

Lake County Board of Commissioners Meeting; December 14, 2022

By Rick Evans

At the Lake County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, December 14th, County Administrator Matthew Huddleston informed the Board that there will be a presentation of the Community Health Needs Assessment on December 28th at Lakeview Hospital. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P.M.

This Community Health Needs Assessment is a biennial tool that helps community leaders and healthcare professionals identify, prioritize and eventually work to address targeted healthcare needs of local citizenry. Past assessments have focused on issues like mental health, youth substance abuse and food insecurity. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting on the 28th.

Huddleston also highlighted recent work by the Association of Minnesota Counties. One of the focal points for the AMC has been to address disparities that exist in how the State distributes money to support, among other things, public safety and corrections initiatives in rural counties. Counties with a larger tax base tend to be able to access more of the State's funds. The AMC is looking for input and support from member counties to help address these disparities.

Nate Eide, Land Commissioner, informed the Board that there are some surplus funds in this year's budget and suggested that the money be used to purchase three vehicles for the Forestry and Land Department while those funds are available. The proposal is to buy a larger ATV for use in transporting tree seedlings and for trail maintenance, a Ski Doo snow machine to replace a 2010 model with high miles, and a trail mower which will be used to mow the seed forest and maintain forest trails.

The County Highway Department is also in need of some new vehicles to replace some of their well used trucks. Due to supply chain issues, acquiring the needed vehicle has been a challenge.

Finally, a recommendation will be brought forward on December 20th regarding the appointment of a new Chief Deputy Sheriff.

The County Board will be holding their next meeting on December 27th from 2 to 4 PM.



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Obituaries & Memorials



LARRY DEAN OLSON

Larry Dean "Uff Da" Olson, 74, Two Harbors, died December 16, 2022 at St. Luke's Hospital.

Larry was born January 5, 1948 to Galen and Tillie (Brattlie) Olson in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and grew up in Two Harbors. After graduating from high school in 1966, Larry served his country in U.S. Air Force at various bases around the world, lastly at March Air Force Base in Perris, California. Upon his retirement from the Air Force he remained at March Air Force Base as a Customs Officer for 15 years, until retiring in 2003. In 2020, he returned to Two Harbors.

Larry was a member of the American Legion and Loyal Order of Moose, and enjoyed fishing.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dick, and Roger; and a sister, Debra Barber.

He is survived by a sister, Gayle (David) Fleck; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Two Harbors in Summer 2023. To share your memories or condolences online please visit www.cavallinfuneralhome.com



WYLLIS D. OLSON

Wyllis D. Olson, age 99, a proud veteran of the US Navy, passed away peacefully at the Silver Bay Veterans home on December 15th. Wyllis served as mechanic's mate on the USS Susan B Anthony during WWII. The ship struck a mine and sank off the coast of Normandy in June, 1944.

Born in Proctor MN, Wyllis spent most of his life in Silver Bay. He worked at Reserve Mining for 33 years.

Wyllis was passionate about exercising and enjoyed spending time outdoors. His most rewarding pastimes were inventing gadgets (toothpaste tube holder) and volunteering at the Vet's home.

Wyllis was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Lidya and his beloved daughter Robyn.

He is survived by his children; Noel Mishler (Jack) of Port Angeles, WA, Joel (Kathy) of Plymouth, Michael (Carrie) of Duluth, Kim (Jodi) of Cottage Grove, Randy (Jennifer) of Plymouth and Jeffrey of Magnolia, TX. Wyllis is further survived by 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren all of whom loved him dearly.



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