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**JEFFREY SCOT CAOQUETTE**, 63 of Elk River pled guilty to chucking thousands of screws onto roadways last August. See story on page 9. (Submitted Photo).

## INSIDE

### BECKER NEWS

Becker and Big Lake Legion baseball teams clashed Tuesday for the first time in 2020. See Mark Kolbinger's story on page 14.

### BIG LAKE NEWS

BLHS student Ella Dotzler was named school liaison with the City of Big Lake at Wednesday's council meeting. See Bill Morgan's story on page 10.

### CLEARWATER/ CLEAR LAKE NEWS

An open seat on the Clearwater River Watershed District was announced this week. See the submitted story on page 3.

### SHERBURNE COUNTY NEWS

Commissioners with Sherburne County approved COVID-19 response plans at Tuesday's board meeting. What does that mean for you? See Mark Kolbinger's story on page 11.

*Something to ponder...*

"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August."

-- Jenny Han

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## UPCOMING

### WALZ LAWSUIT

Gov. Tim Walz was to appear in court Thursday morning, facing a lawsuit filed by several legislators to halt the governor's executive powers. See what results from the court case in next week's PATRIOT.

### JOHNNY BENSON

Former Becker student/athlete Johnny Benson recieved a letter recently from the prosecutor saying he won't be charged for sexual assault by an athlete he was coaching while at Kimball. Read the complete story in next week's Patriot.

### ARE YOU GETTING THE PATRIOT?

We'd like to know your opinions on what you like, dislike or would like to see in a future issue of the Patriot. Be sure to check out our website too! Send your comments or ideas to production@patriotnewsmn.com.

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With the newspaper wrap up occurring Wednesday evening, all news items submitted to run that Saturday must reach our office by Wednesday morning by 11 a.m.

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# FOUND SAFE

## Submitted Article

### UPDATE:

Isabella was recovered safely on Tuesday in Montana, according to her mother, Candice Lemke. Apparently the two teenagers made contact with authorities on their own.

Fourteen-year-old Isabella Villette left her Becker home early in the morning last weekend.

Isabella is 5'0", 140 pounds, white/Caucasian, and of athletic build. She has golden blonde hair with dark roots and blue eyes.

Isabella left home with a bunch of her belongings just after midnight on July 11. She left out her bedroom window.

Police have confirmed she is with an 18 year old male named Carson Hanson



**ISABELLA VILLETTE** was missing since last weekend and the police were looking for help in finding her across many states. Tuesday she was recovered safely in a state out west. (Submitted Photos).

current address of Annandale, originally from Eagan. They were identified in Pine River and Police were able to ping his phone in Fargo, ND but at this time are unable to locate them. Hanson



is driving a 2008 Pontiac G6 Value Leader Maroon. Black rims as the hub caps are off. MN License plate 546LXN.

If anyone has any information, please contact



the Becker Police 763-765-3595 (Sherburne Cty Sherriff non-emergency). If



anyone sees Isabella or the vehicle she is in, please call 911 or local authorities.

## Welcome Stan Tekiela

By Bill Morgan,  
Staff Writer

Naturalist, author and wildlife photographer Stan Tekiela has joined the Patriot newspaper as a bi-weekly columnist starting this week. Tekiela has a syndicated column in more than 25 newspapers and he can be heard on a number of Midwest radio stations. Tekiela has a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural History from the University of Minnesota and has been an active professional naturalist for



more than two dozen years and is a member of the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union, North American Nature Photography As-

sociation and Canon Professional Services. Stan studies and photographs wildlife throughout the United States and has received various national and regional awards for his books and photographs. He has produced various books from birds, mammals, trees, wildflowers, amphibians and reptiles of various states from Minnesota to Texas to Florida.

See Stan's column and photo on page 4.

## City development discussed at BL Twp.

By Bill Morgan,  
Staff Writer

Big Lake Twp. met last Wednesday to discuss development, CARES Act, a CUP for personal storage, an acknowledgment of a new newspaper and the resignation of Bob Hofer.

### Development

Big Lake Community Development Director Hanna Klimmek gave an update on business and residential progress as of late. Most of Wednesday's discussion centered on housing units being developed for Big Lake that are titled, "affordable housing".

Klimmek first talked about single-family building permits and the amount applied for so far in 2020 (24). She said two applications are still in review.



**MIKE WALBERG** pointed to an area on a map where he'd like to install a personal storage unit. (Photo by Bill Morgan).

Klimmek spoke about the Crossings, Phase II where 38 affordable town-

ship rental units are being developed by Duffy Development. She mentioned the Station Street Apartments, Phase I & II which will include 70 market rate rental units being developed by Kuepers, Inc. Sandhill Villas is a 12-unit, single-family development project being developed by Troy Siemers.

Klimmek spoke about the Marketplace Crossings Phases of I & II where 120 market rate and affordable rental units are being developed by CommonBond. She also mentioned the Big Lake Station where 125 affordable rental units for families and 55+ residents could live which is being developed by Aeon.

Finally, she mentioned Avalon Estates where 108

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## Clearview Golf Classic raises money despite tournament cancellation

By Penny Leuthard,  
Contributing Writer

Although they didn't actually step onto a golf course this year, Clearview Elementary supporters still took part virtually in the annual Clearview Cougar Golf Classic, raising money that will be used for student and classroom technology at the school.

"It was with a heavy heart we have decided to cancel the Clearview Cougar Classic for 2020," a letter sent out to sponsors and supporters stated, "However, next year will mark

the 15th anniversary of the tournament and we are still seeking donations that will provide new technology (and updated existing technology) for Clearview Elementary Students."

Earlier this year Clearview purchased more computers to provide for its students remote learning needs as they completed the academic school year from home due to the pandemic. The money raised from the fundraiser this year will supply students with the

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## Two Arrested During Traffic Stop In Becker



**FREDDIE DUDLEY** of Bayport. (Sherburne County Jail Booking Photo)



**MAHOGANY LOGGINS** of St. Paul. (Sherburne County Jail Booking Photo)

## Submitted Article

Officers in Becker arrested two people with outstanding warrants during a traffic stop early Saturday morning. The incident happened near the intersection of Hwy. 10 and Hwy. 25 around 1 a.m.

According to the

Becker Police Department, the officer making the traffic stop observed the people inside the vehicle switching places before pulling over.

The driver of the car, 24-year-old Mahogany Essence Loggins of St. Paul, was found to

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## Santiago Twp. Board to place signs on bridges

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

The Santiago Township Board met last Wednesday (July 8) and cruised through a light agenda focusing on two items that deal with property within its jurisdiction.

The board discussed the liability and safety concerns with people jumping

from the bridges within the township, as the waterways aren't conducive to safely allowing this type of activity.

"There is a concern because there are some hazards in the river," said Chairman Stuart Nelson.

Besides the fluctuating water levels, there have also been reports of metal

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# Clearwater News

## Demolition prepares for new apartment building in Clearwater

By Penny Leuthard,  
Contributing Writer

Demolition to prepare for the construction of a new 52 unit apartment building in Clearwater took place this week, with two large buildings taken down and removed from the property.

Located next to the new Preserve Disc Golf Course (previously Driftwood Golf and Fitness), the apartment building will consist of one and two bedroom apartments with tuck under and detached garages available for tenants. The building will also offer a fitness room and community room with a library.

One of the buildings demoed this week housed the water main for the next door development; the water main will be relocated next week. The apartment building will have its own separate water line. Along with the buildings, a wooded area also had to be removed.

The new apartment building is expected to open July 2021.



**DEMOLITION OF TWO BUILDINGS** in Clearwater took place this week to prepare for the construction of a new 52 unit apartment building. (Photo by Penny Leuthard)

**AN EXCAVATOR** prepares to chomp down on some downed trees Tuesday in Clearwater. (Photo by Penny Leuthard)



**OUTDOOR MEETING FUN.** Clear Valley Business Connection (CVBC) held their quarterly business meeting outdoors at Clearwater RV Park last week. Local business members enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Just North of Memphis BBQ of Clearwater and a tour of the campground after the meeting given by park owners Eldon and Mary Peterson. Top photo: Lori Johnson (Johnson Materials of Clearwater) and Jenny Massman (American Heritage Bank) led the meeting. (Photos by Mary Nehring).



## Bog removal costs debated at Clearwater Twp. meeting

By Penny Leuthard,  
Contributing Writer

During Clearwater Twp.'s recent meeting, an update on the removal of the bog turned into a debate concerning costs and who would be paying them.

At the end of the first day of removal, Mares Contracting, the company hired for the job, had used up most of the \$3,500 the township had approved. Some of the lake's residents asked them to return and finish the next day, stating they would pick up the remainder of the cost.

Supervisor Rose Thelen explained she had approached a few people who lived on the lake and asked if they would be willing to split the remainder. They agreed, however, their bill came in at \$3,900,

much higher than they thought it would be.

"I'd like to submit as a possibility that the township give a little more," she said.

Supervisor Scott Miller said he was disappointed at the way the beach looked after the removal, and stated the township set a price and it should have stopped there.

"Personally, I don't think we should spend any more," he said. "We still have the pile to remove and need to fix and clean the beach."

Residents in attendance brought up a number of viewpoints, including that there would be no bog without the beaver, an issue that still hadn't been addressed.

"Historically, the township hasn't been involved in beaver removal," said Langenbacher. "If we go down that road I believe we'll be

opening up another can of worms. Typically, the lake association gets together and solves the problem." (Nixon Lake doesn't currently have a lake association)

Another attendee said he has property on Sugar Lake, and when they had problems with a bog there the residents of the lake took care of it themselves; they didn't ask anyone else to do it. They also installed a Clemson lake leveler on their own, which is a device that allows water to flow through beaver dams and plugged culverts.

"I think we were pretty generous with the \$3,500," said Miller. "Everyone knew what the limit was. Unfortunately, it went beyond that."

"Maybe we shouldn't have done it," he continued. "Maybe it's a learning experience for everyone. However,

a lot of families use it, it's a good community activity and I think it was worth it to preserve it."

Ideas for funds to clean up and restore the beach and boat landing were discussed, with one property owner stating he felt people should have to pay a user fee to access the lake.

Langenbacher asked if people would consider signing up for a volunteer cleanup crew; a number agreed, including Blayne Leuthard, who said he would bring his tractor for the heavier work. July 18 was chosen for the volunteer cleanup day.

Because the township can only raise funds through levies, another group of residents took it upon themselves to start a fundraiser, with Bekah Kanable volunteering to create a GoFundMe page

to raise money for cleanup, restoration, and removal of the dried bog material. (To donate, go to [gofundme.com/f/clean-up-nixon-lake](https://www.gofundme.com/f/clean-up-nixon-lake))

To keep the community safe, and because people were launching their boats off the beach and tearing it up even more, a motion carried to close Nixon Lake access to boats and vehicle traffic during the restoration.

### Other Business

The board reviewed the most recent fire contract to come through from the City of Clearwater. The biggest issues revealed were (1) the city is asking for a two-year contract and the township believes one-year had been agreed upon, (2) at their discretion, the city can impose fees on people who receive emergency services but there's no mention of sharing the fees or providing the

townships with details, and (3) regarding the fire advisory committee, the contract states if the contract is extended beyond 2022 the townships can then have a seat on it.

"That's a problem," said Thelen. "My understanding was we would be involved immediately."

A decision was made to delay signing until recent questions were answered and Twp. Attorney Michael Couri made his recommendation.

Clerk Jean Just recapped the township's recent cleanup day, stating 176 people came through, leaving behind 131 appliances, 153 tires, 122 electronics, 66 mattresses/furniture, and 20.46 tons of scrap.

The next Clearwater Twp. meeting will be Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

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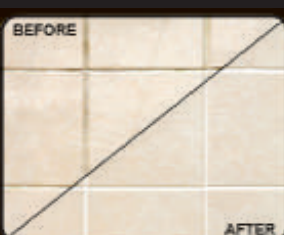
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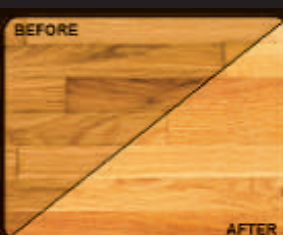
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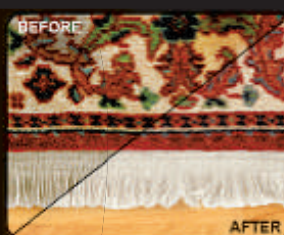
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# Clearwater/Clear Lake News

## Jet ski's, potholes on Palmer Twp. agenda

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

The Palmer Township Board met Monday evening, hearing updates and taking action on several issues.

## Campaign signs not permitted on highway ROWs

Submitted Article

As political campaigns get underway for November elections, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) reminds campaigners that state law prohibits placement of private signs on highway right-of-ways in Minnesota.

In addition, state law says that signs may not be placed on private land without the consent of the landowner.

Violation of the law, Minnesota Statute 160.27, is a misdemeanor. Civil penalties may also apply if the placement of such material contributes to a motor vehicle crash, creates injury to a person, or causes damage to a motor vehicle that runs off the road.

In addition, the Minnesota Outdoor Advertising Control Act prohibits placing advertising devices on public utility poles, trees and shrubs and by painting or drawing on rocks or natural features.

MnDOT workers will take down any private signs located on the state highway right-of-way and transport them to the nearest maintenance truck station. County, city and township employees administer these laws on their roads.

For information regarding the proper placement of campaign signs, right-of-way boundaries, or where to find removed materials, visit [www.mndot.gov/govrell/rw\\_signs.html](http://www.mndot.gov/govrell/rw_signs.html), or contact your local MnDOT St. Cloud office at 320-223-6500, or Baxter office at 218-828-5700.

When placing signs off the right-of-way, the best way to avoid an emergency or unintentionally striking an underground facility is to call 811 before digging, according to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Go to the Gopher State One Call website at [www.gopherstateonecall.org](http://www.gopherstateonecall.org), and request that underground utilities be marked near the area of the digging.

For more information about the MnDOT Central Minnesota region, District 3, visit [www.mndot.gov/d3](http://www.mndot.gov/d3).

For real-time travel information anywhere in Minnesota, visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org).

Captain Bob Stangler of the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office was on hand to share statistics from the past month, which included 55 calls for service compared to 86 during the same time period from a year ago. In response to a question regarding jet ski operations on the lakes, he noted that the legal hours for riding are from one hour after sunrise until one hour before sunset.

### Roads

Chairman Mike Ganz reported that potholes continue to be patched on township roads, while one quote for crack sealing and striping the town hall parking lot was received from Jeff Rhodes in the amount of \$11,896. Another quote will be sought and Ganz will report back to the board at the next meeting.

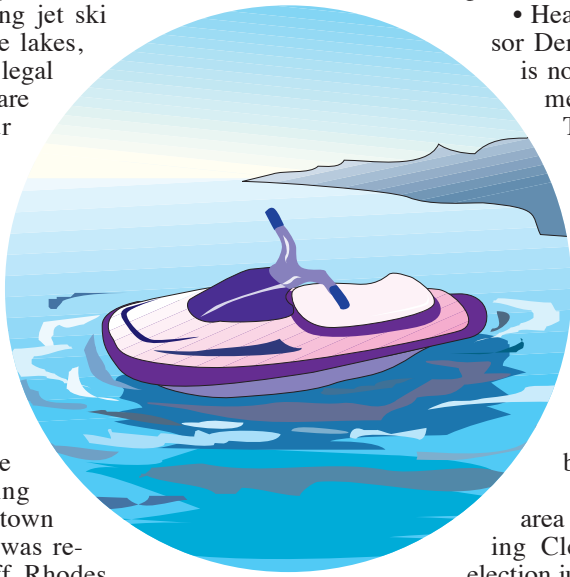
On 54th Street, the dirt work is finished and the asphalt contract has been signed so the township is just waiting on a start date for the surfacing to commence. In addition, the 49th Street turnaround has been completed and the "No Parking" signs have been ordered.

The board also discussed putting a notice on the website for people to keep the brush trimmed

away from their 911 emergency signs to enable emergency vehicles to find properties in the most efficient manner possible.

### Fire Department

Chief Ron Koren updated the board on the



Clear Lake Fire Department statistics from June 8th through July 13th, which included 28 calls for service (8 being from Palmer Township).

The department is currently staffed with 27 firefighters and some hiring is anticipated towards the end of the year.

Koren reported that Station 2 had a firefighter who tested positive for Covid-19 last week and therefore the building was shut down and sanitized before being brought back online.

### In other business, the board:

• Heard from Clerk Kelly McCann that the pavilion doors are only working intermittently. She will be contacting Security Locksmith to come out and perform service;

• Heard from Supervisor Demeules that there is no lake association meeting in July.

The annual meeting will be held in August and new officers will be elected at that meeting;

• Learned that work is ongoing to secure bids and plans for the boiler repair;

• Appointed 14 area residents, including Clerk McCann, as election judges;

• Approved a favorable comment to Sherburne County in regards to the setback variances and septic/well upgrades for the property located at 5306 100th avenue;

• Continued the discussion with Supervisor Richard Larson about purchasing a used tar kettle for minor pothole repair within the township.



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## Open seat on the CW river watershed district board of managers

Submitted Article

Notice is hereby given by the Wright County Board of Commissioners that an opening currently exists for a three-year term for one of the seats on the Clearwater River Watershed Board of Managers.

The term will expire August 13, 2023.

The Clearwater River Watershed District is governed by a five-member board of managers. Each manager must be a resident of the district and may not be a county, state or federal government public official, except for a SWCD (Soil & Water Conservation Dis-

trict) supervisor.

All managers serve three-year terms on a staggered basis. The powers and duties of watershed districts and their boards are set forth in Minnesota Statutes 103D.

Individuals interested in being appointed to this seat should make written application to:

Robert J. Hiivala  
Wright County Auditor/Treasurer, 10 – 2nd St NW, Room 230, Buffalo, MN 55313 or via phone: (763) 682-7579.

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## One Lucky Winner . . .

It was back in August of 1998 that I began my career at the *Citizen* newspaper and I never would have guessed at that time that it was something I would still be doing 22 years later. There were some years where I was wasn't working at the paper, but what I have discovered over time is that writing is something I need to do. It not only gives me great pleasure, but it allows me to experience the same trials and tribulations that my students face.

Writing is a real life challenge, even for English teachers. And what better way to try and help others with that challenge than to practice it myself?

Selfishly, I love to write because of the many rewards the process offers in terms of personal satisfaction and the opportunity to create something that (hopefully) others will enjoy.

Over the years, I can remember many of the wonderful conversations I've had with people, as well as the letters I have received from readers. Yes, indeed, people are sometimes more than happy to offer their feedback on the things we write.

I believe it was 13 years ago I wrote a column about an addition to our family, how life would be changing and whether or not I had the intestinal fortitude to be



By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

a good dad . . . to our new puppy. Of course, I may have been a little nebulous about the puppy part although in my defense I never explicitly said we were having another (human) child. The results were pretty hilarious (to me), as my wife was routinely congratulated around town on her pregnancy. I received a few congratulatory handshakes at school as well. Lesson learned? Sometimes people only read the headlines!

Another memory comes to mind from perhaps 15 years ago and one of my annual weight loss challenge columns. Among many of the points I outlined, I offered that I would need the help of the entire town of Becker and its fine citizens to ensure two things. I asked their help to ensure that I exercised more and also I needed to only purchase and

consume healthy foods that had not been deep-fried.

If there had ever been a question of whether or not people read the local paper, it was answered in the weeks that followed. As I biked the streets of Becker, I can recall dozens of people rolling down their windows and offering encouraging (OK mostly disparaging) comments to me. I had asked for tough love and the people responded in hilarious fashion. I even tried to buy a nice dinner of deep fried chicken one day at Deli Plus and the woman refused to sell to me! I laughed it off and told her I appreciated her efforts, but that I was really hungry and that weight loss thing had ended days ago. "You're not getting anything deep fried from me" was her smiling answer.

I'm grateful that the leadership team at *Patriot* has offered me the chance to be part of their endeavor moving forward. I'm happy to have the chance to write, whether it be local government coverage or telling the stories of the people in the community in which I have lived for nearly 50 years.

Oh, and the one lucky winner referenced in the headline? That's me. Every day I have the opportunity to write is a good day.

## An Old Friend...



By Stan Tekiela,  
Columnist

The other day, I was out kicking around a natural area just enjoying nature with no particular agenda. I imagine a lot of my readers think that I am constantly on the hunt to capture the next wildlife image. While it's true that I spend a lot of time "attempting" to capture wildlife images, I often just go out to enjoy nature just because. I like to move around freely, let my eyes wander across the landscape to see what I can see and hear what I can hear. When I am not concentrating on capturing images, I often see and hear so much more. And it is so enjoyable.

So, there I was feeling calm and enjoying nature when I spotted an old friend. Standing on his tiny hind legs with his head poking out above the bright yellow flowers of the Bird's-foot Trefoil. His short round ears just behind his large dark eyes. What a cool critter. It was a Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel (*Ictidomys tridecemlineatus*)

For some crazy reason, I haven't had an opportunity to photograph the Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel for many years. So, you guessed it, I turned on my heels and took off for my truck to get my camera gear. A few minutes later I was back trying to capture some images of this cool squirrel in a beautiful field of flowers.

Also called the Striped Gopher or Leopard Ground Squirrel, it sometimes has other regional names. No matter what you call them, they are a short-legged, ground squirrel that has, as its name implies, 13 alternating brown and tan lines or stripes on its back and sides. The dark stripe often has small tan spots creating a row of spots running the length of the body. This patterning of spots and stripes has led to another common name, the "Federation Squirrel", because of its pattern of "Stars and Stripes". They have a short well furred tail that is often hard to see because it's usually hidden in the vegetation.

These adorable squirrels' range across a huge area of the U.S. from Ohio

and Michigan in the east to Montana in the west and up north into Canada. They also range down the center of the country, right down to the Texas coast. All together they cover nearly 20 states and three Canadian provinces.

We have two groups of squirrels in North America. The more familiar Tree Squirrels, such as the Eastern Gray Squirrel and Red Squirrel. And the Ground Squirrels, such as Chipmunks and Prairie Dogs. Ground squirrels are very different from the more familiar tree squirrels. Unlike their tree-climbing cousins, the ground squirrels, such as the Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel lead a subterranean life rarely leaving terra firma. They live in underground tunnels and dens and rarely come out unless there is favorable weather conditions. Living underground has many advantages such as fewer predators, shelter from the weather and a labyrinth of tunnels to retreat to when presented with danger.

The Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel is often very tame and can be easily approached. They are a diurnal animal which simply means that they are most active during the daylight hours and usually only on sunny days. Cloudy, wet, and cold days are usually spent underground. They are also true hibernators--sleeping from late August until mid April. Without a doubt they spend more time underground than they do above ground, which leads me to think, would they be more aptly named "underground squirrels"? But that's just one naturalist's opinion.

They are sometimes confused with the Eastern

Chipmunk. The Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel is larger, about 6-7 inches and has smaller ears and of course don't forget the thirteen stripes or lines on its back is a dead give-away. Their tail is about one-third the length of their body. Compared to the Eastern Chipmunk which is only 3-4 inches long and has only three stripes.

To accommodate its life scurrying through narrow tunnels, the Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel has short powerful legs for digging, and short ears. Since it's protected from the weather by living underground it doesn't have to snuggle up to a fat bushy tail like the Gray Squirrel.

Due to their long hibernation they only have enough time for one litter of young each summer. It's not uncommon for a mother to give birth to seven to 10 young. The high birth rate might make up for the single litter. The young emerge from the underground den between four and six weeks of age. And since they are gregarious animals the young will stay together and later will be digging tunnels near their parents.

Their genus name (*Spermophilus*) is Latin and means "seed lover" or "seed eater" and describes its preference for eating seeds. The only problem is they often will eat a wide variety of foods such as insects, mice, voles, lizards, toads, and even eggs of ground nesting birds. The term used to describe this wide variety of diet is called omnivore.

I was able to capture some stunning images of the thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel before he scurried back into his underground tunnel. I was happy that I retrieved my camera spent some quality time with one of my old friends. Until next time...

*Stan Tekiela is an author and naturalist who travels the U.S. capturing images and studying wildlife. He can be followed on www.facebook.com and twitter.com. He can be contacted via his web page at www.naturesmart.com.*

## Gov's emergency powers endorsed

Minnesota House Republicans on Tuesday once again sought to end the executive powers Gov. Tim Walz first enacted in mid-March. For a fifth time, House Democrats blocked such an effort.

While urgent action may have been warranted four months ago in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the time has long passed to restore balance at the Capitol by involving the Legislature in decisions related to the situation.

It's disappointing the House majority refuses to participate in the decision-making process on COVID-19. The situation we face today calls for



By Rep. 15B  
Shane Mekeland

thoughtful decisions, not unilateral mandates based on horribly flawed modeling the governor is basing his decisions on.

We are now surpassing 120 days of our governor shutting down our state and

people have had enough of his unilateral rule. Legislators have the ability to vote remotely under these circumstances, in real time, making the governor's emergency power's completely unnecessary. It is time to restore balance at the Capitol so that we can manage this situation to protect our most vulnerable citizens while as we discuss how to safely re-open our state.

While the Senate approved a similar measure on Monday, the first day of the current special session, Tuesday's House move fell on party lines.

turned to St. Paul Monday for the start of another special session. Gov. Walz called the special session because state law requires the governor to bring the legislature back to St. Paul every 30 days to extend a peacetime emergency.

In addition to the peacetime emergency extension, negotiations are ongoing between the House and Senate on a handful of other issues like bonding, tax cuts, police reform, and supplemental budget spending.



By Rep. 30A  
Paul Novotny


ture that allows the state to manage the crisis more effectively and with more decisionmakers at the table. The legislature re-

## Emergency Powers Vote Fails

One day after a bipartisan vote by the Minnesota Senate to end the peacetime emergency declared by Gov. Tim Walz, Democrats blocked a similar vote in the Minnesota House.

As I've done many times before, I once again voted to end the peacetime emergency and return to regular legislative order. Ending the peacetime emergency does not mean ending the state's response to COVID-19. Instead, it would move Minnesota away from the "emergency" phase of our response and into a pos-





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Information provided by Sgt. Jesse Grabow, Minnesota State Patrol

**Question: I have heard speeding over 100 MPH has increased, what is the State Patrol doing about this problem?**

**Answer: The Minnesota State Patrol, along with law enforcement agencies across the state, are currently conducting enhanced speed enforcement on the roadways through July 19.**

The extra enforcement will target speeding violations as well as aggressive driving. From April 1 - May 21, the Minnesota State Patrol pulled over 232 drivers traveling more than 100 mph. That's compared with 93 drivers during the same time period last year, a 149 percent increase. Of the 232 drivers, 179 were 30-years-old or younger.

Overall fatal crashes and fatalities from March 16 - May 31 increased over last year despite reduced traffic. While a crash can have more than one contributing factor, speed was the most frequently cited factor. Preliminary reports show speed has already contributed to 36 motorists dying on Minnesota roads in 2020, compared with 27 at this time last year.

Speeding is not an innocent crime — it puts every motorist on the road at risk:

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control
- Increased stopping distance
- Less time available for driver response for crash avoidance
- Increased crash severity — the faster the speed, the more violent the crash

Remember that fines double when traveling 20 or more mph over the limit, and if you are traveling in excess of 100 mph, you can lose your license for up to six months.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow — Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO\_NW or reach him at [jesse.grabow@state.mn.us](mailto:jesse.grabow@state.mn.us)).

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# Announcements

## American Legion Auxiliary

Meenings are held the second Tues. of every month at the old fire hall in Becker, 7 pm. Paula Hinds 763-262-6679.

## Becker American Legion

Becker Legion meets the second Tues. of every month at 7 pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall).

## Becker AA Meeting

Area 35 Alcoholics Anonymous District 5 meets Thurs. at 8 pm at Church of Mary of the Visitation, 12100 Sherburne Ave., Becker. Steve 612-889-1000.

## Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum

Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer located near Becker True Value & paper & cardboard recyclables to the dumpsters near the same location the first Sat. of every month. There will be a Scout there to help unload between 9 am-12 pm.

## Becker Evangelical Ministries

Every Wed., 6-7:30 pm at Becker Middle School. GYM 45 - growing young men. HIS KIDZ - K-3rd grade. G.I.R.L.S. GROUP - 4th & 5th grade girls. Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125 or register online at WWW.BECK-ERFREECHURCH.ORG (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

## Becker Food Shelf

Open Tues., 9-11 am & Thurs. 4-6 pm. The food shelf is located 12060 Sherburne Ave. in City Hall. 763-261-4612.

## Becker Lions Club

Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 7 pm at Pebble Creek Bar & Grill. Dale Seavert 320-290-5342.

## Becker Lions Collecting Items To Recycle

Items are: eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones & printer ink cartridges. Collection boxes are located at the Becker Community Center (entryway) & Insight Eye care.

## Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

Meets the third Tues. of each month at 7 pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall). Looking for new members. Commander John Fischbach 320-249-0579.

## Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

The monthly meetings are held 6 pm the third Thurs. of the month at Becker City Hall. 320-980-2752 or see the state website at www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org.

## Clear Lake Legion

Meets the second Tues. of the month at Palmer Twp. Hall. The Legion will meet at 7 pm. New members are always welcome. Bud Stimmler at 320-761-5793.

## Clearwater AA/Alanon

Meeting is at 7 pm, Sun. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. 320-310-1399 AA or 320-558-6613 for Al-Anon.

## Clearwater AA Meeting

Mon. nights, 7 pm at Church of St. Luke, 17545 Huber Ave. NW, Clearwater. 320-558-2124.

## Clearwater Legion

Clearwater Legion meetings are held the second Thurs. of the month. Auxiliary 6:30 pm, S.A.L. at 7 pm, Legion 7:30 pm. Senior Lunch first Thurs. of the month at noon at Clearwater Legion, Clearwater.

## Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf

Open Mon. 5:30-7 pm, Tues. 9-11 am & 6-8 pm, Wed. 3-5 pm & in the brown

Lions Community Building beneath the water tower in Clearwater. We service residents of Clearwater & Clear Lake.

## Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous

Meetings are at 7 pm, Wed. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. 612-607-4484.

## Dementia Support Group

The fourth Wed. of each month at 10-11 am, Room 19 at Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave. No cost to join. Tami Kolbinger at 612-590-2449 or email tjkolbinger@gmail.com.

## FREE - Advocates for Independence

1st & 3rd Wed. of the month 2-4 pm at Independent Lifestyles, 215 North Benton Drive, Sauk Rapids. Make a difference in your community for people w/ disabilities. Michele Pelka 320-281-2042. All abilities are welcome to attend.

## Free Grace Recovery

Sun. 6-8 pm at Clear Lake Town Hall, 7684 1st Ave. W. Clear Lake. A light meal will be served at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Justin or Renee at 612-384-9069.

## FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

(PD) Support Group invites you to "Coffee & Conversation" the last Wed. monthly at 10 am at Edgewood Living 677 Brianna Drive, Sartell. Meetings are open to those diagnosed w/ PD, their families, caregivers, & the general public. Group provides support, education, & awareness about the disease. Bobbi 320-281-3343.

## Mental Health Discussion Group

Meets Mon., 6-7 pm at Independent Lifestyles, 215 N. Benton Dr., Sauk Rapids. This is a free group, everyone

is welcome. Ricky 320-281-2025.

## Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Meets third Mon. of the month, from 1-2:30 pm at ILICIL Independent Lifestyles, 215 N. Benton Dr., Sauk Rapids. This free group provides support, education, & awareness about the disease. Independent Lifestyles at 320-529-9000.

## Rivers of Hope

Advocates for ending family violence, is a non-profit community based agency offering advocacy, support, education & referral services for victims of family violence. Working in partnerships w/schools, law enforcement, social service agencies & the court system in Sherburne & Wright Co. 763-295-3433 or 1-800-439-2642 or info@riversofhope.org. Free & confidential. Phones answered 24/7.

## Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent

Local schools & organizations need caring adults like you! Orientation, training & ongoing support are provided. Pat Braun 612-390-0617.

## Clear Lake Lioness

We are searching for & welcoming new members who are interested in serving our communities.

Meetings are the 4th Mon. of each month @ Nelson Brothers Restaurant in Clearwater. Dinner 6:30, meeting to follow.

We are in search of your fresh new ideas & energy. Sue: 320-743-3534 or Linda: 763-260-8858.

## Young @ Heart

Group meeting at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater, will be canceled until further notice. We will wait until the state allows churches & other gatherings to begin & then look at our group & make a decision.

## Wright County Community Action

You have been affected & are having or are anticipating having difficulty paying your mortgage, **WCCA is here to help you navigate your options & keep your home.** Our advisor not only helps people to achieve ownership, helps owners facing financial difficulty to maintain ownership & avoid foreclosure.

**To speak with a home-ownership advisor, call Wright County Community Action at 320-963-6500 ext. 238 today.** Services are unbiased, confidential & free of charge.

## GRRL Kicks off 2020 Summer Reading Program

Mon., June 1, - Fri., July 31. Registration begins Mon., June 1, through Beanstack app, griver.beanstack.org or during Curbside Pickup hours. Hours at griver.org/locations.

Each branch offers a unique assortment of SRP prizes! Further information at www.griver.org/kids/summer-reading-program.

## GRRL Offers Streaming Service

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) is excited to announce its first-ever streaming service! The streaming service "Hoopla" is now available to access by using your library card.

Learn more about GRRL's new streaming service at griver.org/services

## Upcoming Events at the Becker Library

**Quarantine Trivia** - July 27, 5:30-6:15 pm. Ready to test your knowledge of history, pop culture, current events, & random useless facts? 3-round game of on-line trivia. Questions will be delivered via a Zoom meeting. Ages: Teen to Adult. 763-261-4454 to register.

## Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

If you or anyone you know is 60 or under & has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, you are welcome to attend our group. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.

Specific topics will be scheduled along with open forum. Spouse/Care Partner/Family are encouraged to attend! Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at 763-350-7401.

## Libraries Open to Computer by Appointment

Starting July 1, all libraries will be open to computer by appointment. This service is in addition to our curbside pickup & Print2Go services.

To access a library computer, call your local library or the GRRL Hotline number 1-833-GET-GRRL (1-833-438-4775). Safety measures & capacity guidelines visit griver.org/locations or local library's Facebook page.

## Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events

Hymn sings are held every other month on the 2nd Sun. at 4:30 pm. Next hymn sing is Sun., Aug. 9. Check Snake River Church Facebook page for updates.

5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary 612-219-8648.

## Becker All School Reunion

Scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 10, has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The annual Becker All School Reunion is usually held the Thurs. after Labor Day at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker.

Plan to attend next year's All School Reunion, Thurs., Sept. 9. All are welcome. For more info contact Audrey Orton 320-743-2636.

Announce Your Free Event! Email event to [legals.kathy@patriotnewsmn.com](mailto:legals.kathy@patriotnewsmn.com) - Deadline in noon on Wednesday

## BECKER SCHOOLS LUNCH

Becker Public Schools will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) this summer. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered in Minnesota by the Minnesota Department of Education, Food and Nutrition Service.

Service will occur on Tuesday's between 11:00am and 1:00pm at Door #3 of the High School and is free to any child 18 and under.

Dates of service are: July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11, August 18, and August 25. Each bag will contain 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches that meet the meal pattern requirements set by USDA. To participate in this program please contact Felicia Kittok: [fkittok@isd726.org](mailto:fkittok@isd726.org).

## BECKER MEALS ON WHEELS

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During this COVID-19 pandemic

Mon-Fri meals are:

"What's on the Menu - Frozen Meals"

Frozen meals are available for weekends.

1% milk is served with every meal. Menu subject to change. Call 763-856-4082 for more information. Suggested contribution for persons 60+ & volunteers is \$4.25 - \$8.

## Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

**BASC get-together at Becker City Park on Tues., July 28 at 10:30 am.**

**Bring a chair & bag lunch.**

**Water, coffee & cookies provided.**

**Masks are encouraged.**

**Music by Duane Walter.**

**See you there!**

## July Sherburne County Health and Human Services - Classes are as follows:

**WIC** (Women, Infants & Children) is for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, recently had a baby, infants and children to their 5th birthday. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to health services/community resources. The service is free, and you or your children may be eligible. For more information, please call 763-765-4116 or 1-800-433-5239, or check out the website <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/hhs/wic.php>. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in the administration of its programs. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.

### Immunization Tuesdays

Sherburne County's Immunization Clinic offers free or low cost immunizations for children 18 years of age or younger and uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years and older in Minnesota who meet eligibility guidelines on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4000 or 1-800-433-5239.

## THE VOLUNTEER BRIDGE

### RSVP /The Volunteer Bridge

**Senior Friendship Circle Volunteer Leader** - With over 60 participants and not enough volunteers, we are in desperate need of your help! Become a leader with the Senior Friendship Circle and make a difference in older adults' lives. Friendship circles are designed for small groups to connect by phone conference for weekly check-in and chats. Nothing complicated. All that's needed is a telephone! Circle Leaders only need to be age 55 or better, reside in Sherburne, Stearns, or Benton County, and be able to initiate phone calls. Foster new friendships and be a Senior Friendship Circle Volunteer Leader! (If you are interested in being a participant and receive phone calls from a volunteer to combat loneliness and isolation, please contact RSVP to sign up!)

**Sherburne County Government Center Greeter** - Help your local government by being the first point of contact for community members entering the Government Center. Assist in greeting patrons, directing phone calls, and answering questions. Current needs are for Wednesday AM and Wednesday PM shift, with occasional other shifts available. Background check will be required and must be able to sit at a desk for at least one 4-hour shift a week. Training provided! Precautions are in place to ensure volunteers' health and safety.

**Sherburne County Driver's License Assistant** - Sherburne County is seeking volunteers to be present during heavy public use times in the State Driver License and County Recorder service area at the Government Center in Elk River. Volunteers will be the first point of contact for those entering this area for service. Volunteers will direct customers to the correct service area and aid with completing forms and resources to accurately do so. Pre-service screening, orientation and training required. Precautions are in place to ensure volunteers' health and safety. If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:

**RSVP/The Volunteer Bridge**

**763-635-4505**

**heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.us**

**SherburneUnitedWay.org/Volunteer**



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## STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION 6-29-2020

**Court File No. 71-PR-20-75**  
**Estate of**  
**Patsy M. Genz,**  
**Decedent**  
**NOTICE OF INFORMAL**  
**PROBATE OF WILL AND AP-**  
**POINTMENT OF PERSONAL**  
**REPRESENTATIVE AND**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated September 11, 2015, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed David J. Genz, whose address is 5930 16th Avenue SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will or appointment of the Personal Representative must be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 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. Dated: June 29, 2020

/s/ Patricia A. Kuka  
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Attorney for Personal Representative  
Jan C. Larson  
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## STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No. 71-PR-20-14

**Estate of**  
**DONALD J. HAUSKEN,**  
**Decedent**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**ON PETITION FOR PRO-**  
**BATE OF WILL AND AP-**  
**POINTMENT OF PERSONAL**  
**REPRESENTATIVE AND**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is given that on August 13, 2020, at 2:10 p.m., a hearing

will be held in this Court at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the Decedent, dated January 4, 2012, under Minn. Stat. 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Kurt Hausken, whose address is 313 Oriole Avenue S, Maple Lake MN 55358 as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to 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. Dated: July 13, 2020  
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka  
Court Administrator  
/s/ Debra A. Boltjes  
Deputy Attorney for Petitioner  
Sheldon R. Brown  
Young & Brown, LLC  
63 Oak Avenue S  
P.O. Box 859  
Annandale MN 55302  
(320) 274-8221 (Telephone)  
(320) 274-3476 (Facsimile)  
brown@annandalelaw.com  
Attorney License No.: 12154  
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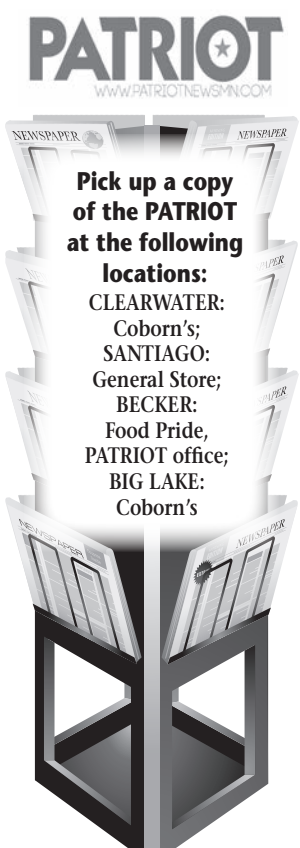
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### CITY OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Becker City Council will hold their bi-monthly meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue. The City Council will hold the following public hearings at this meeting:

**Approximately 5:00 p.m. Public Hearings: City Code Chapter 9 Amendment** to the City of Becker Residential Yard Parking Regulations ordinance in Chapter 9. Staff will review the proposed edit.

**Following the above Hearing: City Code Chapter 11 Amendments** to the City of Becker Land Use Regulation (Zoning) ordinance Chapter 11. Edits include, but are not limited to, Accessory Structure Standards, Parking Standards specific to Zoning District, and Surfacing requirements for parking and storage of vehicles. As well as standards specific to Storage and Parking of Recreation Vehicles, Trailers, and Other Personal Recreation Equipment standards, and edits to Outside Storage standards.

Anyone interested in these issues is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Mary Roe at P.O. Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to mroe@ci.becker.mn.us by 4:30 p.m. August 5, 2020.  
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### TOWN OF BIG LAKE SHERBURNE COUNTY MINNESOTA NOTICE OF FILING FOR TOWN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to all qualified voters of Big Lake Township, County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be accepted for the following offices to be voted on, at the November 3, 2020 Election: Supervisor Seat #1 – a two (2) year term to fill a vacancy, Supervisor Seat #3 – a four (4) year term, and Supervisor Seat #4 – a four (4) year term to fill a vacancy.

Filing for Town Office will be held for a two-week period beginning Tuesday July 28, 2020 and closing on Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 5:00PM. Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed at the office of the Town Clerk. Town Clerk's Office is located at the Big Lake Town Hall, 21960 County Road 5. Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:00AM – 3:00PM and Friday 8:00AM – 12:00PM. Filing fee is \$2.00 (cash or check, only).  
/s/ Brenda Kimberly-Maas  
Town Clerk  
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### Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital District NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO: Voters of the City of Big Lake, Township of Big Lake, City of Monticello, Township of Monticello, Township of Becker, City of Otsego, and Township of Silver Creek.

RE: Election of Hospital Board Members of Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital District.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that an election of Hospital Board members to the Board of Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital District shall be conducted in conjunction with the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

THE FOLLOWING SEATS ON THE BOARD ARE UP FOR ELECTION:

One member from the City of Big Lake;  
One member from the Township of Silver Creek;  
One member from the City of Monticello;  
One member from Member at Large

*Candidates for the Member-at-Large must reside within any city or township within the Hospital District; (City of Big Lake, Township of Big Lake, City of Monticello, Township of Monticello, Township of Silver Creek, Township of Becker, and City of Otsego).* **Candidates can only file for one position.**

Persons elected this year shall be elected for a term of four years, commencing on the first Monday in January, 2021. Persons elected on November 3, 2020, shall be issued a Certificate of Election, and will be required to file an Oath and Acceptance of office in order to qualify for office.

Any person can file who will be at least 21 years of age on January 1, 2021. Candidates must reside within the city or township which they seek to represent. Member at Large candidate may live in any City or Township that makes up this Hospital District. An "Affidavit for Candidacy" must be filed. This "Affidavit for Candidacy" can be obtained from the Clerk of the City/Township in which he/she resides. Candidate must file with the Clerk of the city/township where he/she resides within the filing period.

**Filings open: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 - During normal business office hours.**  
**Filings close: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 - Filings close at 5 p.m.**  
Deadline for withdrawal from being a candidate once filed is Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.  
Interested applicants should check with City/Township office for their office hours.  
There is no filing fee.  
Board of Directors Secretary/Clerk  
Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital District  
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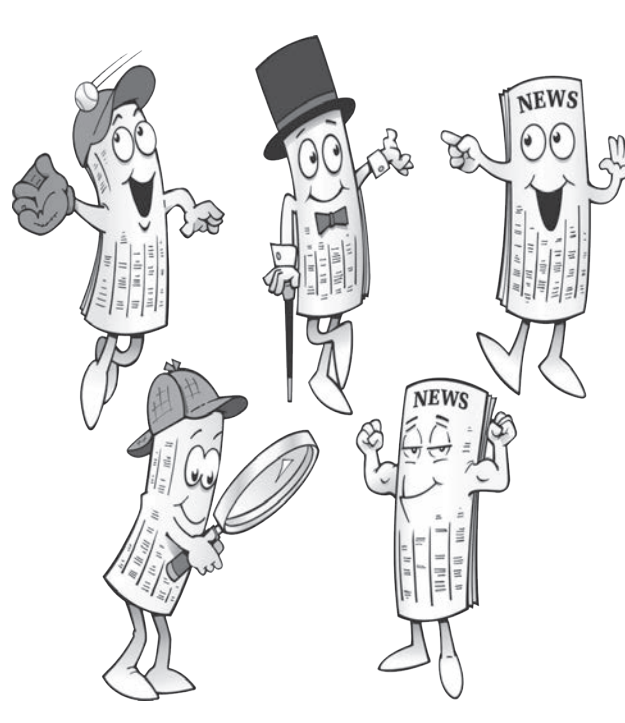
### TOWN OF ORROCK SHERBURNE COUNTY MINNESOTA NOTICE OF FILING FOR TOWN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to qualified voters of Orrock Township, County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota, filing for Town Office will be held for a two-week period. Filing shall begin on Tuesday July 28, 2020 and will close on Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 5:00PM.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be accepted for the following offices to be voted on at the November 3, 2020 Election: Supervisor C - a four (4) year term, Supervisor D - a four (4) year term, and Clerk - a four (4) year term.

Affidavits of Candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk by appointment. The filing fee is \$2.00 (cash or check only). Contact the Township Clerk, Brenda Kimberly-Maas, 763- 263-8111 OR the Township Deputy Clerk Chris Weber, 612-987-2223 to set up appointment to file an Affidavit of Candidacy.

The Sherburne County Auditor's Office is the designated absentee voting location, for the November 3, 2020 Election.  
/s/ Brenda Kimberly-Maas Clerk, Orrock Township  
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### CITY OF CLEAR LAKE NOTICE OF FILING FOR CITY ELECTION 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that filing for the offices of Mayor and two (2) City Council Members will open Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. and will close Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

**OFFICES TO BE FILLED: One (1) Mayoral position, which serves a two-year term and two (2) Council member positions which serve a four-year term. All terms begin January 4, 2021 (first Monday in January).**

Affidavits of candidacy will be received week days beginning Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at Clear Lake City Hall, 7684 1st Ave West during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday and until 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2020. You must declare which seat or position that you are filing for on your affidavit.

The Election for these City Offices will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.  
A \$2.00 filing fee is required for each candidate.  
/s/ Kari Mechtel, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Date posted: July 18, 2020  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 07/18/20).

### NOTICE OF FILING CLEARWATER TOWNSHIP

The Township of Clearwater, Wright County, Minnesota, will have an election of township officers at the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at the town hall, to elect two supervisors for a four-year term and one treasurer for a four-year term. The terms of William Langenbacher, Supervisor B and Rose Thelen, Supervisor C, and Cassie Kenning Treasurer, are expiring.

Filings are to be made at the Clerk's office at Clearwater Township Hall, 15015 State Hwy 24 NW, Clearwater, from July 28, 2020 to August 11, 2020. Office hours are Monday 8am-2pm, Wednesday 8am-1pm. Office will be open from 1pm - 5pm on August 11th. The last day for a candidate to withdraw from the election is Thursday, August 13, 2020 until 5 p.m. Filing fee is \$2.  
Jean Just, Clerk  
Township of Clearwater  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lynden Township Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Lynden Township Hall, 21367 County Road 44, Clearwater MN 55320 to consider a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Michael Nadeau of Newport Leasing Group for office space, outdoor sales lot, truck space leasing at 20041 Edison Circle, Clearwater MN. A Conditional Use Permit is required according to Section 9.11.5 L and V and subject to the performance standards listed in Section 6 and Section 7 of Stearns County Zoning Ordinance #439 adopted by reference as Lynden Township Ordinance #7. The subject property is 2 contiguous lots North – South: PID #19.10600.0003, and 19.10600.0004 described as Lot 004, and Lot 005, Block 001 of Clearview Terrace, Section 34, Township 123, Range 27.

Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic situation, attendance is limited and social distancing of 6 (six) feet or more will be enforced. Person unable to attend and persons wishing to comment on the application should submit written comments to Lynden Township Clerk, Jenny Schmidt, 20517 Woodbine Rd., Clearwater MN 55320 or emailed to clerk@lyndentownship.net or submitted via the drop-box at the Town Hall.  
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### HAVEN TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk at 4230 45th Ave. S.E., St. Cloud, MN. 56304, between 8 a.m. July 28, 2020, and 5 p.m., August 11, 2020. Call Mike at 320-248-5866 During the above time period for an appointment to file.

For office of:

**1 SUPERVISOR.....3 YEAR TERM**  
Supervisor Position A (Knowles)  
**1 SUPERVISOR.....3 YEAR TERM**  
Supervisor Position B (Schlingmann)  
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Signed Mike C. Zniwski, Clerk  
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## Campus News

### Campus News

St. Cloud State University announced the following students to Spring Dean’s List. Becker students: **Taylor Begherr**, College of Science and Engineering, Biology; Biodiversity, Ecology & Evolution, BS; **Morgan Boros**, PSEO, PSEO; **Sierra Bratsch**, College of Science and Engineering, Biomedical Sciences, BS; **Wesley Cavegn**, Herberger Business School, Management, BS; **Kyle Cleaver**, PSEO, PSEO; **Michael Free**, College of Science and Engineering, Physics, BS; **Samuel Hintermeister**, PSEO, PSEO; **Megan Hoppe**, School of Health and Human Services, Community Psychology, BS; **Zachary Hurd**, College of Science and Engineering, Computer Science BS; **Gabrielle Imm**, College of Science and Engineering, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, BS; **Madelynn Johnson**, PSEO, PSEO; **Noah Knick**, School of Health and Human Services, Medical Laboratory Science, BS; **Jonah Kollman**, School of Public Affairs, Political Science, BA; **Isaac Koop**, PSEO, PSEO; **Emily LaMott**, PSEO, PSEO; **Anika Lukacs**, College of Liberal Arts, Psychology, BA; **Annastasia Minor**, PSEO, PSEO; **Cienna Pleoeger**, PSEO, PSEO; **Quinn Radeke**, School of Public Affairs, Social Studies Education, BS; **Hana Reiter**, College of Liberal Arts, Theatre, BA; **Rachel Rozko**, College of Science and Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, BS; **Mitchell Sakry**, College of Science and Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering Technology, BS; **Katelyn Tasto**, College of Science and Engineering, Computer Science, BS; **Jamison Ulbrich**, PSEO, PSEO; **Isabel Vogel**, PSEO, PSEO; **Jenna Voigt**, School of Public Affairs, Criminal Justice Studies, BA; **Emmarae Winter**, School of Education, SPED: Academic and Behavioral Strategist, BS; **Shelby Zoller**, PSEO, PSEO; and **Jordan Ulbrich**, School of Health and Human Services, Health and Physical Education, BS. Clear Lake students: **Paige Anderson**, School of Health and Human Services, Social Work, BS; **Brooke Corrigan**, School of Health and Human Services, Social Work, BS; **Alexis Dehmer**, PSEO, PSEO; **Samuel Eglund**, School of Health and Human Services, Health and Physical Education, BS; **Lindsey Fruth**, PSEO, PSEO; **Shannon Gibbons**, School of Health and Human Services, Athletic Training, BS; **Dylan Goenner**, School of Public Affairs, Criminal Justice Studies, BA; **Kyra Hennek**, College of Liberal Arts, Spanish, BA; **Kaylee Jackson**, School of Education, Elementary/K-6 Education, BS; **Sarah Johnson**, Herberger Business School, Accounting, BS; **Lucas Karel**, PSEO, PSEO; **Ian Kimmerle**, School of Health and Human Services, Health and Physical Education, BS; **Brandon Laudenbach**, College of Science and Engineering, Computer Science, BS; **Dylan Laudenbach**, School of Public Affairs, Criminal Justice Studies, BA; **Madison Leaders**, School of Health and Human Services, Communication Sciences and Disorders, BS; **Samatha McKenzie**, Herberger Business School, Finance, BS; **Madison Pleoeger**, PSEO, PSEO; **Kailyn Rogahn**, College of Science and Engineering, Pre-Mortuary Science, BA; **Tristan Rudolph**, PSEO, PSEO; **Connor Schafer**, PSEO, PSEO; **Alayna Suchy**, PSEO, PSEO; **Clayton Teff**, College of Science and Engineering, Pre-Dentistry, BA; **Adam Wilson**, Herberger Business School, Management, BS; and **Kyla Yost**, School of Education, Elementary/K-6 Education, BS.

St. Cloud State University announces Spring Grad List to the following. Becker students: **Jasmine Anderson**, Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences; **Johathon Crowley**, Bachelor of Science, Health and Physical Education; **Taylor Dawson**, Bachelor of Science, Entrepreneurship; **Kayla Dierkhising**, Bachelor of Science, General Business; **Stephen Krats**, Bachelor of Science, Accounting; and **Adrian Pop**, Bachelor of Science, Accounting. Clear Lake students: **Shannon Gibbons**, Bachelor of Science, Athletic Training, Magna Cum Laude; **Kaylee Jackson**, Bachelor of Science, Elementary/K-6 Education, Cum Laud; **Dylan Laudenbach**, Bachelor of Art, Criminal Justice Studies, Cum Laude **Samantha McKenzie**, Bachlor of Scirnce, Finance; and **Kailyn Rogahn**, Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Summa Cum Laude.

**Sara Leistico** of Clear Lake, Doctor of Pharmacy has graduated from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa at the end of the spring 2020 semester.

**Michaela Rae Laudenbach** of Clearwater, Bachelor of Science: Exercise Science has graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN at the end of spring 2020 semester.

## Obituaries

**ELIZABETH “LIZ” K. NORGAARD, 80  
BECKER, MN  
APRIL 23, 1940 – JULY 10, 2020**

Private family Graveside Services were Tuesday, July 14th, 2020, at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis for Elizabeth K. Norgaard, age 80, who passed away at The Beehive Homes in Maple Grove on July 10, 2020. Pastor Rob Olsen officiated. Visitation was Monday, July 13th, at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Becker.

Liz was born April 23, 1940 in Minneapolis to Lloyd and Carolyn (Barrett) Kelley. She married Howard L Norgaard on June 16, 1960 in Robbinsdale, MN. Liz and Howard served as Missionaries in Africa for five years where their sons were born. After returning to Minnesota, they adopted their daughter from South Korea. Liz made a difference in the lives of children and staff as a teacher in Minneapolis and Madelia School Districts. After retirement the couple moved to Becker to be near their grandchildren, who knew her as Farmor. Liz was

a member of Becker Baptist Church where she often volunteered. She enjoyed traveling, plays, orchestra, arts, reading, needle point, singing, playing piano and spending time with her grandchildren. Liz was an intelligent, compassionate person with a great sense of humor and an infectious smile. She shared her strong faith in Jesus with her children, grandchildren, and everyone else in her life.

Liz is survived by her son, Philip (Sandi) of Uniontown, OH; grandchildren, Andrew (Kayla), Emily, and Nick (Wren) Norgaard, Elijah and James Moon; sister, Kathleen (Lowell) Peterson of Eden Prairie; sister-in-law, Jan Kelley of Piedmont, CA. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Howard on June 30, 2017; son, Bruce; daughter, Naomi Moon; and brother, Thomas Kelley.

Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

Obituary and Guest Book available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com)

### The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne Co. Jail for the alleged offense(s):

Joseph Allen Yellow, Jr., 24 of Superior, WI 54880 - FEL Felon in Possession of Firearm. Freddie Tyrone Dudley, 24 of Bayport, MN 55003 - FEL Felon in Possession of Firearm and Dept. of Cor-rections warrant. Tea Marie Whittaker, 21 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - GM Domestic Assault. Justin Lee Bieganski, 35 of Monticello, MN 55362 - FEL Domestic Abuse No Contact Order violation & Dept. of Corrections warrant. Sabrina Fay Wieland, 19 of Coon Rapids, MN 55433 - FEL 5th Degree Drugs, MSD Possess Small Amount of Marijuana & Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Chase Curtis Angell, 23 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL 5th Degree Drugs & 4th Degree DWI. Cordell Martez Hall, 33 of NPA - FEL 5th Degree Drugs, MSD Drug Paraphernalia & State of Indiana warrant. Anthony Robert Crossland, 26 of Becker, MN 55308 - FEL Weapons, 5th Degree Controlled Substance & Receiving Stolen Property. Isaiah Vincent Jamal Mordal, 26 of Becker, MN 55309 - FEL 5th Degree Controlled Substance & Dept. of Corrections warrant. Dylan Andrew Lopez, 18 of Alton, TX 78572 - FEL 5th Degree Drugs & Anoka Co. warrant. Vala Marie Eagle, 28 of Onamia, MN 56359 - FEL 5th Degree Drugs & DWI. Mahogany Essence Loggins, 24 of St. Paul, MN 55106 - Washington Co. warrant. Richard Brandon Standingcloud, 38 of Duluth, MN 55802 - Sherburne Co. warrant.

Citations Issued: 2 Drugs - Possess Drug Paraphernalia, 1 Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, 1 Careless Driving, 21 Speed, 1 Fail to Stop at Stop Signs or Stop Line, 8 No Proof of Insurance, 1 Drive without Valid License for Vehicle Class or Type, 1 Liquor Consumption by Persons Under 21, 1 Property Damage - Intentional Damage, 1 Trespass, 2 Disorderly Conduct. **Total: 40**

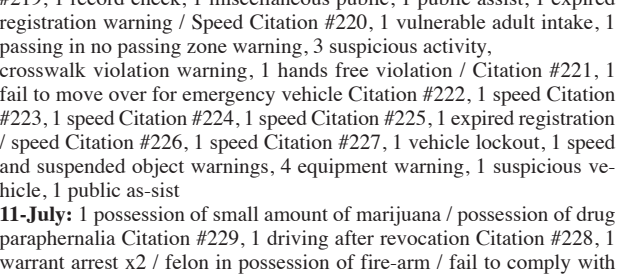
Calls for Service: 6 Theft, 1 Theft-MV-Other, 2 Assault, 5 Drugs/Narcot-

### WRIGHT COUNTY SHERIFF'S ACTIVITY REPORT PERIOD ENDING JULY 13, 2020

**July 6:** Alejandro Palacios-Salomon, 31, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - Martin Co. warrant - driving after revocation. **July 7:** Jacob Charles Holland, 28, of Bloomington, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft. **July 8:** Christopher James McDaniel, 33, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 2nd degree assault. Monica Elizabeth Brase, 33, of Eden Prairie, was arrested in Ramsey Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. Mohamed Ahmed Jama, 28, of Willmar, was arrested in Kokato - charges of robbery & theft. Trevor Robert Campbell-Berry, 24, of Pine City, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Sara Lynn Pope, 19, of Zimmerman, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Leslee Marie Villebrun, 29, no permanent address, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Hennepin Co. warrant - theft from motor vehicle. Christopher Anthony Jones, 40, no permanent address, was arrested in Otsego - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & false information to law enforcement, a Ramsey Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violation. Samuel Donald Eevrt Sarkinen, 21, of Elk River, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 3rd degree DWI. **July 9:** Phillip James Roberts, 43, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Virginia Rae Curtis, 39, of Blackduck, was arrested in Annandale - charges of receiving stolen property & false information to law enforcement. Dwayne Anthony King, 25, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Washington Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree aggravated robbery violations. Kyle Gregory Payne, 35, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - 1st degree DWI test refusal violations. Eric Kent Peterson, 44, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo Twp. - charge of violation of harassment restraining order. Rachel Esther Thissen, 47, of Delano, was arrested in Buffalo - Hennepin Co. apprehension & detention order - 2nd degree DWI. Katya Tabakov, 26, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Kyle Preston Garrow, 18, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - 3rd degree criminal sexual conduct violations. Jacob Matthew Houck, 27, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Jodi Lee Anderson, 48, of Crystal, was arrested in Silver Creek Twp. - Wright Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violations. Jesse Patrick Garding, 42, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of fleeing law enforcement. Lori Kay Thielen, 54, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree assault violations. **July 10:** Kyle Chester Belanger, 28, of Pierz, was arrested in Monti-

### BECKER POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT WEEK ENDING JULY 12, 2020

**6-July:** 1 driving after cancellation / no proof of insurance Citation #207, 1 security check, 1 alarm, 1 harassment, 1 record check, 1 property damage, 1 dog complaint, 1 stop sign warning, 1 no front plate / equipment warning, 1 5th degree controlled substance, x2 / ineligible person in possession of firearm / receiving stolen property **7-July:** 2 security check, 1 fire alarm, 1 traffic complaint, 2 medical, 1 civil, 1 record check, 1 expired registration warning, 1 speed Citation #208, 1 failure to move over for emergency , 1 vehicle warning, 1 speed Citation #209, 3 speed warning, 1 speed Citation #210, 1 public assist, 1 speed Citation #211, 1 suspicious activity, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 equipment warning, 1 extra patrol **8-July:** 2 parking ordinance warning, 1 open door, 1 security check, 1 found property, 1 traffic complaint, 2 record check, 2 civil, 1 speed Citation #214, 5 speed warning, 1 Speed Citation #215, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 traffic complaint, 1 Speed Citation #216, 1 Speed Citation #217, 1 suspicious activity, 1 medical, 1 suspicious vehicle / Juvenile in possession of tobacco Citation #218 **9-July:** 1 welfare check, 3 security check, 1 equipment / speed warnings, 1 traffic complaint, 1 record check, 1 open door, 1 garbage/littering complaint, 1 suspicious activity, 2 equipment warning, 1 agency assist **10-July:** 9 speed warning, 3 security check, 2 medical, 1 speed Citation #219, 1 record check, 1 miscellaneous public, 1 public assist, 1 expired registration warning / Speed Citation #220, 1 vulnerable adult intake, 1 passing in no passing zone warning, 3 suspicious activity, crosswalk violation warning, 1 hands free violation / Citation #221, 1 fail to move over for emergency vehicle Citation #222, 1 speed Citation #223, 1 speed Citation #224, 1 speed Citation #225, 1 expired registration / speed Citation #226, 1 speed Citation #227, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 speed and suspended object warnings, 4 equipment warning, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 public assist **11-July:** 1 possession of small amount of marijuana / possession of drug paraphernalia Citation #229, 1 driving after revocation Citation #228, 1 warrant arrest x2 / felon in possession of fire-arm / fail to comply with Peace Officers arrest, 1 juvenile runaway, 1 suspicious activity, 2 accident, 2 alarm, 1 miscellaneous officer **12-July:** 2 agency assist, 3 medical, 1 shooting complaint, 1 Miscellaneous officer, 1 welfare check, 1 accident, 1 public assist, 1 death, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 medical assist, 1 traffic complaint



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**June 28th:** Ryan Meyers on 117th Street NW in Livonia Twp. reported - theft of license plate.

**July 1st:** Jessica Davis on 100th Street NW in Baldwin Twp. reported - theft of cash & prescriptions from vehicle overnight.

**July 2nd:** William Kopp on 191st Street NW in Big Lake Twp. reported the theft of equipment from vehicles, items taken include: Stihl Chop Saw with concrete blade & 2 DeWalt Cordless Drills, value \$ 1,500.

cello - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Eric Lee Childs, 31, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Maple Lake Twp. - charges of attempted 1st degree murder while committing domestic abuse, 2nd degree assault, 5th degree assault, violation of domestic abuse no contact order, child endangerment, kidnapping, terroristic threats & driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Steven Wayne Ficken, 44, of Isanti, was arrested in Chicago Co. - Wright Co. warrant - possession of shoplifting gear violations. Gregory Dominic Martinez, 20, of St. Michael, was arrested in Albertville - charges of aggravated 1st degree robbery, 2nd degree assault, possession of stolen property & 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Dillon Neil Lyrek, 27, of Monticello, was arrested in St. Michael - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Owen Richard Grieger, 22, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Maple Lake - charge of fleeing law enforcement. Thomas Ronald Signorelli, 55, of Otsego, was arrested in St. Michael - MN Dept. of Corrections warrant - parole violation. Benjamin Keith Berry, 34, of Lester Prairie, was arrested in Kokato Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - 3rd degree possession of controlled substance violation. Benjamin Douglas Patri, 29, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. M. Scott Thompson, 54, of Chaska, was arrested in Montrose - charge of driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. **July 11:** Jordon Paul Wagner, 23, of Otsego, was arrested in Albertville - charges of 4th degree assault, obstruction with force, 5th degree assault & disorderly conduct. Justin Michael Wagner, 21, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - charge of 4th degree assault, obstruction with force, 5th degree assault & disorderly conduct. Stefan Michael Patton Kehr, 31, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI violations. Antonio Raque Lorenzo, 45, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of 3rd degree DWI. **July 12:** Chad Allan Brink, 48, of Hanover, was arrested in Hanover - charge of reckless discharge of dangerous weapon. Evan Charles Grothaus, 26, of Annandale, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Cameron Joseph Mogensen, 22, of Lester Prairie, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of disorderly conduct. Michael Richard Stine, 28, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - charge of 3rd degree DWI.

There were 12 Property Damage Accidents, 6 Personal Injury Accidents, 3 Hit and Run Accidents and 2 Car Deer Accidents.

There were 6 arrests for DWI, 1 Underage Consumption arrests, No School Bus Stop Arm Violations & 104 tickets for miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

### BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE - JAIL BOOKINGS WEEK OF JULY 6, 2020 - JULY 12, 2020

**Call for Service Summary:** Total Calls for Service for Week: 292; 2020 Calls for Service: 8,926; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 80; Citations: 24; Arrests: 4; Medical Emergency Calls: 6; Mental Health Holds: 0; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 9

**BLPD Jail Bookings – Also Reflected in the Sherburne County Sheriff's Officer Booking Report:**

**Joseph Yellow – (Age 24 – Duluth, MN) – Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Tea Whittaker – (Age 21 – Big Lake, MN) – Domestic Assault; Dylan Lopez – (Age 18 – Mission, TX) – Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance; Eric Martner – (Age 29 – Becker, MN) – Controlled Sub-stance - Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI**

**Sun., July 12, 2020:** 140 blk Will St - Trespassing - Report of a suspect at property who was not welcome there; 18400 blk Traverse Ln - Domestic Disturbance - Officers responded to a domestic altercation. Investigation ongoing.

**Sat., July 11, 2020:** Hwy 10/CR 14 - Felon in Possession of Handgun – Officer stopped vehicle for traffic violation, could smell burning marijuana coming from inside vehicle, located a loaded hand-gun. Driver arrested and booked into jail; Hwy 10/168th St - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 330 blk Monroe St - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance.

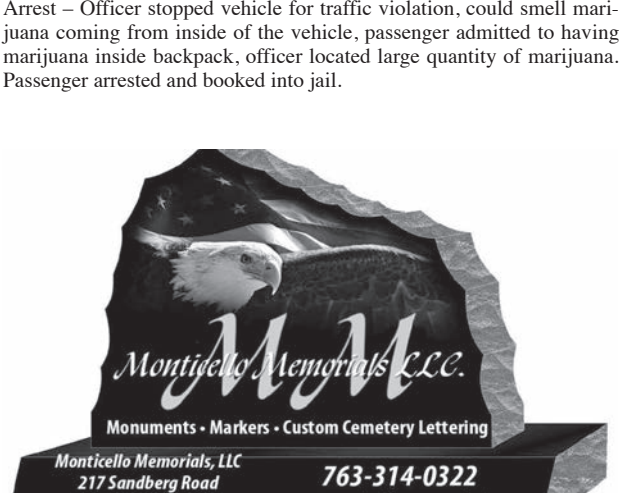
**Fri., July 10, 2020:** 810 blk Harrison Dr - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; 4600 blk Pond View Cir - Domestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic disturbance, one individual found to have been assaulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Domestic Assault.

**Thurs., July 9, 2020:** CR 81/206th Ave - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 18710 blk Traverse Ln - Juvenile Complaint - Report of disorderly juveniles, mediated by officers; 1040 Kilbirmie Rd - Harassment - Officers in-vestigated harassment via text message/phone calls; 130 blk Eagle Lake Rd N - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of Narcotics. Arrested and brought to police department for eval.

**Wed., July 8, 2020:** 4300 blk Pintail St – Found Marijuana – Mail driver located a large bag of marijuana inside a mailbox; Hwy 10/CR 14 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Lake St S/Harrison Dr - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

**Tues., July 7, 2020:** 350 blk Fern St - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing; 20090 blk January St - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.

**Mon., July 6, 2020:** Minnesota Ave/CR 43 - Marijuana in a Vehicle - Officer stopped vehicle for a traffic violation, could smell burning marijuana, driver issued summons for Marijuana Possession; 21520 blk Hugh Ln - Domestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic disturbance, on individual found to have been assaulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Domestic Assault; 4150 blk Lake Ridge Dr - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 110 blk Jefferson Blvd - Felony Narcotic Arrest – Officer stopped vehicle for traffic violation, could smell marijuana coming from inside of the vehicle, passenger admitted to having marijuana inside backpack, officer located large quantity of marijuana. Passenger arrested and booked into jail.



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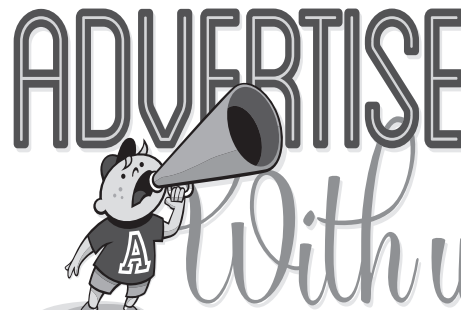
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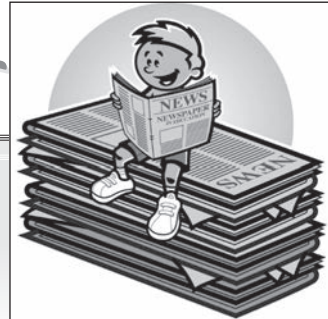
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# Editorial/Opinion

## Emergency powers must stop

This week we voted to remove Gov. Walz's emergency powers for the second time.

The Governor called the Senate back to the Capitol Monday for a second special session. In response, we passed a resolution to end the Governor's peacetime emergency powers initially enacted to prepare the state for the COVID-19 pandemic. If the House also passes the resolution, it would put an end to the state's longest peacetime emergency in history. Walz first put the state under emergency powers March 13.

While this week testing and positive cases increased, it is more important to note that our ICU/Hospitalization rates have greatly decreased and our deaths are now in the low single digits. The percent of positive tests per hundred thousand are dropping as well. These facts demonstrate that emergency powers are no longer needed. Minnesotans are quite capable of



By Mary Kiffmeyer  
State Senator

continuing their own protective measures.

This pandemic is not historic and unprecedented, but Gov. Walz's emergency powers response is. It is like the fire department staying onsite until the house is rebuilt. I have heard from my constituents that they feel like they are being treated like children - micromanaged by Gov. Walz. The Governor needs to relinquish his emergency powers and restore the balance between the branches of government. He initially used his emergency powers to prepare our state for

the projected surge of COVID-19 cases, but he has taken it too far. For months he has arbitrarily controlled the reopening of our state, keeping some businesses closed while others opened. Now as we face the upcoming school year, it is past time to re-establish local control and allow each school district to decide how they want to proceed next year.

Gov. Walz cannot and has not represented our whole state with his metro-focused, one-size-fits-all MN approach.

I will continue to contest the extension of his powers on behalf of the communities I represent. We are made up of counties and towns of different sizes, not just one big city. We need to get back to the legislative process, so every member has the opportunity to properly represent their communities. It is time to trust the people of Minnesota and let them exercise their freedom and personal responsibility.

## Made in America Week

This week, we celebrate "Made in America Week."

Minnesota's Sixth District is home to many small, medium and large businesses that manufacture their products right here in America. We have some of the best and brightest entrepreneurs in Minnesota, and I am proud of the work they do to support our communities, our economy, and our national security.

Here's a recap of what we accomplished last week...

### FEMA Decision

July 2, 2020, Gov. Tim Walz submitted a request for a major disaster declaration because of extensive fire damage caused by recent civil unrest in the Twin Cities. Friday, July 10, that request was denied.

Following the murder of George Floyd, I was glad to see the U.S. Dept. of Justice taking decisive action by initiating a federal civil rights investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death. However, since federal funds were requested for the rebuild, I believed it was only prudent that the government conduct a federal review of the civil unrest that led to the destruction, in order to help Americans understand how almost half-a-billion dollars worth of damage was done before peace was restored.

The loss of livelihoods, and the lack of leadership during this time was unacceptable. To prevent future Governors, Mayors, and locally elected officials around the country from experiencing the same destruction we witnessed in Minneapolis and St. Paul, information and recommendations for how to avoid incidents like this in the future are necessary.

You can read my letter to President Trump on my website at [www.emmer.house.gov](http://www.emmer.house.gov).

### PPP Assistance

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) has \$130 billion funds remaining to help businesses impacted by COVID-19. Following the passage of the PPP Flexibility Act,



By Congressman  
Tom Emmer

which I was proud to support, forgiveness is easier to qualify for.

Nonprofits and faith-based organizations, sole proprietors, independent contractors and those who are self-employed are qualified. At least 60% of the loan must be spent on payroll within 24 weeks of disbursement.

The new deadline to apply is August 8, 2020.

### Crossings to Canada

I am a proud member of the Northern Border Caucus. As a Minnesotan, I am all too familiar with Minnesotans who travel between the United States and Canada for recreation, leisure and business - in fact, I'm one of them.

This Coronavirus pandemic has made it difficult for Minnesotans who own homes in Canada to access their properties, or for the lucky few who own in the Northwest Angle, unable to cross Canada to access this special piece of Minnesota.

I recently signed on to a letter with 28 of my colleagues asking that the United States and Canada work together to develop guidance that prepares for reopening. With more than 400,000 people and over \$1.6 billion in goods crossing the Northern Border daily through over 120 Ports of Entry, guidance must be made available.

### Children's Hospital

Our children's hospitals do heroic work year-round, but the Coronavirus pandemic has made things more challenging than ever. Children's hospitals were not covered by recent legislation aimed at helping fight the virus and keep Americans employed. As it currently stands, children's

hospitals stand to lose \$1.1 billion, and could reach \$10 billion by the fall.

### Nation's Heroes

This week we recognize Minnesota Atomic Veterans Day (Thursday). Atomic Veterans are a special and unique group of veterans who fought and made major sacrifices for this country.

I am committed to serving the needs of those who served our nation.

Currently, my son Joey is a Midshipman at the Naval Academy and my son Bill is a United States Marine. These young men show me what servant leadership look like in practice and I know that those who came before them, and those who follow will carry on the spirit of service that our military has at its core value. Veterans and service members deserve our gratitude and support, and I will do everything I can to ensure they receive it.

### Little Sisters of the Poor

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 that The Little Sisters of the Poor, a Catholic charity, cannot be forced by the government under the Affordable Care Act to provide free contraception to their employees in violation of their religious beliefs.

The decision is a victory for religious freedom in the United States. No American should ever be compelled by the government to violate their religious beliefs, but that's exactly what was happening to The Little Sisters of the Poor because of unconstitutional mandates in Obamacare.

For years, the nuns of the Little Sisters of the Poor have been torn from their mission to help the poor and elderly under threat of millions of dollars in fines. Last year, I co-signed an Amicus Brief urging the court to rule in favor of the Little Sisters of the Poor. I'm overjoyed by this ruling and look forward to continuing my work protecting the rights of all Americans to exercise their religious freedoms.

a romantic relationship that had ended and he believed his ex-girlfriend was seeing someone new.

Caouette was arrested last August after a caller reported seeing a vehicle near Zimmerman Terrace Park that matched the description of a vehicle Big Lake police had identified as being involved in numerous incidents including the dispersing of screws on a road.

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units for 55+ (patio homes, twin homes, apartments) are being developed by Avalon Homes.

Supervisors Larry Alfords, Norm Leslie and Bruce Aubol expressed their concerns for all the "affordable housing" units and how that might affect surrounding property values. They also hinted at the concern over the potential for poorly maintained structures, homelessness, increased crime and traffic, and negative changes to neighborhood characteristics.

Klimmek reassured the supervisors that the units being developed will be well maintained, will not adversely affect property values and will eventually offer opportunities for commercial developers to come to the area. She also mentioned the need for affordable — or any housing — since the vacancy rate is at 0% in Big Lake and most of Sherburne County.

Klimmek proceeded to update the board on commercial and industrial progress including the new Minnco Credit Union, the expansion of the WWTF, new construction for Nystrom & Associates and the new business arrival of Great River Federal Credit Union, which hopes to begin construction of their new building off Co. Rd. 43 and Hwy. 10 soon.

Klimmek highlighted permit activity in Big Lake for the month of June which included 393 permits so far

### CV CLASSIC from page 1

necessary technology to excel in an increasingly electronic educational setting.

"I would like to thank the businesses who donated this year even though the golf tournament needed to be cancelled," said organizer Shannon Essler-Petty. "Distance learning required many of our students to have devices at home and

### ARRESTS from page 1

have a felony warrant for theft out of Washington County.

Authorities say the passenger in the vehicle gave a fake name to officers but was later identified as 24-year-old Freddie Tyrone Dudley of Bayport, MN.

### SANTIAGO from page 1

rebar being present in the water, as well as other items that could cause serious injury to people jumping from the bridges.

The board ultimately decided to place signage restricting jumping and swimming from the four township bridges and will look at including the signs on the county-owned bridge as well.

according to Sherburne County Sheriff Joel Brott. Caouette admitted having screws in his vehicle and produced a five-pound box of screws. During questioning he admitted to throwing screws on various roadways numerous times.

Big Lake police said they had as many as 200 reports of tires being damaged by screws or of screws being found on the roads in the prior two months leading up to the arrest according to BL Police Chief Joel Scharf.

Brott said his department also received dozens

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for 2020 for single-family, multi-family, commercial, remodels, mechanical, plumbing, zoning, land alterations and fire permits.

In comparison, Klimmek said Big Lake has seen 40 more permits processed than in 2019 and \$109,000+ more fees collected in the month of June than in 2019.

Klimmek finished by noting the city had been working on community branding and identity until COVID-19 halted that project until a future date. She noted the city is looking for a someone to fill the city planner position and that Midcontinent (Midco) is constructing within Big Lake Twp. She also said the city is continuing to do their best to support the business community during this unprecedented time.

### CARES Act

The board noted a meeting is scheduled for July 22 at 7 p.m. at Sherburne County to discuss the CARES ACT and the County Assn. of Twps. The board decided to send Treasurer Ken Warneke as representative.

### CUP Permit

Mike Walberg was on-hand to discuss a CUP application to construct a 30'x40' personal storage unit on property he owns in the township. Walberg's CUP was needed since the land is vacant and no housing structure on the parcel means the county will not allow.

Walberg assured the board he plans to build a

home on the property next summer. The board agreed to allow for the CUP and send the proper forms to the county for approval.

### Resignation

Supervisor Robert Hofer advised the board he wanted to resign due to health issues and the board approved. Hofer had been re-elected in 2019 to serve a four-year term and the board elected to discuss the vacancy at the next meeting. They also appointed Dean Brenteson as vice chair.

### Patriot Newspaper

The board voted to acknowledge the Patriot Newspaper for the submission of their legals.

### Other News

- Road overlays are complete with shouldering being done next - all road projects are in delay due to COVID-19;

- In the Wild Oaks development, a resident placed large boulders on the corner of some asphalt, which is blocking ROW lines. Letter will be sent to homeowner;

- Consent agenda was approved which included approval of last month's meeting minutes, approval of claims & payroll and the adoption of a resolution to appoint election judges for primary election in August.

### Up Next

The next Big Lake Twp. meeting is July 22 at 6 p.m.

tion.

"We hope to continue the 15th annual Clearview Cougar Classic in 2021," said Essler-Petty.

Although the fundraiser has concluded, anyone wishing to donate to Clearview's technology needs can make a donation through the school's PTA.

hicle, they found a loaded handgun.

Loggins and Dudley were both taken to the Sherburne County Jail pending charges.

The Becker Police Department was assisted by the MN State Patrol.

## Elk River man pleads guilty to screw throwing

By Bill Morgan,  
Staff Writer

An Elk River man has pleaded guilty to throwing thousands of screws onto Sherburne County roads last year.

Sixty-three-year-old Jeffrey Scot Caouette has agreed to a plea agreement where he pleaded guilty to a felony count of 1st-degree criminal damage to property. A second count of the same charge will be dismissed at sentencing.

According to the criminal complaint, Caouette told investigators he was in



**JEFFREY SCOT CAOUETTE, 63** pled guilty to chucking thousands of screws onto roadways last August. (Submitted Photo).

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# Big Lake/Area News

## Dotzler named school liaison

By Bill Morgan,  
Staff Writer

Big Lake City Council met last Wednesday to discuss surplus property, monthly department reports and approve student liaison roles and responsibilities and appoint a high school student to the role.

**Ella Dotzler**

At its last meeting, council discussed appointing a student liaison to the city council.

Ella Dotzler had approached Mayor Mike Wallen about the opportunity and council agreed that a draft of roles and responsibilities should be assembled, brought back to council, and Ella should be appointed to the role.

The role would be an unpaid position.

Staff drafted a list of roles and responsibilities. The intent of the position is to serve as a liaison between council, the school board, and young residents of the community. The position will also provide young people a voice on community happenings.

The tasks for Ella will include developing ways to better involve young people in decision making, developing ways to collect input from young people



**BLHS STUDENT Ella Dotzler was named student liaison with Big Lake City Council and the schools. (Submitted Photo).**

on decisions, developing an ongoing program for future student liaisons, and identifying at least one other special project to work on and present to council.

Staff is supportive of this initiative. Encouraging talented young people to be involved in local government help foster future leaders of those governments.

### Donation of Surplus Property

The Big Lake Police Dept. recently completed an upgrade of their “active threat” ballistic vests. The BLPD equips each squad car with additional armor for their officer’s protection during critical calls. The prior ballistic vests con-

tained both soft body armor and a rifle rated ballistic plate. This upgrade shifts to only a ballistic plate, it was accomplished utilizing donations, and narcotic forfeiture funds.

It’s become a trend for fire departments to have accessible body armor for their member’s protection also. For this reason, five of these ballistic vests will be donated to the Big Lake Fire Dept. The Big Lake PD is also donating five ballistic vests to the Clay County Sheriff’s Office.

### Monthly Dept. Reports

Council has requested to receive verbal updates from departments on a monthly basis. Due to the number of departments operating the city’s business, verbal updates will be given by each department either at the first or second meeting of the month.

Department updates scheduled to be given at the first meeting of the month were as follows:

- Fire Department;
- Police Department;
- Engineering/PW.

### Up Next

The next Big Lake City Council meeting is July 22 at 6 p.m.

## Federal and state aid programs available for farmers

Submitted Article

You’ve likely seen that both the Minnesota State Legislature and the U.S. Congress passed financial relief laws in response to the COVID-19 situation. But what do they mean financially for farmers and other agricultural small business owners? This article offers a short summary of some of the recent legislation.

### Federal Programs

The Families FIRST Act requires all employers to offer paid sick time for eligible absences related to COVID-19. Farmers are not exempt from this requirement.

The CARES Act created the Payroll Protection Program (PPP), which can cover 2.5 months of payroll or owner’s compensation for small businesses. This includes most self-employed farmers (with or without additional employees). The application period runs through Aug. 8. Additional laws included more PPP forgivable loan funding and made agricultural enterprises eligible for another Small Business Administration program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs and EIDL advances).

The CARES Act also created partial funding for the United States Department of Agriculture’s Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). Producers whose products saw price declines or who had increased marketing costs earlier this year because of COVID-19 are eligible. Most crops and livestock (but no poultry), milk, many specialty crops, and wool qualify for payments. Eligibility is generally for losses incurred between Jan. 15 and April 15. To see if you qualify and get help preparing an application, call or email your local Farm Service Agency office. Or, you can apply online at farmers.gov/cfap. The application period runs through Aug. 28.

### Minnesota Programs

Like the federal government, Minnesota also enacted several provisions to help farmers. For example, Minnesota’s Rural Finance Authority has additional low interest loans available to help farmers during this time. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has several other programs, too. The AGRI Safe at the Farmer’s Market Cost Share and AGRI Safe at the Farm Cost Share

provide financial assistance to farmer’s markets and direct-to-consumer farms to purchase equipment and supplies to keep markets, vendors, and customers safe and operational.

Details on federal programs are available at blog-abm-news.extension.umn.edu. A brief summary of financial programs is available at z.umn.edu/2020FarmPrograms. More information on COVID-19 from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture is available at www.mda.state.mn.us/covid-19-agriculture

To talk to an Extension expert on these programs, Extension’s Ag Business Management team partnered with Extension’s Farm Information Line (FIL). Trained agricultural experts are available to take your call. Call the Farm Information Line at 800-232-9077. After hours: Leave a voicemail and the Farm Information Line will return your call the next business day. Anytime: Email at fil@umn.edu.

### Questions or comments?

Send a message to Megan Roberts at meganr@umn.edu.

## Virtual open house held for future Hwy. 23 Foley to Milaca project

Submitted Article

The Minnesota Department of Transportation invites the public to an online virtual open house for the future Highway 23 improvement project from Foley to Milaca in 2022. The venue runs July 20 through August 7, 2020.

The open house is hosted on the project webpage at www.mndot.gov/d3/projects/h23foleytomilaca and community members are invited to attend as it is convenient for them.

Participants will have an opportunity to learn project details, watch a project video, view design layouts, sign up for future email updates, ask questions and provide feedback.

The estimated \$11.7

million project in Benton and Mille Lacs counties, will:

Reconstruct one mile of Highway 23 in Foley from Broadway Avenue to east of 13th Avenue, includes new curb/gutter, underground drainage structures, pedestrian side-walks, a multi-use trail and a roundabout at Eighth Avenue/Penn Street.

Resurface 12.5 miles of Highway 23 with a new asphalt surface from east of 13th Avenue in Foley to the Rum River in Milaca, includes new turn lanes, underground pipes, mumble/rumble strips and guardrail.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to provide feedback on the Highway 23 project, contact Russell Fellbaum,

MnDOT project manager, at russell.fellbaum@state.mn.us or 320-223-6536.

MnDOT invites and encourages participation by all. The Highway 23 project is part of the communities of Foley, Ronneby, Oak Park, Foreston and Milaca, in Benton and Mille Lacs counties. We believe everyone should have an equal opportunity to enjoy the programs, services and activities we provide.

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## Sports News

## River Cats and Lakers plagued by ball hits

By Penny Leuthard,  
Contributing Writer

The Clearwater River Cats and Clear Lake Lakers have had a busy couple of weeks with wins and losses for both; both teams also saw a high number of their players hit by balls during the last few games.

### Clearwater River Cats

In a seven inning game against the Rogers Red Devils, the Clearwater River Cats were defeated 14-4.

River Cats Nick Proshek started on the mound where he threw two innings, giving up six hits, five runs, three walks, and recording two strikeouts. Up next was Ty Carper, who threw three and a third innings, giving up eight hits, nine runs, four walks, and recording three strikeouts.

Richard Thompson threw the final one and two thirds innings, giving up three hits, one walk, and recording two strikeouts.

The River Cats offense was led by Thompson, who went 2 for 4 with a home run for two RBIs; he also stole a base. Callen Henkemeyer went 1 for 4 with a double for two RBIs, and Carper went 2 for 4 and scoring a run.

Jack Grell went 1 for 3, earning a walk and scoring two runs. Jake Carper went 1 for 3, and Adam Smith and Al Smith both went 1 for 2. Izzy Carper earned a walk, and Zach Schmidt and Andy Johnson were both hit by pitches.

In a close exhibition game against the Pearl Lake Lakers, the Clearwater River Cats were once again defeated, 10-9.

The River Cats starting pitcher, Callan Henkemeyer, threw two innings, giving up a hit, five runs, seven walks, and recording two strikeouts. Nick Proshek threw four innings, giving up five hits, three runs, one walk, and recording two strikeouts, and Andy Johnson threw one inning, giving up one hit, two runs, and recording three strikeouts.

Offense was led by Cory Schmidt, who went 2 for 3 for two RBIs, earning a walk, and stealing a couple of bases. Ty Carper went 3 for 4 with a dou-

ble, two stolen bases, and scoring two runs. Richard Thompson went 2 for 4 for an RBI, and Cole Gueningsman went 1 for 3 for an RBI, earning a walk, one stolen base, and scoring one run.

Jack Grell went 2 for 5 for two RBIs, and Zach Schmidt went 1 for 4 for one RBI, earning a walk and scoring two runs. Henkemeyer went 1 for 1 for an RBI and a walk, and Adam Smith earned a walk, a stolen base, and scoring a pair of runs.

Justin Houge earned a walk, stole a base, and scored a run, and Jake Carper scored a run and stole a base.

The River Cats next game against their Sauk Valley League foes the Big Lake Yellow Jackets was a win for the team, 4-3. A good game, it was tied one to one going into the fifth inning when the River Cats added a run and then put up two more in the seventh.

Jake Carper started on the mound, throwing six innings, where he gave up five hits, one run, two walks, and recorded three strikeouts. Jack Grell threw a relief inning, giving up five hits, two runs, one walk, and recording one strikeout.

The final two innings were thrown by Ty Carper, who issued one walk and recorded a pair of strikeouts.

The River Cats offense was led by Justin Houge, who went 1 for 4 for two RBIs and was hit by a pitch. Callen Hinkemeyer went 2 for 4 for an RBI, and Cole Gueningsman went 2 for 3, earning a pair of walks and scoring two runs.

Carper went 2 for 3, earning a pair of walks and scoring a run. Jake Carper went 1 for 4, earning a walk, Jack Grell earned a pair of walks and scored a run, and Jack Schmidt and Al Smith both earned a walk.

### Clear Lake Lakers

The Clear Lake Lakers started off with a great win against the Sartell Stone Ponies 19-7. Eight players collected hits, giving their pitchers a great deal of support. Their starting pitcher, Mike Smith, threw seven recorded innings to earn the win, giving up nine hits, six

runs, eight walks, and recording six strikeouts.

Brett Knudsen threw one relief inning, giving up two hits, two walks, one run, and recording one strikeout.

The Lakers offense was led by Blake Brown, who went 2 for 5 with a double for two RBIs; he scored a pair of runs and was hit by a pitch. Hayden Fassler went 3 for 4 for two RBIs, earned a walk, scored two runs, and was hit by a pitch.

Knudsen went 2 for 5 for three RBIs, earning a walk and scoring three runs. Jake Samuelson went 1 for 3 with a homerun and a sacrifice fly for three RBIs. He earned a walk, scored two runs, and was hit by a pitch. Ryan Janzen went 1 for 4 for two RBIs, earning a walk, scoring two runs, and was hit by a pitch.

Justin Hagstrom went 1 for 4 for an RBI, earning two walks and scoring three runs. Matt Krepp went 1 for 4 for an RBI, stole a base, scored a run, and was hit by a pitch. Jordan Golombiecki was credited with two RBIs, earning two walks, one stolen base, and scoring a pair of runs. Eric Faust went 1 for 4, earning a walk, scoring two runs, and was also hit by a pitch.

The Lakers next game against their Sauk Valley League rivals the Foley Lumberjacks was a loss, 4-1. Starting pitcher Jordan Golombiecki threw five and one third innings, giving up three hits, four runs, four walks, and recorded three strikeouts. Ryan Skymanski threw three and two thirds innings, giving up one hit and issuing one walk.

Offense was led by Jake Samuelson, who went 1 for 4 with a homerun. Matt Korte went 2 for 4, Tyler Maurer went 1 for 4, Golombiecki went 1 for 3, and Matt Krepp earned a walk.

### Up Next

July 6 the River Cats played against the Monticello Polecats, and on July 8 they played an exhibition home game against the St. August Gussies. July 12 sees them up against the Becker Bandits; these games and others will be covered in future editions of the *Patriot*.

## Regional Airport Authority Commission looking for applicants

Submitted Article

Stearns County is looking for two individuals interested in serving on the newly created Regional Airport Authority Commission.

Stearns County, along with Benton and Sherburne Counties and the City of St. Cloud, created a Regional Airport Authority Commission to govern and manage the St. Cloud Regional Airport for the following purposes:

- To promote the public welfare and to service

the public interest, convenience and necessity;

- To promote national, state and local air navigation and transportation;

- To develop the full potential of aviation in the St. Cloud Regional Airport as an aviation center and to provide for the most economical and effective use of aeronautic facilities and services located at the St. Cloud Regional Airport.

Each government entity will appoint two members to the Commission. In addition, there will be one Commissioner appointed

by mutual agreement of the four entities.

If interested in serving on the Regional Airport Authority Commission, go to the Stearns County website at StearnsCountyMN.gov and complete the application expressing your interest in being appointed. Submit applications by next week, Wednesday, July 22, 2020 for consideration of an appointment.



# County News

## County Accessing Over \$11 Million

# Commissioners approve COVID-19 response plans

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday morning with a myriad of decisions related to the Covid pandemic on the agenda. With the action taken, application for funds will start being accessible to businesses and individuals within weeks.

Assistant County Administrator Dan Weber detailed for the board the \$11,667,800 in CARES Act funding available to the county and also noted that another \$5.85 million in funding is available for cities and townships within Sherburne County. The county is planning a July 22 meeting with area townships to help them plan for accessing the funding at a local level.

Sherburne County was one of the first in Minnesota to submit the necessary paperwork and was also one of the first to receive the funds, which arrived last week.

Despite the substantial amount of funding available, the big caveat is that there is a limited amount of time for the county to oversee its dispersal.

"There is a sense of urgency here because we've been given a short period of time to use the money," noted Board Chair Felix

Schmiesing. "We want to get this out on the street."

To that end, Weber presented a couple of options to the board for adoption. The first is a Small Business Relief Fund geared towards providing a maximum of \$30,000 to businesses who are eligible. To access the funds, companies need to have at least two full time and no more than 50 full time employees and the money needs to be earmarked for expenses such as rent, mortgage payments, payroll and other operational costs. Property tax payments are not eligible for the funding. It's also geared towards businesses that have not received other Covid related funding in the past.

The Board moved approval of the program and Weber said staff is hoping to be able to roll out the online portal by July 27 and it would be open until August 31.

HHS Director Amanda Larson spoke about the

second initiative, which caters to adults and families in need of assistance. The program will in large part be an extension of the EA and EGA programs already administered by the county.

Larson proposed the plan, which provides up to \$2,000 for adults or families who meet criteria such as income guidelines, which will be set at 300% of the federal poverty level. For example, a family of four would see a cap of \$78,000 to be eligible for the funding. Eligible expenses could include certain home repairs, transportation related needs and Covid related funeral expenses. Once the statewide moratorium on evictions expires, the funding could also help with rent and housing assistance.

After some discussion, the board moved approval of the program with a similar timeline as the business fund, although Larson noted that staff would soon begin giving priority review to previous applications for

assistance that may have recently been denied due to stricter income caps.

A fund for nonprofit organizations was also discussed and will be reviewed at the next county board meeting, as will a plan to access the broadband funding mechanisms available under the legislation.

County Administrator Bruce Messelt informed the board that staff will move as expeditiously as possible to make the applications available to the public and he noted that at each upcoming board meeting, a deep dive into the data will be made available for updates into how much money is being awarded. He also wouldn't rule out the possibility need for additional special meetings to be called.

### Local COVID Update

Larson provided the board with an update of the local COVID pandemic numbers which can all be accessed on the county website. It is updated three times a week and contains very detailed information about spread within individual communities.

She noted that the average age of COVID infections has fallen dramatically since the early days of the pandemic, with younger people now counting for a majority of infections. As of the meeting, Sherburne County had experienced

31 hospitalizations during the pandemic including 12 individuals who required ICU treatment.

She also pointed out that the St. Cloud Reformatory has accounted for 12 cases, while the Sherburne County Jail remains Covid-free.

### Preparedness Plan

Messelt presented the updated preparedness plan for the board's review and adoption. While it does not require facial coverings within the government center, they are strongly urged, as the building remains open for essential services on an appointment only basis. He reminded everyone that the MN Court system recently mandated facial coverings for the general public in all court buildings and added that local court staff would be complying with the facial cover mandate.

### In Other Action, The Board:

- Received an update on the RSVP program, including the benefits to both the volunteers and the county;

- Approved several planning and zoning recommendations, including two separate 1 megawatt solar farms;

- Approved a request from Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head, to adopt PubWorks, a fleet

management system that helps to track maintenance and creates a 20 year vehicle replacement system;

- Appointed commissioners Schmiesing and Danielowski to the County Canvass Board, as neither of them will appear on this year's ballot;

- Agreed to fill the Deputy Assessor's Position, which will be an internal promotion of a current county appraiser, whose current position will not be filled;

- Heard from Marc Schneider regarding the Central Mississippi Regional Partnership and the project framework.

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**Becker Baptist Church** 763-261-4202.  
Acting Pastor Nathan Bucher  
Youth Pastor Kevin Drehmel  
Amy Drehmel, Director of Ministry to Children & Families  
11951 Hancock Street, Becker, MN  
Sunday worship service at 10:30 am - register to attend worship service in person, or find links to watch online, by visiting our website.  
Youth service live on YouTube/Facebook on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm.  
Children's storytime on Facebook Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2:00 pm  
Visit our website more information: www.beckerbaptist.org

**Becker Evangelical Free Church** Located at Becker High School. Patrick Drury, Senior Pastor 763-261-4125. Chris Salvevold, Pastor of Youth Ministries. www.beckerfreechurch.org. Office: 11373 150th Ave SE. Sunday Worship: Becker High School, Worship/Teaching/Fellowship for all ages 10am Sunday school for ages birth-adult during school year. Wed night kids ministries ages K-5. His Kids for K-3 boys & girls, Gym 45 for 4th & 5th grade boys & G.I.R.L.S. Group for 4th & 5th grade girls. ELEVATE for 6-12th grade students.

**Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church**  
Father Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave, Becker, 440 Lake St N, Big Lake. Temporarily, all Masses are being held at the Becker location at 5 pm on Saturday and 9:30 am on Sunday.

**Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers, 11755 Sherburne Ave, Becker. Sundays Worship at 9:30 am (Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays) Nursery provided Sunday school at 10:00 am, Refreshments & fellowship at 10:30 am. Wednesday 5:15 5th & 6th Grade "Grapple", 6:30 7th - 9th grade confirmation, 7:30 Youth Group. Bible Study: Wednesday 9:30 am. 763-261-5751.

**Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God** Senior Pastor Gerry Bass & Sarah www.oakwoodccbecker.org Services: Sunday Adult Bible Study Class 9:00 am, Children's Sunday School Class 9:00am, Worship Service 10:00 am, Children's Church 10:45 am, Wednesday Night: Royal Rangers & Missionettes (Nursery-6th grade) 7-8:30 pm, Youth Group (7th to 12th grade) 7-8:30 pm, Adult Bible Study 7-8:30 pm. Location: 13140 1st St., Becker (in SW corner of Becker Furniture World) 763-220-6004.

**Snake River Free Mission Church** Sunday Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am. Hymn Sing Second Sunday every other month 4:30 pm. Pastor Steve Johnson. 5mi N of Hwy 10 on Cty Rd 11, then 1.5 mi E on Cty Rd 4, 3/4 mi. N on 180th St. 612-219-8648.

**Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church** Ken Hanson, Pastor 763-262-2177, 15455 59th St SE, Becker, 6 mi N Junction 23 & 16. Praise & Worship 9:30 am Sunday; Wednesday 7 pm all family growth fellowship.

**Beacon House of Prayer** 12264 Pleasant Ave. Becker. Worship Thursday 6:30 pm. Pastors Brian & Linda Holmes. 763-263-3771.

**Maranatha Baptist Church** Pastor Glenn McCarver. Sunday School 10 am, Worship 11 am.

Wednesday Prayer Service 7 pm. 763-262-1571.  
**Free Grace United** Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001. Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Pebble Creek Golf Course, 14000 Clubhouse Ln, Becker.

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**ACTS Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church** 763-263-2287, Pastor Bill Nixon, 20455 187th Ave NW, Big Lake, Sat. 9 am Worship, Saturday. Sabbath School 10:15am.

**Bethany Bible Church** 511 Eagle Lake Road, Big Lake, 763-263-2167, Sunday school: 9 am, Worship 10 am.

**Bridgeview Assembly of God** Pastor Steve Royalty, Service Times: 763-263-6274, 10 am Sunday morning, 6:30 pm Wednesday evening, www.bridgeviewchurch.org

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# Sports News

## Flicker, Ginter take youth championships

By Bill Morgan,  
Staff Writer

Isaac Flicker fired a 38 on the back nine to shoot 77 to claim the Pebble Creek Jr. Club Championship Saturday, June 11 at the Pebble Creek Gold Club.

Ryker Stukenholtz, after holding the lead following the first nine with a 38, finished second with an 81. Layla Matthews finished in third place with a 95.

Elliot Ginter grabbed first place in the 13-and-under division with a 114, edging out Carson Schwartzkopf who shot a 117.



AVERY JOHNSON, Layla Matthews, Ryker Stukenholtz, Isaac Flicker. (Submitted Photo).



Carson Schwartzkopf and Elliot Ginter. (Submitted Photo).

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## Mattson Takes Home Senior Title

By Bill Morgan,  
Staff Writer

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Randy Siemers carded six birdies in his second round but it was not enough to catch Mattson and finished second with a two day total of nine over par.



GREG MATTSON.  
(Submitted Photo).

There were three net flights and Ray Sauer finished -2 with a 69-73 to win the first flight. Mark Dunderly played consistent golf shooting 72-73 to win a scorecard playoff over Siemers and Steve Engelby to win second place at the first flight.

Lonnie Fluck carded a tournament low net 66 on day one and held on to win the second flight by five strokes over Christ Meidt, who finished three over par to take second.

In the closest flight Wayne Yarle, after three strong nines, held off Scotty Paulson to defeat him by one stroke, finishing two over par. Paulson won a scorecard playoff over Mike Doering to finish second in the third flight.

Pebble Creek's club championship is scheduled for the 29th and 30th of August.



LONNIE FLUCK.  
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# Sports News

## Strong finish for 8th grade girls BYBA career

Submitted Article

Minnesota Youth Athletic Services (MYAS) — in strategic partnership with Youth 1st, Federated Insurance, Pearson, Cashwise, Bennerotte & Associates, Jaguar Communications, The Retrofit Companies, U.S. Bank, Profinium, Pizza Ranch, Heartland Chevy Dealers, Dick's Sporting Goods, Institute for Athletic Medicine, and Urban Air Adventure Parks — have selected the Becker eighth grade girls youth basketball team as a recipient of a Youth 1st Team Award for their outstanding sportsmanship during the 2020 MYAS Grade State Championships, held March 7-8, in 14 locations across the Twin Cities metro area.

As the premier youth basketball event in the state of Minne-



**BECKER EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM.** Back row left to right: Tony Leither, Nora Pilarski, Avery Johnson, Alexis Rose, Kayla Brandt and Kenny Berthiaume. Front row left to right: Claire Leither, Paige Hennen, Natasha Berthiaume and Alexa Voller. (Submitted Photo).

sota, the grade state championships is about showcasing the kids and competition, and for the second consecutive year, MYAS and Youth 1st are excited to recognize the teams and associations that received exemplary scores from

the officials for their sportsmanship and positive conduct during the tournament.

The Youth 1st Team Award recognizes positive behavior from players, coaches and everyone associated with the team (parents, fans

and spectators), which the Becker eighth grade girls demonstrated throughout the tournament.

"We are so proud of how the girls played in this tournament and the sportsmanship they exuded," said Head Coach Kenny Berthiaume.

"It was a fun finish to their Becker Youth Basketball Association (BYBA) career, and I have enjoyed coaching these girls throughout the years."

Berthiaume's team played very well during this tournament, bringing home a third-place trophy.

## Buzzards subdue the Geezers, Riverdogs

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

The Becker Buzzards baseball team picked up a pair of victories at their home field Saturday, downing the Verndale Geezers 2-1 in the opening game of the split doubleheader before finishing off the Fergus Falls Riverdogs 6-1 in the nightcap.

In the opening game, Becker found itself fighting from behind as the Geezers put a run across home plate in the second inning and made it hold up until the bottom of the fifth. That's when the Buzzards' bats finally came alive as Nick Allerson coaxed a one out walk and he was followed by three straight singles from teammates Jason Pfingsten, Todd Klaers and Jason Wald to give the Buzzards a 2-1 lead.

It turned out to be all they would need as Brian Kolbinger was solid on the mound, scattering four hits over his 6 innings of work to pick up the win before Pfingsten slammed the door in the 7th inning for the save.

Game two was another pitcher's

duel early as the Buzzards and Riverdogs exchanged zeroes on the board until the bottom of the 4th. Matt Koester finally led off with a single and he was followed by 3 straight Buzzard walks to plate one run and load the bases for Becker. Steve Newman singled to score 2 runs and his at-bat was followed by a pair of walks before a Klaers single scored a pair of runs to make it 6-0. The Riverdogs added a meaningless run in the 7th inning to make the final 6-1. Tanner Bakke worked 5 innings on the mound to pick up the win, allowing 2 hits and 2 walks while striking out 3 batters. Todd Klaers finished out the game throwing the final 2 innings to close out the win.

The Buzzards are now 3-0 on the season and host the Alexandria Classic Clippers in a doubleheader on Sunday afternoon at the Becker Athletic Complex. Game times are 2:00 and 4:00.

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# Sports News

## Hornets split two games with STMA

By Bill Morgan,  
Staff Writer

The Big Lake Hornets Legion baseball team defeated STMA's #1 team, 4-1 last Wednesday in the first game of a double-header on the road. Unfortunately, they couldn't complete the sweep against STMA's #2 team, losing by 10 in the nightcap.

### Hornets 4, STMA #1, 1

The Hornets got things started in the first inning scoring one run when Will Boeckman singled. They followed that up with a run in the fifth and two in the sixth to pull out the win.

Zeus Schlegel took the win on the mound for the Hornets. He allowed zero hits and one run over six innings, striking out seven. Zach Robeck threw one inning in relief out of the

bullpen, recording the last three outs to earn the save for Big Lake.

Schee took the loss for STMA 1. He went five innings, allowing two runs on six hits and striking out three.



Preston Schlegel went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead the Hornets in hits. Big Lake was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Boeckman made the most plays with

10. Neros led STMA 1 with one hit in two at bats. STMA 1 was errorless.

Olson had 10 chances in the field, the most on the STMA team.

### STMA #2, 10 Big Lake 0

It was a tough second game of the doubleheader as STMA #2 pounded out eight hits and 10 runs to beat the Hornets Wednesday evening.

A single by Preston Schlegel in the first inning and another by Samson Schlegel later on were all the positiveness for the Hornets.

Carroll earned the win for STMA 2, lasting five innings, allowing two hits and zero runs while striking out eight and walking zero.

Brandon Stern took the loss for Big Lake. He went two-and-a-third innings, allowing four runs on three hits and striking out two.

## Legion teams rekindle Hwy. 10 rivalry

By Mark Kolbinger,  
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While Covid-19 has wiped out a huge portion of the local sports scene in the past four months, it didn't interrupt the long standing rivalry between Highway 10 neighbors Becker and Big Lake as the community Legion baseball teams met Tuesday evening in Hornet country.

Big Lake Manager Robert Hoekstra said his team rode a "dominating" performance from Zeus Schlegel en route to a 9-4 victory over Becker.

Schlegel belted a pair of home runs, including a three run blast in the first inning as Big Lake raced to a 5-0 lead after the first and never looked back.

Schlegel was also a force on the mound, as he started the game and went four innings, scattering just three hits, walking no one and he struck out eight Becker hitters.

In addition to Schlegel's stellar performance, Hoekstra credited overall team balance to the rout.

"Everyone made positive contributions in tonight's victory," said the manager, who also singled out catcher Will Boeckman's two hits and two RBI.

In the hits department, the teams were nearly even, as Big Lake had nine hits and Becker scratched out eight. Dalton Fouquette led the Becker attack with a 3-for-4 performance at the plate.

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## 12th annual horseshoe tourney Saturday

By Bill Morgan,  
Staff Writer

Twenty-eight pitchers are descending upon Santiago Twp. Saturday for an open horseshoe tournament.

The tournament commenced in 2008 and has run for 11 years under the lead of Jim Aleckson, who retired from directing the event in 2019. Because of Jim's retirement, no tournament was held in 2019.

However, Brian Wipperf of Palmer has taken over the director's job this year to resurrect the event for 2020.

A number of pitchers from the Twin Cities are entered with Ray Volkors of Maplewood heading the championship class with a 60% average.

Most horseshoe tournaments have been canceled this year due to COVID-19. The most important cancellations have been the Team World event in Beloit, WI, the World Tournament in Louisiana and the Minnesota State Tournament in Hibbing.

Saturday's Santiago Tournament begins at 9 a.m. with Classes C & D. Classes A & B will start up at 1 p.m.

The Santiago Horseshoe Club finished their 10th week of play Tuesday with Don Claseman of St. Cloud and Russ Girtz of Monticello leading the league by two games with a 20-10 record. There are two events left of league play which will then lead into a double-elimination tournament.

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