fine, 60 miles of community garage sales in northwest Itasca County on Co. Rds. 6, 4 and 29.
- 7 Northome School clothing swap at Northome School Commons, 10 a.m. - noon. Doors open for setup at 9 a.m. More information, sskaret@northome.k12.mn.us
- 8 Mother’s Day
- 9 Blackduck ISD32 School Board, 5 p.m. in the Media Center. Note changed time.
- 9 ISD317 School Board meets, 6 p.m., public forum 5:45 p.m.
- 9 Effie City Council meets at Effie Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 9 Women of the Woods meet at 10 a.m. at Sand Lake Community Center. Call Pat Sievertson at (218) 659-2157.
- 10 Online registration for College for Kids opens at getlearning.org, 8 a.m.
- 10 Stop & Stitch meets at the Marcell Family Center the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For more information, call Judy at (218) 832-3237.
- 10 Bigfork City Council meets at the Edge Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 11 ISD 363 South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 14 Fishing Opener
- 16 ISD318 School Board meeting at Admin Board Room in Grand Rapids or at watchictv.org, 6:30 p.m. Public Forum, 6 p.m. Contact for information: jrasmussen@isd318.org or call (218) 327-5704.
- 20-23 Bigfork High School Theater Program presents *Silent Spring* at the Edge

Center, May 20-21, 7 p.m., May 22, 2 p.m.

23 Women of the Woods meet at 10 a.m. at Sand Lake Community Center. Call Pat Sievertson at (218) 659-2157.

27 Memorial Day Parade organized by the Bigfork Elementary fifth grade class starting at the Wanigan park at the north end of Bigfork at 1 p.m. to the Bigfork Veterans Memorial Park.

27 Last day of school, Northome School.

30 Memorial Day. No school, all schools. North Itasca Electric offices CLOSED.

JUNE

- 1 Last day of school, Blackduck School
- 2 Last day of school, Deer River, Bigfork schools
- 6 ISD318 School Board meets at Bigfork School, 6:30 p.m. Public Forum, 6 p.m.
- 16 Annual Meeting at headquarters building in Bigfork, 2 p.m.

Area Church Directory

Alvwood Evangelical Free Church Sun 10:00a

58712 Co. Rd. 131  
Blackduck 56630 218-659-4681

Balsam Bible Chapel Sun 10:00a

41516 Scenic Hwy 7  
Bovey 55709 218-245-1960

Bear River Lutheran Church Sun 10:00a

11141 Hwy 22  
Cook 55723 218-376-1012

Bethesda Lutheran Church Sun 9:00a

Mizpah 56660 218-897-5654

Bigfork Assembly of God Sun 9:30a

101 Golf Course Ln  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3500

Bowstring Chapel Sun 10:15a

45114 Co Rd 133  
Deer River 56636 218-832-3171

Calvary Covenant Sun 10:30a

54764 Co. Rd. 31  
Northome 56661 218-897-5684

Centennial Lutheran Church Sun 8:30a

Hwy 46  
Squaw Lake 56681 218-259-0115

Deer River Bible Church Sun 10:00a

33276 State Highway 6  
Deer River 56636 218-246-9570

Dora Lake Alliance Sun 10:00a

59329 Co Rd 145  
Northome 56661 218-659-4551

Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church (ELCA) Sun 8:30a

Hwy 1  
Effie 56639 218-743-3368

First Presbyterian Church, BF Sun 10:15a

109 Ash St.  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3783

Gemmel Community Church Sun 10:00a

10609 Town Rd 34  
Gemmell 56660 218-897-5966

Grace Community Church (ELCA) Sun 10:15a

401 State Hwy 38 N  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3368

Hope Lutheran Church Sun 10:30 a.m.

12234 Third St.  
Northome 56661 218-897-5654

Jehovah’s Witnesses Tu 7:00p., Sun 10:00a

Hwy 38  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3275

Jesse Lake Lutheran Church Sun 8:30a

45834 Co. Rd. 4  
Talmoon 56637 218-832-3883

Marcell Community Church Sun 10:30a

49103 State Hwy 38  
Marcell 56657 218-832-3200

Northome Community Church Sun 10:00a

12071 Bartlett St.  
Northome 56661 218-897-5040

Northwoods Chapel Sun 9:00a

50550 Mushgee Rd. (corner of Co. Rd. 622)  
Deer River 56636 218-659-2784

Old Scenic Community Church Sun 10:30a

25747 Co. Rd. 340  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3953

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Sand Lake Alliance Sun 10:00a

55581 Co. Rd 4  
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St. Catherine’s Catholic Church Sat 4:00p

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Squaw Lake 56681 218-743-3255

St. Michael Catholic Church Sat 7:00p; Tu 6:00a

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Seventh Day Adventist Sun 11:30a

12352 Hwy 46  
Northome 56661 218-897-5723

Suomi Evangelical Lutheran Church Sun 10:30a

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True Life Church Sun 10:00a

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**Mayor for a Day**  
Bigfork Mayor for a Day winners are Pejah Reichensperger (4th grade) and Makinnzey Wheat (6th grade). Students in grades 4 and 6 grade wrote essays on why they wanted to be mayor for the day, and Pejah and Makinnzey were selected. Pictured with the students is current Bigfork mayor Bryan Boone.

**Art competition winners**

Four Bigfork students participated in the Section 7 Art Competition this year and all received awards: (l to r) Cassidy Alleman, received an Excellent award, Mac Moore, received a Superior award, Kayla Hovila received an Excellent award and Kitty Newman received a Superior award.



**National Honor Society**

Back row, 2nd year members, seniors (l to r); Michelle Holloway, Carson Dahlke, Caden Kallinen, Wyatt Haley, Cody Dahlke, Ahnika Fisher, Madysen Tendrup. Front row, new inductees (l to r); Andrew Haataja, Lily Danielson, Matayah Simonson, Madison Aakhus, Kayla Hovila, Mac Moore.



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- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon salt and pepper
- 1 clove garlic
- 2# ground beef
- 8 slices ham
- 6 oz. shredded mozzarella
- 3 slices mozzarella

Combine eggs, bread crumbs, tomato juice, parsley, salt and pepper and garlic. Stir in ground beef and mix well. Pat meat to 10" x 12" rectangle Arrange ham slices on top of meat, leaving a margin. Sprinkle shredded cheese. Start at short end and roll up Seal. Put in pan, seam side down.

Bake at 350° for one hour, 15 minutes or until done. Center will be pink due to ham. Place cheese wedges on top and return to oven for 5 minutes. Serves 8.

**Please share your recipe with us!**

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## Bigfork hears about e2ip

by Sally Sedgwick

At its April 12 meeting, the Bigfork City Council was updated on the status of the e2ip (Bergquist) building sale north of the city and heard about a Job Fair scheduled for May 5.

A previously interested business, Lakeshirts, has placed the e2ip building purchase on hold, however Itasca Economic Development Corporation CEO Tamara Lowney said that Itasca County is supportive of using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to allow the IEDC to purchase and maintain the building to keep it on the market for sale or a possible lease. Lowney requested city participation to show community support such as lawn care.

The council continued its discussion of a SCADA system installation for the water and sewer systems, and will use ARP funds to pay for a monitoring system when chosen, with the remaining funds to be allocated to the Water Tower Project. The council also appointed Public Works Director Joe Zimmer as Wellhead Protection Manager.

The council approved a Memorial Day Parade request from Michele Carnahan on behalf of the Bigfork Elementary fifth grade class on Friday, May 27, starting at 1 p.m. The parade will travel between the Wanigan park at the north end of Bigfork to the Bigfork Veterans Memorial Park.

The next regular meeting of the Bigfork City Council will be on Tuesday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the Edge Center.

*Excerpted from an article in the Scenic Range NewsForum*

## May 5: Job Fair for EOW communities

by Sally Sedgwick

When Bigfork applied for funding to redo the road to the Rajala Mill in Bigfork, part of the expectation was that the project would create new jobs.

The road is complete. But what happened was that the jobs are there, but the people aren't.

It was a surprising development, and several businesses and organizations - the hospital, school, logging industry and city - got together to talk about what turned out to be a common issue.

"We have a lot of quality employment opportunities in the Edge of the Wilderness area," said Bigfork Mayor Bryan Boone. Now the challenge is to match those jobs with job seekers.

Things have changed in the workplace, he pointed out. Gas prices are going up. Personal lives are changing and businesses are more interested in working with people to find the right situation for them.

"Our preference is to have our people doing our stuff," he said. For instance, a parent might be able to find part-time work if it was close to home. People currently commuting might find it's just as viable to work close to home,

saving gas and all those minutes that they could be spending with family.

Job seekers might also find that wages have increased since the last time they looked.

The group decided to put on a Job Fair showcasing opportunities to residents of the Edge of the Wilderness area. It will be held Thursday, May 5 at the Bigfork City Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. In addition, Bigfork High School students will be visiting the Fair during the afternoon to see what local career path opportunities there are, and the prerequisites they need to complete.

Businesses can participate with sponsorships ranging from \$20 to \$300, and the event will be publicized with mailings, posters and a Facebook page that will carry job listings. All funds collected will go to promote and stage the event, said Boone.

"We believe in the Edge of the Wilderness," said Boone, "but the area has to sell its jobs as well as its products."

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## Treasures Are Fine: 60 miles of garage sales

Have cabin fever? Get outside and travel northern Itasca County! Bargain hunters can travel a 60 mile loop shopping garage and craft sales on Saturday, May 7.

The garage sale route includes county highways 6, 4 and 29, traveling through Bowstring, Talmoon, Spring Lake, Wirt, Dora Lake, Squaw Lake and Sand Lake.

There will be a map, available before May 1 on Facebook @treasures6429 group page which shows locations of registered sales and some of the big items shoppers can find.

And food. As well as homemade jar and baked goods, shoppers can find huge sweet rolls, lunchtime meals like pulled pork sandwiches or wood fired pizza and snacks at halls, stores and resorts along the route.

Tickets for the MN Adult and Teen Challenge raffle will also be available. First prize is a Polaris Sportsman 570 ATV.

The sale is rain or shine, one day only from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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