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THE UNDERCLASSEN FROM THE BECKER GIRLS SOCCER TEAM presented the outgoing seniors with "big heads" of themselves as younger children. The Lady Bulldogs played their final home regular season match against St. Cloud Apollo. See the story on page 9 where the Bulldogs used the emotional tribute to knock off the Eagles. (Submitted Photo)

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Area fire departments hold open houses

By Bill Morgan Editor/Staff Writer Reporter.Bill@PatriotNewsMN.com

The Becker and Big Lake Fire Departments both held their annual Open Houses this past weekend on beautiful Autumn days. Becker FD The Becker firefighters held their open house Saturday in which they had North Memorial Air Care land an air ambulance outside the parking area of the station. They also had a bouncy house for the kids, free truck rides, food and drinks and lots of other activities and demonstrations throughout the day. In one area just outside the building, firefighters took turns to allow children the chance to squeeze the trigger of a fire hose to simulate putting out a fire. At the air ambulance, kids and parents got to get a close-up view of the cockpit of the chopper and even take a seat inside the whirlybird. A few fire trucks were also



FOUR-YEAR-OLD BRYSON ODLE (L) AND HIS TWO-YEAR-OLD BROTHER, DAXTON (R) of Becker took turns trying on firefighter gear and posing for pictures for their mom, Tracy (far left) during Saturday's Becker Fire Open House. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan.)



BIG LAKE PD INVESTIGATOR RICH BERG manned the BLPD booth and handed out stickers and freebies at Sunday's BLFD Open House. (Photo from BLFD Facebook page).

on hand to allow kids and adults to climb in, learn about the equipment the firefighters use and understand the buttons, gauges and switches that aid the firefighters when they are on scene or en route. Sparky the Dalmatian made the rounds visiting with kids and giving out

balloons. In one area, a pile of firefighter gear was available for try on by adults and children. In an open bay of the station, the firefighters spent some time demonstrating the rescue efforts in bringing a person out of a building or burning structure. The firefighters used a dummy in the demonstration which featured ropes and harnesses. Big Lake FD Lots of firefighters and volunteers served up food and drink and handed out important flyers and informational sheets during their open house Sunday in Big Lake. They also had activities and games and booths featuring the Big Lake PD, CenterPoint Energy, Health Source Chiropractic and many more. Truck rides are always very popular as kids and their parents got to ride in FIRE to page 9

BL Legion hosts free Veteran's Dinner

By Bill Morgan Editor/Staff Writer Reporter.Bill@PatriotNewsMN.com

Last Saturday, dozens of veterans and their guests enjoyed a free pork chop dinner at Lions Park, courtesy of the Big Lake American Legion Post 147 and Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 147. David Northernscold of Pork Chop Guys Catering grilled up the delicious pork chops while auxiliary members dished up bread, beans, colorful potatoes, cole slaw, desserts, applesauce, coffee and water to the numerous guests who came and went throughout the day at Big Lake Township Hall. Some of the guests included were Mary and Ralph Kiffmeyer, Big Lake



JOHN JACKSON (R) and his son, Caleb Nau, 15, were served the Veteran's Free meal Saturday at Big Lake Twp. Hall by Legion Auxiliary member Judy Ranallo. Jackson is a retired Army Master Sergeant. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)



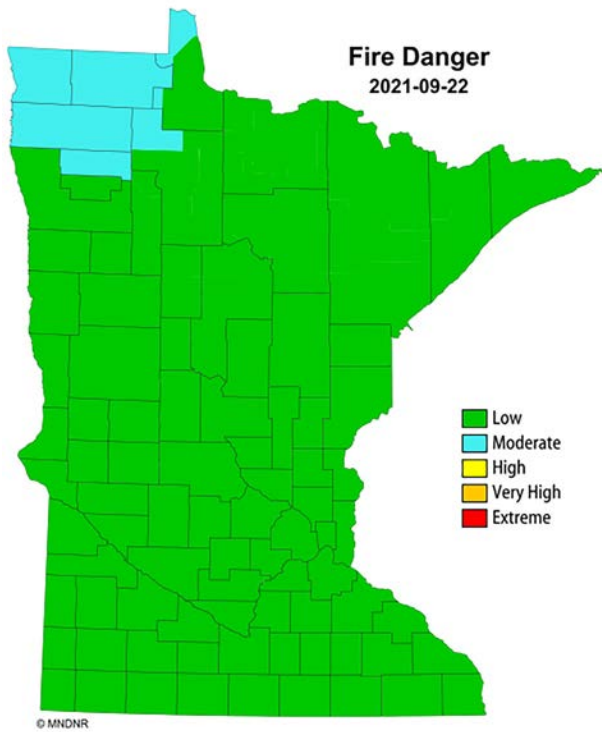
DAVID NORTHERNSCOLD (left) of the Pork Chop Guys grilled the meats for the event. (Photo from Facebook) Council member Paul Seefeld (also Legion Commander and Iraq war veteran) and Bud Stimmler (Clear Lake Legion). Also, John Jackson of Big Lake, who is a retired Army Master Sergeant and he brought his son, Caleb Nau. The three-hour meal event was open to all veterans, active military and guests.

Story brewing...

By Bill Morgan Editor/Staff Writer Reporter.Bill@PatriotNewsMN.com

The Patriot Newspaper has been asked numerous times to publish a story in our publication about the recent administrative leave by BLPD Chief Matt Hayen and the story behind it. While many local news stations (Kare 11, KSTP, etc.) have reported on the issue with the basics, we at the Patriot are standing by until the truths surface and a complete story can be written. Rumors are flying on social media about the current investigation, the past investigation of

the former chief and who the ringleader is who has urged public officials to undertake these important investigations. Truthfully, the Patriot is having the same difficulty the news channels are having in obtaining information, interviews and documents associated with the investigations. We are trying to separate rumors with facts and allow our readers to decide for themselves. Due to our earnest and rigorous standards, we hope to have an in-depth article in the newspaper in the next week or two. Stay tuned.



WITH RECENT RAIN, LOWER TEMPS, AND HIGHER HUMIDITY, the danger of wildfires in Minnesota has decreased significantly, leading to burning restrictions being lifted statewide.(Submitted photo.)

Burning restrictions lifted statewide

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Minnesota DNR.) Recent rain and a return of near-normal temperatures and higher evening humidity have greatly reduced the chance of campfires or open burning causing a wildfire in Cook and Lake counties.

In response, the DNR removed burning restrictions in those counties on Sept. 21. Cook and Lake counties were the last two Minnesota counties under DNR-mandated burning restrictions. The DNR will continue to monitor conditions and will reinstate county-specific burning restrictions if necessary. Of upmost importance is protecting

the health and safety of the public and firefighters. An area around the Greenwood Fire remains closed to the public. Under current fire operations, the incident management team for the Greenwood Fire needs to be aware of all personnel entering the area to ensure firefighter and public safety.

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## 7 volunteers clean up along Co. Rd. 75



**BELIA CLEANUP.** Hannah Lakin, Jeff and Marie Johnson, John and Janine Smullen, Gordy Westerlind, and Lori Andreen all participated in the Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association cleanup along Co. Rd. 75. BELIA gave thanks to the volunteers, as well as Connexus Energy for providing the safety vests and garbage bags, and to the Adopt-a-Highway program, with coordinator Marie Johnson. (Submitted photos.)



## Motor vehicle fatality accident

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Wright County Sheriff's Office.)

On Oct. 9 at approximately 3:15 p.m., deputies were dispatched to a motor vehicle crash with injuries near 1851 50th St. NE in Buffalo Twp. The driver of a 2018 Dodge Ram pickup — identified as Cody Ruby (27 years old from Buffalo) — was towing an enclosed utility trailer when

he pulled out of his driveway onto 50th St. Ruby's four-year-old daughter appears to have been on the tongue of the trailer as he drove away from the home eastbound on 50th St. Ruby drove the truck and trailer approximately three-tenths of a mile eastbound on 50th St. where it appears the child fell off the tongue of the trailer and was run over by the trailer. The victim was transported to Buffalo Hospital by Allina Ambulance where she was

pronounced deceased. Deputies were assisted on scene by Buffalo Police Officers and the Minnesota State Patrol.

Details of the incident are under further investigation. The case number for this incident is 21027625.



## Lupulin wins 2 awards at Open Beer Championship

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Lupulin Brewing.)

Lupulin Brewing is very honored to be taking home two wins in the 2021 U.S. Open Beer Championship, one of the top three beer competitions in the USA. Breweries from Antioquia, Colombia to Columbia, South Carolina sent in more than 8,000 beers representing over 140 different styles for the 2021 U.S. Open Beer Championship. This competition is the only one to include beers from professional breweries and beers from gold medal winners from the National American Homebrewers Association Homebrew



**Competition**  
Lupulin Brewing was recognized for the second year in a row with a Bronze Medal in the Peanut Butter beer style category for

beers, for us, that I think surprises most people. We love classic English-style beers, and sneaking a beautiful Porter into a beer that drinks like dessert was a challenge we really enjoyed," said Ben Haugen, Head Production Brewer.

Lupulin Brewing was also recognized with a Bronze Medal in the Barrel-Aged German Lager beer-style category for its B.A. Doppelbock. Lupulin's 2020 U.S. Open Beer Championship Gold Medal winner Doppelbock rested in some Tattersall Distilling Rye Whiskey Barrels for about nine months creating a big, rich and malty barrel-aged lager. Bottles are still available for purchase in the Lupulin Brewing taproom to enjoy this award winning beer for yourself.

"B.A. Doppelbock is a super fun beer for us because it combines two things that we love brewing at Lupulin: lagers and barrel-aged beers. To be recognized for something that we are passionate about is both humbling and rewarding and I couldn't be happier for our hard-working and dedicated team, without whom this wouldn't be possible," said Aaron Zierdt, Head Innovation Brewer.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, judging was held at the new U.S. Open Event Center in Oxford, Ohio.

Judging in the U.S. Open Beer Championships is blind; judges know only the categories, not the names or locations of beers being judged.

For more information on the competition, including a complete 2021 winners list, visit [USOpenBeer.com/2021\\_us\\_open-medal-winners](https://USOpenBeer.com/2021_us_open-medal-winners).

CPB, a Chocolate Peanut Butter Porter which is a core beer at Lupulin Brewing. "CPB is one of those

## BL Chamber hosts school election Q&A

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer  
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Last week Thursday, the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce hosted a presentation/discussion regarding Big Lake Schools' upcoming election. The evening started

be held for all precincts at Big Lake City Hall Nov. 2.

**Referendum**  
Supt. Tim Truebenbach, Director of Community Education Allen Berg, Grounds Manager TJ Zerwas, and Director of Business Services Angie Manuel all helped to explain the various aspects

would remain the same as the previous year.

One attendee at the event was curious about whether the \$30 million figure would change at all, given the inflated costs of building materials. The presenters assured the audience \$30 million is the most that would be sought

of the coaches of the cheerleading team, a team which has recently been recognized on the national stage. Nelson claims he has seen first-hand the issues that students face on a regular basis, and wants to implement changes to better serve the students. He hopes to address issues of bullying and excessive amounts of homework, among other issues.

Hancock said that she grew up in Big Lake. After graduation, she obtained a marketing degree and taught for some time at the University of Minnesota. She and her husband (also a Big Lake alum) have three kids in the school district, and she wants to be involved in board decisions to ensure the best education for the students. She hopes to work with the board as a team in order to address gaps in service to the students, find new opportunities for both special education and gifted students, and increase community involvement.

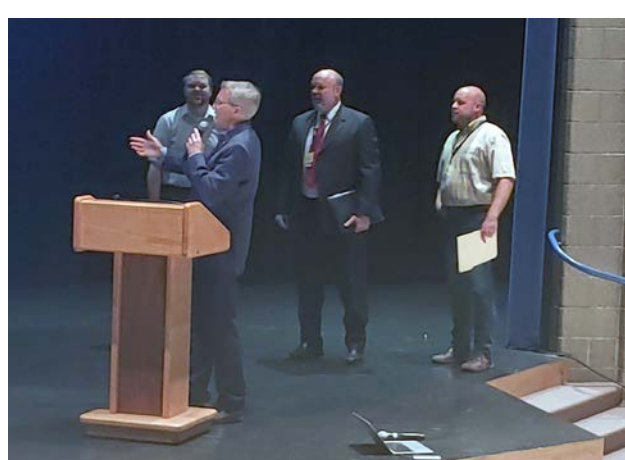
Stegora said she also grew up in Big Lake. She went on to earn a master's degree in business and is working as a realtor. She's also worked as a Target manager and served as an elementary school PTO. She has four kids of her own in the school district, plus another student, who is a friend's child, who is staying with the family for a time. She wishes to focus on building back after COVID-19, addressing students' mental health, and expanding STEM programs.

Schabillon said she is the mom of four Big Lake kids, and has seen first hand areas for improvement. During a recent school board meeting, Schabillon spoke on transparency in the curriculum and about CRT. Her priorities would be to ensure transparency, protect parental rights, fix the overreach in the discipline policy, and keep out CRT.

The board members took several questions from the audience, but given the long discussion (questions and answers went on for nearly two hours) not all can be reproduced here. A full video of the event will be made available at [BigLakeChamber.com](https://BigLakeChamber.com).



**THE BIG LAKE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES** met for a Q&A last week. From left to right are Derek Nelson, Chelsea Hancock, Connie Stegora, and Ashley Schabillon. Not in attendance was Alison Krueger. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



**BIG LAKE MAYOR PAUL KNIER** introduced staff from the Big Lake School District who explained the referendum and answered questions from the audience. Pictured behind the Mayor are TJ Zerwas, Tim Truebenbach, and Allen Berg. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

with a presentation on the building bond referendum and how the funds would be spent, should the referendum pass, and was followed by a question and answer session with school board candidates. The presenters stated a video of the presentation would be available to view online at the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce website, though at the time of writing this article the video had not yet been uploaded. Early voting for the election is open now, and residents can request a ballot at [Referendum.BigLakeSchools.org](https://Referendum.BigLakeSchools.org) or can stop in to the district office during business hours to vote. An election will

of the referendum. Improvements to the school grounds including replacing old roofing, updating HVAC systems, and other maintenance projects would be performed.

Because some existing debt will be paid off this year, the \$30 million referendum, if passed, would result in a \$0 tax increase. Essentially, it's similar to paying off a car loan, then going and purchasing a new car where the loan payments are the same as the loan that was just paid off (to re-phrase an example given by Manuel.) For this reason, the ballot does indicate that this vote will result in a tax increase, but in reality taxes

from the taxpayers, and if this was insufficient to cover the costs of all the projects, one or two less urgent projects would be put off.

A tax calculator, a webinar answering residents' questions, and more information on the specific projects the school hopes to tackle are available at [Referendum.BigLakeSchools.org](https://Referendum.BigLakeSchools.org).

### School Board Candidate Q&A

Four of the five candidates running for the open school board position attended the candidate forum during the later part of the evening. Alison Krueger, unfortunately, was unable to attend due to being involved in a traffic accident earlier in the day (fortunately, Krueger reported she was not seriously harmed in the accident.)

The other candidates include Derek Nelson, Chelsea Hancock, Connie Stegora, and Ashley Schabillon.

### Opening Statements

Each attending candidate gave an opening statement to explain his or her background and the reason for running.

All responses to questions reported in this article will be written in the order (left to right) that the candidates sat.

Nelson stated that he has been a business owner in Big Lake for six years. He is one







## Becker Chamber hosts coat drive



BHS STUDENT AMANDA KRENZ (left) donated a coat at Friday night's drive. Becker Chamber members were on hand to accept donations and serve up hot chocolate for those who donated. Members included Bobbi Scherping, Majestic Creations; Tanya Danielson Sherburne State Bank; Carol Hanson, Patriot News MN; Adam Vee, American Heritage Bank; Jeremy Schmidt, Becker Public Schools and Barb Potter, TJ Potter Trucking. (Submitted photo.)

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Becker Chamber of Commerce.)

The Becker Area Chamber of Commerce held a coat drive this past Friday night at the football

game against Monticello. Thirty-five coats were donated that evening. The Chamber will host another coat drive Tues., Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Chamber office parking lot (12390 Sherburne Ave). Besides new or gently used coats they are also

accepting hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. There are also donation boxes at the Becker Community Center and Patriot office. All items are donated to Compassion Connection and the Food Shelf in Becker.

## BELIA wine/beer tasting & silent auction a success!

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by BELIA.)

Lori Andreen, secretary for the Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association (BELIA), said, "Thank you to everyone who came out to our BELIA Wine and Beer Tasting and Silent Auction Event this past October 1st at 'The Buff'. We had a wonderful time and especially thank those who donated wine, spirits, items to the Silent Auction, those who invited their friends, neighbors, and co-workers. With this fundraising event we were able to profit \$11,970. This is amazing! Thank you to everyone involved who helped to make our event fun and a complete success."

Some of the winners from the event included:

- Door Prize, First-Place/\$200 – Colleen Cooper;
- Door Prize Second Place/\$100 – Lolli Krueger;
- 50/50 Raffle – Shelly Ferris;
- Vikings Tickets – Scott Fountain;
- Sunset Ridge Airbnb – Katie Huffman;
- Minnow Race First Place – Sam Ryan;
- Minnow Race Runner-Up – Nick Matthies.

BELIA wished to give special thanks to:

- Sandy McClurq, Kim DeVries, and Lori Neissess who worked tirelessly pulling this event together. From contacting local li-

quor suppliers, searching for individual wine sample glasses for a quality evening, organizing donations for the Silent Auction baskets, and more. Job well done;

- Sand Dune Spirits of Orrock who organized vendors for sampling: Bernick's, C&L Distributing, Lupulin Brewing, Rustech Brewing, Dahlheimer Beverage, Nordic Brewing. Also serving were Isanti Spirits and Headflyer Brewing.

"Please take time to thank these businesses for their time and offerings for our event," requested Andreen;

- George and Raquel Wallin for their donation of Vikings Raffle Tickets;
- Bill and Kim DeVries for donating one week at their Sunset Ridge Airbnb right here on Big Eagle Lake;
- Adam Kretsch for personally selling over \$1000 worth of Viking Raffle Tickets;
- Multiple BELIA members who also donated wine, spirits, silent auction items, including the Myers, Juarez, and Jones families, Steve and Wanda Hourscht, Leonard and Ann Witucki and many others. Without whom BELIA could not have had such a successful event;
- Rick Olson for creating and donating multiple cedar bluebird houses for habitat;
- George Wallin and members of the Events

Team who pounded pavements asking area businesses for donations to BELIA events.;

- Marcie Swanson who created the Minnow Race décor (ended up being goldfish). So creative! And to Bill DeVries and Kevin McClurq for creating the race runways;
- Brian Florip of 'Florip Workshop' for donating his fabulous PLINKO game;
- The BELIA Events Team for their work putting on the finishing touches such as the Silent Auction baskets and so many other things! Special thanks to Kristen and Mike Vigoren for running the PLINKO game and Sam and Dwight Buehler for staffing the Wine and Spirits Wall for the entire evening;
- Marie Johnson who carefully records the donations as they come in. This is a huge job and she keeps everyone on track;
- Jeff Johnson and Paul Ellinger who oversaw all things money. Things can get crazy, sometimes, it is so good to have people to count on (pun intended);
- The Board who tirelessly supports the efforts of your Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association.

"It is true that it takes a village to care for our lake and we thank you all for your support," Andreen concluded.

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# Editorials/Opinions

## How Much is Too Much?

When I was a kid, I would often grab one dollar, bike up to Bolla's bait shop across town (was Becker big enough to bike "across"?), and buy three Daredevils. From there, it was a short ride down then Co. Rd. 4 to the "one mile" bridge where I would spend countless hours casting in the Elk River for whatever would bite. On really adventurous days, I'd bike down County Road 23 to the "two mile" and on a rare occasion, I even made it to County Road 11 to try the "three mile".

Often, the lazy waters of the Elk would provide the chance at a Red Horse or a Northern Pike, the perfect species for a kid because they provided a mighty fight. Other times, I would bike back home without any fish but with some great tales of close encounters with snapping turtles.

Whether or not I caught any fish, I would always go home empty-handed when it came to Daredevils, because between fish stripping the lures off my line and the snagging of branches in the trees lining the river banks, the end of my fishing experience usually coincided with running out of lures.

Thinking back to those times makes me really ponder how much has changed in the world of the great outdoors. I wonder what it would be like if the Elk River was still accessible and fishable. Would the resource be able to support the increase in technology that has permeated every corner of the hunting and fishing market?

How much technology is too much technology



By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

when it comes to hunting and fishing?

I'll admit I am a bit old school and haven't invested in depth finders that cost thousands of dollars and seemingly mark the exact sizes and locations of fish (how long until the machine also tells us what they are hungry for?). I have also shunned buying motorized decoys for duck hunting and haven't yet decided to purchase a newer version of my old Vexilar.

Maybe it's an excuse for not being great at any hunting or fishing activity, but I just prefer to be in the woods, or on the lake, and am less interested in the technology side of things than I am in seeing something cool that nature has to offer.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy catching fish and harvesting a turkey or a deer, etc., but I haven't been able to fully embrace all of the technological advances that come along.

When it comes to deer hunting, I only now use a muzzleloader. It's way more of a challenge and I enjoy the peace and solitude of the late season hunt without seeing an army of orange coats in the field.

This year, however, I did make the leap into the

21st century and purchased a trail camera that hooks up to my cell phone. I know they have been around for several years, but I just wasn't sure how I felt about tracking the every move of wildlife near my stand in real time. It took me a few years, but when enough of my friends were sharing their photos with me, it piqued my interest and I decided to give it a try.

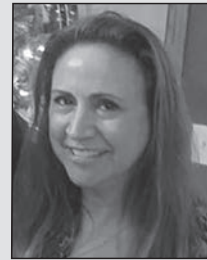
So far, I'm very happy with the decision and it's not breaking the bank. The camera itself was reasonable and I can get hundreds of pictures sent to my phone for less than \$15 a month. Besides, there's no contract with the cell company and with the toggle of an online switch, I can turn the camera off and pay nothing.

I still don't have an answer for how much technology is too much when it comes to fishing and hunting, but I have a feeling that once I have the ability to sit in my driveway and launch my boat drone, that might be the time I call it quits.

If it gets that bad, I'll grab \$20 bucks and head to the megastore to buy one Daredevil. With my luck, I'll lose it on the first cast.



## Chilling Words



By Penny Leuthard  
Contributing Writer

anger I've seen displayed even between people who are supposed to be friends is mind-boggling. Being an American, heck, just being a human being, shouldn't mean hating those who think, believe, or look the same way you do.

It doesn't look like it's going to get better anytime soon.

Can the government force citizens to receive the coronavirus vaccination against their will? Not specifically, but they can impose severe consequences for those that refuse. In fact, they already have. The President is requiring millions of workers to get vaccinated or be tested weekly. States, businesses, and organizations are starting to require inoculation or risk losing your job.

Thousands are choosing the latter, and unfortunately many of them are our frontline workers who we're already in short supply of — health care workers, police officers, and first responders.

How is anyone okay with this?

I'm not an anti-vaxxer. My children all received their

vaccinations at the recommended times, and in fact, belong to the first generation to receive the chicken pox (varicella) and HPV (human papillomavirus). A couple of weeks ago I went in to get the flu and shingles shots.

I'm not anti-vax, I'm pro-choice and pro-privacy. Everyone should have the choice to talk to their doctor and then make the decision that they're the most comfortable with, and everyone should have the right to medical privacy.

I don't blame people for being concerned about this new vaccine. It's less than a year old, not tested over many years like other vaccines have been before being released to the public. People are afraid of putting something into their bodies when there's been no opportunity for studies on the long-term effects.

This debate isn't really about a vaccine, it's about loss of personal freedom. If the government is allowed to tell people what they can do with their bodies what are they going to be allowed to do next? Being an American comes with the freedom of choice. If that freedom is taken away then it's not the America I want to live in. And sadly, some out there will say, "Good riddance."

So am I vaccinated? That decision is mine, and what I've chosen is no one's business except for my own.

## Becker Schools: Remember to Vote!

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Becker Public Schools.)

This November, the ISD 726 School Board is asking residents to consider two questions to improve Becker's schools:

Question 1 would improve safety and infrastructure, improve spaces for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and other educational spaces, provide more space for our students across all grade levels — including Early Childhood and School Readiness programming, and address other District-related needs including building a new transportation facility.

Question 2 would provide more space to serve our Early Childhood's Camp Opportunity program, ren-



By Supt.  
Jeremy Schmidt

ovate the existing vehicle maintenance area to serve as a multi-purpose space, make other District-related improvements including Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FFE), athletics lighting, and install synthetic turf on the multi-purpose field. Question 2 is contingent on the successful passage of question 1.

## Battling the Opioid Epidemic

(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Rep. Tom Emmer.)

Last week, we hosted our latest town hall in Montrose. It was great to see so many of you in person and have an opportunity to discuss the issues impacting Minnesota's families.

We covered several important topics during the town hall, one of which focused on the effects of the devastating drought our agriculture community has faced this year. As we recognized National Farmer's Day Tuesday, I hope all of you took a moment to appreciate the dedication of Minnesota's ag community and all the hardworking families who keep food on our shelves, and tables.

Our farmers face extraordinary challenges each and every day. Please take a moment to thank a member of our ag community today (or make an effort to get to know someone) and keep them in mind the next time you head to the grocery store or go out to eat.

We have another busy week ahead. I'm off to Washington for votes today but I hope you will read on to learn more about what we're doing to support Minnesotans.

### Fighting the Opioid Epidemic

For decades, our nation has been battling the opioid epidemic, which has claimed over 500,000 American lives.

Recently, I learned that the currently proposed criteria for medical reimbursement could limit patients' ability to access epidurals and other non-opioid forms of pain-management. The



By Congressman  
Tom Emmer

current proposal sets forth criteria which will significantly reduce the use of epidural injections and fails to consider the previously eligible patients in desperate need of pain management who depend on this procedure.

Why is this important? Epidurals are an important form of pain management that avoid the use of opioids that otherwise can become habit forming or are susceptible to abuse.

Last week, I sent a letter to Tamara Syrek Jensen, the Director of the Coverage and Analysis Group for the Centers for Clinical Standards and Quality, and Dr. Stephen Boren, the Medical Director for National Government Services to share my concern regarding the proposed local coverage determination (LCD) for epidural interventions and other non-opioid forms of pain-management.

Many of us know someone who has been impacted by the ongoing opioid epidemic. That is why I believe the federal government must reverse course and not limit the use of non-opioid interventional pain-management techniques. There is much

more to be done on the war against opioid abuse, and we will continue to do our part to ensure medical providers and patients have a range of options to choose from when determining the best way to manage pain.

### Supporting Local News

Recently, I joined local radio and television broadcasters as part of the Minnesota Broadcasters Association's Annual Membership Meeting. When the pandemic hit, our commutes to work may have stopped, but we continued to tune in to local TV and radio stations to stay connected to the shows we love, and to learn about lifesaving COVID-19 information.

In Congress, I launched the Congressional Broadcasters Caucus to give these broadcasters a voice in the federal government. As a former radio show host, I have seen how local broadcasts bring people together, keep communities informed, and serve as a marketplace for ideas and discussion.

This Congress, I am supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act which opposes new fees or taxes on local, free, broadcast radio which could jeopardize those very services upon which so many rely. This industry has been a vital resource for the last century, especially these past two years, and I will continue to do what I can to preserve local radio and TV.

It was great to spend time with some of Minnesota's best and brightest broadcasters.

## Rent Prices, Eviction Off-Ramp, Inflation

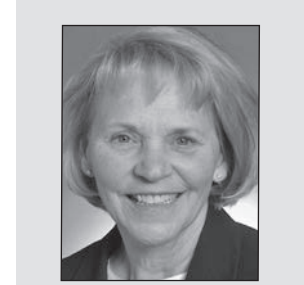
(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer.)

At the Legislature for the past year and a half, we have been focused on recovery from the pandemic. Personal, economic, and safe recovery is incredibly important, and without putting extreme effort into rebuilding our state, I am worried about what will follow.

### Rental Support

While renters have been able to stay in their rental properties without consequence for late payment or damage throughout the pandemic, the eviction off-ramp will change things rather quickly. Housing providers have had issues with the eviction moratorium, losing income, and potentially having their property destroyed by unruly tenants they were unable to evict.

Minnesota received significant federal funding for renters to pay their back rent and avoid issues with their housing. With \$672 million flooding our state, however, the RentHelpMN program is taking an unacceptably long time to get out the money to these Minnesotans in need. Close to 50,000 people have applied for assistance, totaling roughly 49,000 applica-



By Sen.  
Mary Kiffmeyer

tions, yet only 30% of those applicants have received the assistance. Finally, state housing officials have stepped up their efforts along with local nonprofits and state and local leaders, committing to speed up the vetting process to send this money out to those who need and deserve it.

If you need rental assistance, you can find more information and resources at [RentHelpMN.org](http://RentHelpMN.org) or call 211. If you are having ongoing trouble, contact my office at the number below.

### Cost of Living Inflation

A new issue facing Minnesota in all areas — urban, suburban, and rural — is the cost of living. Reports state 62% of voters feel their income is falling behind the cost of living. This crosses all socioeconomic boundar-

ies including both men and women, no matter their geographic location, concerned they will not be able to make a budget with the rising cost of housing. While the assumption might be that this is a significant problem in the Twin Cities, it is actually those in rural Minnesota who show the most concern.

Inflation is taking over our state with the price of housing exceeding the cost acceptable to meet their everyday needs. We pride ourselves in being a safe, comfortable, and livable state for all who want to experience the beauty of Minnesota. If Minnesotans are unable to afford to live here after generations of families, our state will lose valuable members of our communities.

As your state senator, I want to hear from you on these topics. There is so much going on in our state and your opinions and needs are what shapes our policy decisions during Session. If you would like to discuss this or any other legislative issue, I encourage you to reach out to my office. I can be reached by email at [Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN](mailto:Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN) or you can call me at 651-296-5655.



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# Clearwater/Clear Lake News



**FUN FALL EVENT.** Children and their families enjoyed a fall event last weekend at Norm's Farm Market. Pictured: Briar, Grady, Valerie and Matt Friedrich of Becker enjoying the great outdoors at Norm's Farm Market. Norm's pumpkin patch was available, as well as corn play tables and fun games for the entire family. The event also featured local food trucks such as The Kettle Shack (kettle corn and fresh squeezed lemonade) and Mac's Mini's food truck serving up fresh, warm mini donuts. Norm's Farm Market trailer was stocked with locally made baked goods, canned goods, and spices. Norm's Farm Market will remain open through October selling potatoes, onions and squash (in bulk), as well as local jams, honey, syrup, wild rice, pie pumpkins, carving pumpkins, Indian corn and many other items were also for sale. Norm's Pumpkin Patch will also remain open through the month of October. (Submitted photo.)



**FALL HARVEST.** (Above) Lifelong Sherburne County resident and farmer Norman Johnson (88) is pictured with his combine just north of Becker last week. (Submitted photo.)

## FUN TIMES AT NORM'S!



**PUMPKINS.** (Left) Zachariah and Elijah Ward and their fur pal Beau enjoyed Norm's Pumpkin Patch. (Submitted photo.)

## Clearwater's Sam Samuelson receives community service award

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

Clearwater resident Sam (Leonard) Samuelson was awarded the 2020 Mike Gifford Community Service Award this past summer for all the ways he's given back to his community over the years.

The award was presented by APi, the company that owns the Garage Door Co. where Samuelson has been employed for 35 years. The award was started in 2016 in honor of Mike Gifford, a vice president of another of APi's companies who, along with numerous other volunteer work, founded and runs the nationwide charitable organization, Living With A Cause. Gifford was the inaugural winner of the award.

According to APi, "This award honors an individual who truly embodies what it means to live life with a cause greater than oneself every moment of every day."

This past spring Samuelson was named as one of three finalists, all who were nominated for the award by the presidents of their respective companies. During APi Group's annual Leadership Summit in June Samuelson was announced as the winner.

"I was very honored and humbled by the award," said Samuelson. "Especially when you think about all the people who

work for the company."

Samuelson began donating his time and talents in the community with the Clear Lake Area Youth Baseball Association (CLAYBA). Along with being a head coach for the league, he was president from 1998 to 2008. As lead fundraiser he approached



REPRESENTATIVES FROM APi present Sam Samuelson (right) with the 2020 Mike Gifford Community Service Award. (Submitted photo.)

organizations such as the Lions and cities of Clearwater and Clear Lake for donations.

During the same time Samuelson also served on the Clearview Elementary School Site Council. He was instrumental in the building of four new Little League baseball fields, a concession stand, and a playground behind Clearview School. To cover costs he procured funds through the school district, city organizations, and ING. Along with contributing his own sweat equity, he arranged for the labor and

equipment to help in the construction of the fields.

Most kids and young adults in the community refer to Samuelson as "coach", as he has coached youth baseball, hockey, football, and basketball for 25 years. He also started full pad football for the fifth and sixth graders with bor-

parade, he and his wife, Candy, were honored with the title of Senior King and Queen of Clearwater to acknowledge all they have contributed to the community.

Samuelson's latest endeavor for the past few years has been Anna Marie's Women's Shelter. Each fall he hosts the Jessie's Wish BBQ Cook-off & Benefit at his home, from which all proceeds are donated to the shelter. The event has raised over \$45,000 along with other household items needed for the women and children who take refuge at the shelter.

Samuelson's service doesn't just include organizations. Two years ago a relative was in desperate fear of her son committing suicide. The son had a felony conviction for drugs, a ninth grade education, and was \$5,000 behind on child support. Samuelson took him into his home and helped him obtain employment. He's since been working at the job for over a year, is paying back child support, and should be off probation soon. Most importantly, he's now looking forward to the future.

Samuelson's community service work doesn't look to be slowing down any time soon. In fact, his two young granddaughters have already started playing hockey and basketball, and there is now speculation if "Coach Sam" is in for another round.

## Winterization class for homeowners comes to St. Cloud

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Rethos: Places Reimagined.)

Back by popular demand, Keeping the Weather Out: Homeowner How-Tos is the perfect class for home and property owners eager to get ready for winter. This workshop will show how to fix cracks and drafts, repair problem doors and windows, and practice the best basic winterization methods and techniques. Taught by local renovation specialist, Eric Cheever, this class is for anyone caring for an older home or structure.

The workshop will take place on Saturday, November 6th, 10 a.m. to noon, at a beautiful Queen Anne-style home near downtown St. Cloud built in 1886 by Frank Fandel, founder of St. Cloud's famous Fandels Department Stores. The yellow brick structure has seen vari-

ous remodels and alterations throughout the 135-years of its existence, making it the perfect setting to learn about energy audits, tuck pointing, and how older, existing buildings can be just as snug and energy efficient as newer homes and structures. A must for anyone looking to get ready for winter!

Held both inside and out, the workshop will teach practical and effective skills and techniques.

Class size is limited and masking is required. A boxed lunch will be provided following the class courtesy of the host, Peter Fandel.

General admission is \$20. Sliding scale admission options are also available. Register at [Rethos.org/classes](https://rethos.org/classes).

This class is brought to you by Rethos: Places Reimagined, and organized by the Morrison County Historical Society, its Central MN Education Coordinator. Rethos Education is financed in part by the State of Minnesota from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society.



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## Becker, Big Lake Schools celebrate homecoming

By Katherine Cantin,  
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Both Becker and Big Lake High Schools recently held their homecoming weeks. The *Patriot* congratulates the students who were elected as homecoming royalty this year.

### Becker

Becker's homecoming court was ruled by King Nick Berglund and Queen Za'Nya Baker. Kabir Bhakta served as prince and Adeline Kent was crowned princess. The other homecoming royals included Carter Callahan, Alexa Williams, Landen Goebel, Serena St. Denis, Ethan Anderson, Jazlyn Toedter, Luke Bordson, Alayna Moeller, Ty Hodel, and Tessa Maruska.

The student body had a packed week, beginning with coronation Sunday, Sept. 19. A week of dress-up days followed: Monday, Pajama Day; Tuesday, Country Vs. Country Club; Wednesday, Monochrome Day; Thursday, Tye Dye Day; and Friday, School Spirit Day. Friday also featured a pep rally and Powder Puff Game. The homecoming dance took place after the evening's football game.

### Big Lake

Big Lake's homecoming royalty was led by King Brett Bordwell and Queen Masyn Deckard. Other homecoming royalty included Hayden Thieke,



BRETT BORDWELL AND MASYN DECKARD were elected homecoming King and Queen for Big Lake at the Hornet homecoming football game. (Photo by Bill Morgan.)

Olivia Stockham, Trey Wagner, Mikaela Christensen, Christian Noble, Cassie Howe, Johnny O'Brien, and Jazmin Acuna Diaz.

During the week, the student body participated in several dress-up days, including: Monday, Class Color Day; Tuesday, Jersey Day; Wednesday, Crazy Hat Day; Thursday, Hawaiian Tourist Day, and Friday

THE BECKER HOMECOMING COURT was ruled by Queen Za'Nya Baker and King Nick Berglund. (Submitted photo.)

Blue and Gold Day.



## Veldman optimistic despite third injury

By Bill Morgan  
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Michael Veldman is just the type of quarterback every coach dreams about. Great size, quick release, strong arm and he's a winner. All those qualities helped him make the leap from successful high school quarterback to QB at Division III Gustavus Adolphus College.

Veldman has spent seven seasons in football beyond high school, six with Gustavus. He has battled through injuries and even a season thrown away because of COVID-19, but he's never given up. This year, Veldman was on the cusp of becoming the all-time passing yards leader for the Gusties, needing 414 yards to dethrone Jordan Stolp (2004-07) as the record holder.

In the Gusties' second game of the year against Wartburg Sept. 11 and on Gustavus's first possession of the third quarter, (trailing 10-7), Veldman found Matthew Kipper for a 77-yard touchdown. The 77-yard strike made Veldman the Gustavus football program's all-time passing yards leader, surpassing Stolp.

Veldman is also the program's record holder for career passing touchdowns with 87.

However, in Gustavus' third game of the season against Concordia and on the first series, Veldman suffered a Lisfranc injury in his right foot that required season-ending surgery.

The Lisfranc joint is the point at which the metatarsal bones (long bones that lead up to the toes) and the tarsal bones (bones in the arch) connect. The Lisfranc ligament is a tough band of tissue that joins two of these bones.

Injuries to the Lisfranc joint most commonly occur in automobile accident victims, military personnel, runners, horseback riders, football players and participants of other contact sports, or something as simple as missing a step on



MICHAEL VELDMAN set many school records before suffering a season-ending injury in Gustavus' third game of the year. He still hopes to be flinging the pigskin in the future at the next level. (Photo from Gustavus Adolphus website)

a staircase. Lisfranc injuries occur as a result of direct or indirect forces to the foot. A direct force often involves something heavy falling on the foot. Indirect force commonly involves twisting the foot.

"It may have been me planting my foot or someone stepping on it," said Veldman. "After watching film, I can't pinpoint the exact play it happened. I just remember it feeling weird and after a couple more plays I had to take myself out."

Veldman's doctor was Fernando Pena, an Orthopedic Surgeon at TRIA Orthopaedic Center in Bloomington, specializing in the foot and ankle surgery.

"The doctor said this injury was relatively minor in severity compared to others he has seen," said Veldman. "There weren't any displaced bones."

Veldman has risen

above his injuries and has stayed level-headed through his successes throughout his football career. He guided the Becker Bulldogs to a state championship in 2014 and the next fall, joined North Dakota State and as a freshman was redshirted and began practicing at a position that included current NFL quarterback Carson Wentz, who would eventually get drafted to the NFL. After transferring to Gustavus knowing another freshman was most likely going to take Wentz's spot, Veldman took the QB reins but was injured in the second game of the 2016 season when he fell awkwardly and broke his right wrist of his throwing arm.

That ended his inaugural season.

In the fifth game of the 2017 season, he was injured again when he hit a defender's helmet after releasing a pass and broke a knuckle on his throwing hand. Ugh. Season done.

However, he played in all 10 games of both the 2018 and 2019 seasons and was named first-team all-conference after setting passing records.

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## Liberty Paper Player of the Week

By Bill Morgan  
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Senior linebacker Joe Goth was named Player of the Week for his outstanding game in Becker's 31-7 win over Monticello on Friday night.

Linebacker coach Dr. Brent Scheideman said, "Joe played a huge part in Becker's ability to slow down the great running game of Monticello. He was making tackles from sideline to sideline.

I think he might be the most improved player on our team."



JOE GOTH was named Liberty Paper Player of the Game for his performance in the Oct. 8 game against Monticello. (Submitted Photo)



## Sports News

# Fun, festive senior night for girls soccer

By Bill Morgan  
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Becker’s 13 senior girls soccer players were given a tribute last Thursday prior to their match against St. Cloud Apollo at home.

The emotional tribute carried over to the game as the Bulldogs completely outplayed the Eagles throughout the match.

The underclassman presented large-head versions of the senior’s childhood photos. Each senior received playing time along with being introduced in the starting line up regardless of JV or Varsity status, and all 13 were honored again at halftime.

A special moment occurred as injured senior captain Sarena St. Denis started the game and received an ovation for her years of strong play. Soon after the game commenced, she was subbed out.

In the first half, Becker

saw themselves up 1-0 with 31:26 left when junior Hailey Szabla was in the right spot to tap in a corner kick from senior Cassidy Pauman. Becker made it 2-0 with 23:37 left as senior Alayna Moeller passed to senior Riley Norberg, who caromed the ball off a defender and in the net.

At 16:56, Szabla headed in a corner kick by senior Kennedy Rusin to make it 3-0 and

the shutout and they nearly scored again in the closing minutes, but senior goalkeeper Amanda Miner made a diving save on a penalty kick to secure the win.

Senior Megan Haessly had 15 clears and junior Rachel Fuller had 64% passing completion. Kent had 12 tackles

Becker senior Taylor May (starter) had six saves while junior goalkeeper Liz Mackendanz had four. Miner (who played the second half) had 12 saves. Apollo’s goalkeeper had nine saves.

“We started all seniors and they played with such speed and intensity,” said Head Coach Ben Strom. “Great way to end the regular season! Amanda’s last minute diving save of a PK was amazing!”

“This year’s senior night was one of my favorite soccer nights,” said Miner. “It started with amazing senior speeches, gifts, and pictures. Then it went on to a good game that we were all hyped for. It then came to a very exciting end when I saved a PK with about a minute left.”

“I was very nervous but also very excited and I had so much adrenaline,” Miner continued. “I could not have done it without the whole team cheering me on and everyone working so hard the whole game!”



THE 13 SENIORS FROM THE 2021 SQUAD are (left to right): Dakota Gay, Meagen Haessly, Taylor May, Cassidy Paumen, Adeline Kent, Chloe Fager, Imogen Mohler, Za’Naya Baker, Riley Norberg, Amanda Miner, Sarena St. Denis, Alayna Moeller and Kennedy Rusin. (Submitted Photo)

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the big red rigs. A 1936 vintage red Chevy Fire Truck was also on display for kids to climb upon and pretend to drive.

Ambulance crews were on hand to give tours of their special rigs and answer questions of the curious guests. The shooting of the fire hose was also a busy spot Sunday as kids got a first hand experience of using a real fire hose to direct water on structures.

Bouncy castles were outside the station on the lawn and kept the little ones entertained and everyone got a close-up view of a state trooper helicopter and Life Link ambulance as they landed in the grassy areas of the fire department.

All-in-all, the days were full of exploration and fun for all families of Central Minnesota.



FOUR-YEAR-OLD EASTON SYTSA OF BECKER stayed focused as he guided the fire hose on a wooden structure a few feet away. Easton was at the Becker FD Open House with his mom, Molly (not shown). (Patriot photo by Bill Morgan.)

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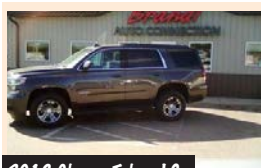
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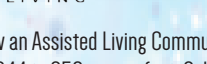
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# Boys soccer heads into Sections with momentum

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

The old adage says that a team wants to peak at the right time and it appears that could be the case for the Becker Bulldog boys soccer team and coach Nick Crowley. After starting out the season with a string of losses, the team turned things around and put together a nice win streak. As a reward, they earned a #5 seed in the section playoffs and traveled to Rockford for a Thursday night matchup with the #4 seed Rockets.

“Having lost to them earlier in the season 6-2, we are looking to flip the result around,” Crowley says.

Willmar drew the top seed in the section and will face the Big Lake Hornets, meaning a Bulldog upset of

the Rockets will draw a contest with the winner of that game.

### Royals

Becker faced an excellent opponent in the regular season finale, as last week Thursday they traveled to Watertown-Mayer to take on the 9-3-3 Royals. It was a back and forth affair all evening that resulted in a 1-1 tie and gave the Bulldogs a final regular season record of 7-6-2.

From the time the whistle blew, Crowley said it was an intense, nerve wracking game – the type of game he hoped his team would play in preparation for the playoffs.

Becker came out with determination and created two chances in the first 10 minutes, and then, on the third chance, they fi-



THE BECKER BULLDOG BOYS SOCCER TEAM recently honored its Seniors, Beau Biegler and Jakob Johnson, pictured here with Coach Nick Crowley. (Submitted photo.)

nally capitalized. Junior Chris Stich received the ball in the Watertown half and found junior Ander Alzaga in the box. Alzaga beat the first defender easily, and then as the second defender took him down, Alzaga got a toe on the ball to slide it just

under the diving keeper to make it 1-0 for the Bulldogs at the 16 minute mark.

Much of the momentum in the first half stayed with Becker, as they created a few more chances and played some spectacular defense.

“It was great to go into

half with the lead . . . we played really well,” Crowley said. “Owen Kolbinger and Kyle Vogl stayed steady on the back line and Nick Gruber had some good saves.”

In addition to the Bulldogs’ tough defense, Crowley said his offense was also clicking, despite not scoring against a tough Royal defense.

“Further up the field Kevin Vogl, Ander, and Micah Boyer were linking up very well,” Crowley said. “We looked like we could have put another one or two past them.”

As the second half started, the Royals changed tactics and came out with additional energy. Much of the game went back and forth, but with a brief period where the Bulldogs weren’t able to get out of their half.

“There are moments in every game where you have to weather a period of low possession or conceding shots, and we did well,” Crowley said.

However, a breakaway and a series of errors lead to a Watertown-Mayer goal and with 15 minutes left in the game, it was all even at 1-1 and eventually overtime ensued.

In the extra period, goalkeeper Nick Gruber kept the Bulldogs in it with some huge saves.

“They peppered us from the start of extra time to the end, but our defense held and we pulled off a positive result,” Crowley said.

Look for details of the Section tournament in next week’s Patriot.



## Go Small in the Fall for More Walleyes!

The old saying is “go big in the fall” for big fish. Well, that’s kinda true. Most do not have the guts to admit it—going small will catch you a ton more walleyes in the Fall—and that’s what anglers want. Pay attention Mille Lacs folks. The fact is, people come to Minnesota to catch and eat walleyes. After over 5,000 guide trips—that’s a fact! If anglers catch a bonus trophy walleye—great! But, the majority of the anglers would much rather catch a bunch of walleyes verses one big one! If you want to catch a large amount of walleyes throughout a day—then go small.

Each year, the Spring hatching patterns are controlled by weather, lake water temps, moon/ calendar phases, etc. Long story short, even after a long growing season, the majority of baitfish are not that large. I’m talking crappies, walleyes, ‘gills—many of the species anglers are after. The baitfish these fish are pursuing are not big! Half inch up to two inches on average—especially now a days. Throw in a few 3”-4” perch and you have a plan!



By Captain  
Josh Hagermeister

That’s why my presentations will usually out-fish most anglers five to one. I purposefully use baits that are 1-3” long—no matter what it is. The entire image/silhouette that the fish see (and we really do not know how they see things in the water) has to match the size of the baitfish currently in the ecosystem.

As far as minnows go, I do not use minnows from early June until around mid-October. Then the minnows will come out. I’ve actually caught a ton of fish on

crawlers with surface temps down to 39 degrees. Use your judgment. Remember, I am a fishing guide and anglers want to catch lotsa fish—hence my slogan—Lotsa Fish! Lotsa Fun! I know it’s not proper grammar. I did it on purpose just to make my college professors squirm. Hee Hee. Most are dead now. Anyway, even if I’m using a crawler I’m pinching it short to “match the hatch.” Throw

golden.

The color red in nature means injured, wounded, easy meal, etc. Done deal. This small in the fall theory applies to weed fish or deep fish. If you truly want big fish only, then use a 5-9 inch minnow of just about any kind. Suckers are great, Red tails are over-rated in my opinion, so I feel Rainbow chubs are a perfect economic compromise. Active, hard to kill, cheap, and one “gulp” and the fish has the hook—which is easy for most anglers to be effective using.

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## Netters pick up first M8 win

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the Becker Bulldog volleyball team hosted St. Francis and celebrated their annual “Pink Out” game by picking up its first M8 Conference win of the season, 3-2, over the Saints.

“What a great way to celebrate our pink out by getting the team’s first conference win,” said coach Patty Lindbom.

The pink out theme has become a common way that high school sports are showing solidarity with those in society who have had to battle against cancer. Against the Saints, the Bulldogs’ flashy style matched their offensive performance, as they put together their best overall team performance of the conference season.

Game scores for the evening showed the Bulldogs nabbing the win, 25-16, 22-25, 14-25, 26-24 and 15-6.

Lindbom’s team showed excellent offensive balance, as Cami Ramola led the way with 14 kills, while Evelyn Krefit contributed 12 in a .385 hitting performance. Alexa Williams added nine kills for the Bulldogs, while Alexis Goebel had seven.

Setting up the hitters all night was Maya Wenner, who netted 34 assists and kept the offense running smoothly.

Defensively, the Bulldogs had four blocks apiece from Goebel and Krefit as the pair showed fortitude at the net all night long. Lily Dewall had 15 digs and Alexa Williams added 19.

### Thunder

Monday, evening, the squad put together another nice overall effort and came away with a 3-1 win over the Zimmerman Thunder.

After falling 23-25 in the opening set, the Bulldogs came roaring back and swept the next three by scores of 25-23, 25-18 and 25-18 for the team’s second win in a row.

As a team, the Bulldogs picked up 14 ace serves and 44 kills for an overall excellent offensive effort.

Krefit and Ramola paced the hitting attack with 10 kills apiece, while Ramola added four ace serves and 11 digs.

Williams had a nice all around match, scoring seven kills and three ace serves, while Maya Wenner continued her steady performance

at the setter position with 30 assists, three digs, two blocks and four kills.

Other performers included Alexis Goebel with five kills, Dewall with 10 digs, Lily Berger with five kills, Taylor Storlien with four assists and two digs, Skylee Blomquist with 10 digs and Kate Mehelich with nine digs.

### Bison

Tuesday night, Becker traced the Buffalo Bison and fell behind quickly 2-0 by scores of 25-15 and 25-16. The Bulldogs battled back, however, for an exciting 28-26 win in the third game and seemed to regain some momentum. The fourth game ended in the Bison’s favor, 25-14, and Buffalo picking up the 3-1 win.



The Becker Bulldog volleyball team hosted St. Francis last week in their annual “Pink Out” game. The team sported pink t-shirts and all the accompaniments as a way to raise awareness for those who are or have battled cancer. (Submitted photo.)

## Bulldog swimmers, divers end regular season

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog swimming and diving team finished up its regular season in the past week with a win over Cambridge-Isanti and a loss to the Monticello Magic.

With the split, Becker finished the dual meet portion of the season with a record of 7-3 and some major momentum heading into the playoff portion of the schedule.

### Bluejackets

In last week Thursday’s win over Cambridge-Isanti, Becker took first in every event to run away with the impressive victory.

“The girls swam very well tonight,” coach Tina Tamm said after the meet. “Taking first place in every event showed a great overall team effort.”

The Bulldogs were impressive in the relay events, as Laila Cook, Grace Wynia, Delaney Varney and Avery Maunu won the 200 Medley, while Tia Schaap, Sarah Woelfel, Grace Wynia and Meghan Swanson placed first in the 200 freestyle relay.

In the 400 freestyle relay, it was Maunu, Schaap, Varney and Cook who brought home the victory for the Bulldogs.

Varney also picked up a pair of wins in individual events (200 freestyle and 100 butterfly), as did Meghan Swanson (500 freestyle and 50 freestyle).

Cook became the third Bulldog with a pair of individual wins, as she finished first in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 backstroke.

Schapp finished first in the 100 freestyle, while Wynia topped the pack in the 100 breaststroke for the Bulldogs, who also picked up the win in diving behind a strong performance from Sarah Woelfel.

### Magic

In Tuesday’s loss to Monticello in the regular season finale, the Bulldogs took the opportunity to let the girls try some new events. It serves as a chance for the swimmers to experiment with something new they would like to try and gain some valuable experience.

“In going to Monticello, we know it’s going to be tough to win so this is the one meet a year when the girls swim ‘off’ events and they get a break from their usual events,” Tamm said. “It gives them a chance to try a different event and see how they do.”

“We ended the regular season with a record of 7-3 and the girls are ready to head into the postseason,” Tamm said.

Becker was scheduled to host the True Team meet on Friday and Saturday (Oct 15 & 16), while the following weeks will be spent getting the team ready for Sections.

“Next week we will start training for the Section meet that will be held here in Becker from November 11 to the 13th,” Tamm said.

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# Sports News

## Hornets CC do well at Becker

By Bill Morgan  
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The Big Lake Hornet harriers traveled to Becker to compete in their invitational and preview the Section 5AA Championship course last Tuesday.

The team had another great weather day and took advantage of it with some great runs.

“The middle school and JV season are quickly approaching the end, and so it is great to see so many of the runners really hitting their stride,” said Hornet Head Coach Todd Trutna. “Our training has been going great and our runners just keep getting stronger. Our varsity runners made a lot of mental notes to use when we compete on this course again at the end of October.”

The varsity girls took seventh place as a team and were again led by sophomore Emilee Doperalski in 25th place with a time of

22:39. Freshmen Campbell Slattery and Erin Kjellberg were the next across the line for the Hornets. They were followed by Samantha Burton, Rylie Ostrom, Nicole Rempel, and Jadyn Rust.

The JV girls team finished in fifth place as a team. Olivia Potter had one of her best races of the year in the JV girls race. Olivia’s time would have put her into Big Lake’s top five varsity runners. Georgia Morris also ran well, breaking out of the pack early and leading many Hornets to move out of their comfort zones and push the pace.

The boy’s varsity team took another team title, beating their Monticello rivals 36-51. Senior Christian Noble ran a strong

race and had the individual win, a 10th of a second in front of teammate Owen Layton in second. Junior Kade Layton and Freshman Jack Leuer also finished in the top 10 with fifth and ninth place finishes. David Guysse and Tannon Jacobson were both in the top 20 which helped to seal the win for the Hornets.

In the JV race, Luke Hugo had his best race of the season and finished in fourth place. Carter Erickson and Matthew Denzen were the other two Hornets in the top 20 of the JV race. Isaiah Prom also had a great race and finished with a PR by over a minute.

The boys JV team finished in third place as a team.

The Big Lake Middle School team finished third as a team. Alton Ahamed finished in second place overall with Gavin Flavin also finishing in the top 10. Trent Erickson finished 15th.

**Up Next**  
The Hornets will be back at it next Tuesday as they travel to Princeton.

## Bulldog Tennis upsets Falcons, advances to Section final four

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

It took a total team effort last Thursday evening and nearly three hours, but the Becker girls tennis team knocked off perennial power Foley by a score of 4-3 to earn the chance to play in the Section Final Four and a chance at the state tennis tournament. The win avenged an early season loss to the Falcons, who had handily defeated the Bulldogs 6-1.

“The girls really have been playing their best tennis, and that was the case on Thursday night,” Coach Nate Bucher said. “We always have really great competitions against Foley and even though they won our first meeting at the very beginning of the season 6-1, both teams always know it could end up in the other team’s favor on another night.”

In the south sub-section finals win over the Falcons, Becker was able to win three singles matchups that each went three sets. The match itself started at 7:30 p.m. and didn’t end until 10:17 p.m. at the Sartell Sta-Fit tennis bubble.

Number two player Ayla Brown won a 6-4, 3-6, 6-0 match to give Becker its first singles victory, followed by Dani Nuest’s come from behind, 6-7, 7-6, 7-5 nail biter in the #3 match.

“Dani played an outstanding three set match that was somewhere in the neighborhood of three hours,” Bucher said. “She was hitting the ball the best she’s hit all year!”

Bucher said that Nuest’s opponent is a tough

competitor who literally tracks down every ball and keeps it in play, making her difficult to beat.

“So Dani had to go deep into the point before she could come away with a winner or forced error,” Bucher said of the marathon match.

Picking up the final singles win for Becker was Lauren Croal, who scored a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 victory.

In the doubles category, Jazlyn Toedter and Julia Peterson won their #1 team match which was the difference maker for the Bulldogs and good enough for the 4-3 upset. Set scores for their match were 6-3, 6-4.

“We love competing against Foley and this is exactly what we were working towards throughout the season,” Bucher said. “We also didn’t have the pressure to win like Foley did, which gave us a greater opportunity to hit a little more free.”

**Willmar**  
In order to earn a berth against the Falcons in the sub-section finals, Becker had to first take on the Willmar Cardinals and the Bulldogs came away with the 6-1 win earlier Thursday.

It was a clean sweep of the singles matches for Becker, with Maddie Moe, Brown, Nuest and Croal picking up wins in straight sets.

In the doubles matches, Faith Gott and Madison Bass teamed up in the #2 spot for a 6-2, 6-2 victory before Kennedy Drehmel and Lily Anderson dominated their #3 opponent 6-0, 6-3 to seal the win.

“We always talk about winning and losing as a

team,” Bucher said. “It takes every single person to play their position even if they don’t come away with a win.”

**Individuals**  
In addition to the team competition, the Bulldogs also participated in the individual sub-section tournament last Friday and Saturday.

Maddie Moe captured the south sub-section singles title with a total of four match wins from her #2 seed position.

Moe’s match scores were 6-0, 6-0 over her Sauk Rapids opponent, followed by a 6-2, 6-0 win over Olivia Bauerly of St. Cloud Tech. She also picked up a 6-1, 6-2 win over Allison Bruhn from Willmar and a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Faith Simon of Annandale. Moe will now compete today (Saturday) in the Section Finals for the chance to go to the state tournament.

In the doubles competition, Dani Nuest and Ayla Brown teamed up to place second in the South Sub-Section and they will also compete in the Section Finals for a chance at the state tournament.

**EGF**  
The Bulldogs opened team section play on Friday against East Grand Forks at 2:30 p.m. Should the Bulldogs win, they will face the winner of the St. Cloud Crush / Bemidji semifinal match for the chance to compete at the state tennis tournament.

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## Blast from the past at CC meet

By Bill Morgan  
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The Becker boys and girls cross country teams welcomed 12 teams to Becker Oct. 5 for the annual Becker Invitational held at the Local 9 of the Pebble Creek Golf Course. The event served as a preview event for the Section 5AA teams as Becker is scheduled to host again for the Section Championship meet Thurs., Oct. 28.

“We are so grateful for all of the helpers that really made this meet happen as there were a lot of partnerships needed for it to be successful,” said Becker boys



THE JUNIOR HIGH BOYS AND GIRLS SQUADS gathered at the line before the start of the race on their home course last Tuesday. (Submitted Photo).



KATELYN BROWER, TASHA BERTHIAUME AND BROOKLYN KAREL kept pace at last Tuesday’s meet on the Local 9 Golf Course at Pebble Creek. (Submitted Photo).

head coach Dustin Weege. “We appreciate the Pebble Creek staff, the community center, the police department, school administrators and staff, the pep band members and director, parents, families, friends, and additional helpers. We are certainly blessed with so many great people here in town and it was fun to see so many shining!”

**A Blast From the Past**  
“It was neat as well as some history of Becker CC came out during the event with the race timer being Bob Schneider, who had coached the Bulldogs in the past,” Weege said.

Another coach, Steve Whitaker served as the starter for the day and Jon Tweten was set to make an appearance.

“It was fun to gather some reminiscent stories

from Ron Hubbard and others as they spoke about racing around ‘in the field’ that used to exist on the site of the meet prior to the golf course and community center being added,” Weege said.

“There were stories being shared about state place-winners Jackie and Charlene Hubbard (’82 state champion and ’83 state runner-up) and the state teams of 1982 (placed fourth in state) and ’83 (placed third) while 1997 state entrant Jesse Babler ran around the course.”

The Gudmundson’s (Linda and Scott) reflected on the many section meets that have been held in town including that of the 2004 state girls team which placed fifth in state and returned to state in 2005 and again in 2008.

“The familiar faces of the Lahr family also ventured around the course,” said Weege. “There was a lot of Becker cross country history going on there, and the Bulldogs are excited to continue to make more history.”

**Boys CC**  
The racing for the day started off with a group of youth runners that stepped up to take on the one-mile youth run challenge. The young runners raced around the course with some blazing fast times and they demonstrated some positive prospects for future Bulldog harriers.

“I loved seeing them on the course,” said Weege. “I am always grateful to see student-athletes working hard to achieve positive goals.”

The runners were chasing the lead cart which had a plastic bone hanging from the back of it while the Bulldogs were “chasing the prize”.

The next group chasing the prize was the junior high runners as they made two laps on the course. The boys and girls started their race together but were scored separately for the day. The Becker junior high boys team had stellar performances from the runners as they gained the first place team spot on the day. All eight of the junior high runners managed to be in the top 35 with Mason Tschida, Tanner Felton, Evan Hubbard, and Parker Spindler in the top 10.

In the Varsity realm, the Bulldogs placed fifth

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# Bulldogs romp Magic, 31-7 on Tackle Cancer night

By Bill Morgan  
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The Bulldogs improved to 6-0 with a dominant win over Monticello last Friday night on Tackle Cancer night.

Nick Berglund was the offensive star of the game as he reeled in three TD scores to help the Bulldogs rout the Magic, 31-7.

Both teams ran nearly the same amount of plays (Becker 54, Monticello 57) and had just about the same amount of rushing yards (Becker 136, Monticello 138), but Becker soared through the air with 134 passing yards compared to Monticello's 53.

Hokan Bengtson's defense continues to shine as they gave up only seven points Friday and now have given up just 40 points in the six games (that averages to about 6.6 points a game). They forced four turnovers (three fumbles and one interception).



THE BULLDOG DEFENSE celebrated one of the three times they recovered a fumble during last Friday's game against Monticello. (Left Photo, the crowd at Eppard Field was decked out in shades of pink for the Tackle Cancer event. (Photos by Sara Waytashek)

rolling in the first quarter when he found Berglund open from 39 yards out to start the scoring. Bengtson would finish the game 11-of-18 for 134 yards and three TDs.

Still in the first quarter, Bengtson again found Berglund from 16 yards out to pad the lead at 14-0 heading into the final 12 minutes of the first half.

The Bulldogs would score twice in the second quarter, once when Carter Callahan barreled into the

end zone from one-yard out to help his team go up 21-0. Then, Ryan's brother, Zach capped the first half scoring when he nailed a 27-yard field goal to make it 24-0.

In the third, Bengtson and Berglund hooked up for the third time, this time from five yards out to finish Becker's scoring at 31. Monticello would add a late TD to spoil the shutout when Carson Kolles ramblined from 24 yards out to make it 31-7.

Callahan finished the ground game with 74 yards on 14 carries and the one score. Kabir Bhakta had 33

yards on four carries and Mason Rach gained 21 yards on nine carries.

Berglund had the three TD scores and caught four passes total for 65 yards. Alex Weiss had five catches for 51 yards.

On defense, Joe Goth was flying all over the field as he had nine tackles and one assist and one tackle for a loss. Ethan Anderson had six tackles and one assist and also had the interception while Dylan Weber had four tackles and three assists.

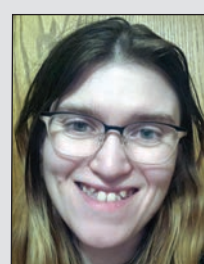
Adam Jurek, Ethan Orgon and Dailen Aduyamfi had the three fumble recoveries.

Becker wore bright pink uniforms during warmups and donned pink socks and sleeves for the game in honor of people they know who have or are going through the struggles of cancer. The stands were packed with a sea of pink as well.

## Up Next

The Bulldogs have two regular season games left in the season, both on the road. Friday, they hit the road for St. Cloud Apollo (3-3) and on Oct. 20 they play at Willmar (5-1).

# Here's to Fall Sports!



By Mariah Holland  
Contributing Writer

Fall has officially hit and that means its football, hockey, and basketball season. This is obviously my favorite time of the year since it's hockey time, my favorite sport no doubt. I also added another reason to this list and that is, I got married on the first of October! The timing was great for all the colors to be beautiful and everything went perfect! My husband actually surprised me with a gift while we were taking pictures, it's a signed Kirill Kaprizov jersey! I couldn't believe it and am still ecstatic!

Back to sports, clearly the Wild made news with Kaprizov signing and their season just getting underway. But who I really want to discuss a little bit is the Minnesota Vikings, who are having a rough start to their season, as of Tuesday evening they were 2-3, just coming off a close win over the Detroit Lions.

In my list of favorite sports, football probably ranks second. I don't watch a lot of it but when I start watching I usually end up staying until the end. I would have to say my favorite team is of course the hometown Vikings. A few years back when I was really into football, my second favorite team was the New York Giants because of Eli Manning.

My team is now just the Vikings and from what I've heard, things are pretty rough for them this season, but it's just getting started. They still have 12 games left and are nearly at .500 for a record. Yes, that's not great but things could be worse, they could be 0-5. At least they have a couple wins under their belt and they just need to find the momentum to build off of them.

I'm not familiar with a lot of the names on their roster but I am a fan of both Adam Thielen and Dalvin Cook. Obviously, I've heard a lot about these players because they're some of the best the Vikings have. Back when Randy Moss, Chris Carter, Jared Allen, and Chad Greenway played, I knew most of the names on the roster but of course times change.

The one thing that doesn't seem to change is the Vikings fanbase. Some can be quite cynical sometimes but they are for sure one thing; loyal. They may not be happy with their team but they'll never give up on them. My parents are prime examples, especially my mom. No matter how many times she'll complain about her team or be disappointed at an outcome, she's the first one to cheer when something goes right and would never give up on them.

Growing up, she'd be the one turning the tv on the football game and demanding no one change the channel, even if there was Wild hockey on at the same time, this led to some arguments when I was in high school. However, it's also where I got my team loyalty from. No matter how many upsets my teams have, I'll never not cheer for them, the Wild included.

On another hockey sidenote, the National Hockey League's 32nd team started play this week that team being the Seattle Kraken.

I have to say I'm a fan, they're a good, dynamic team that just needs to work out the bugs but in their first game they gave the Vegas Golden Knights a run for their money. The Kraken came back from a 3-0 deficit to tie it, but went on to lose, 4-3. Not a bad outcome for their first regular season gamecheck them out!

Here's to fall weather and fall/winter sports. Can't wait for some bonfires, chilly weather, and everything fall!

By Bill Morgan  
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The Hornet football team traveled to Hutchinson last Friday night and were shutout for the fourth straight game.

The Hornets have now scored just 18 points in their

six games and dropped to 0-6 for the 2021 season.

Friday, it was all Hutchinson as they improved to 5-1 with a TD in the first quarter, two in the second and two in the third. All five TDs were runs of 25, seven, two, three and one.

Big Lake QB Tyler An-

derson was seven-of-eight for 82 yards and two interceptions. Big Lake just managed 99 yards total to Hutchinson's 312. The Hornets committed five turnovers (three fumbles and two INTs) and had a half a dozen penalties in the game.

Trent Josewski was Big Lake's top runner with 12

yards on nine carries. Jonah Mallberg was the top receiver with three receptions for 42 yards including a 19-yarder.

Hutchinson's Levi Teetzel gained 136 yards on 14 carries and had two TDs. AJ Ladwig had 119 yards on 14 carries and two scores.

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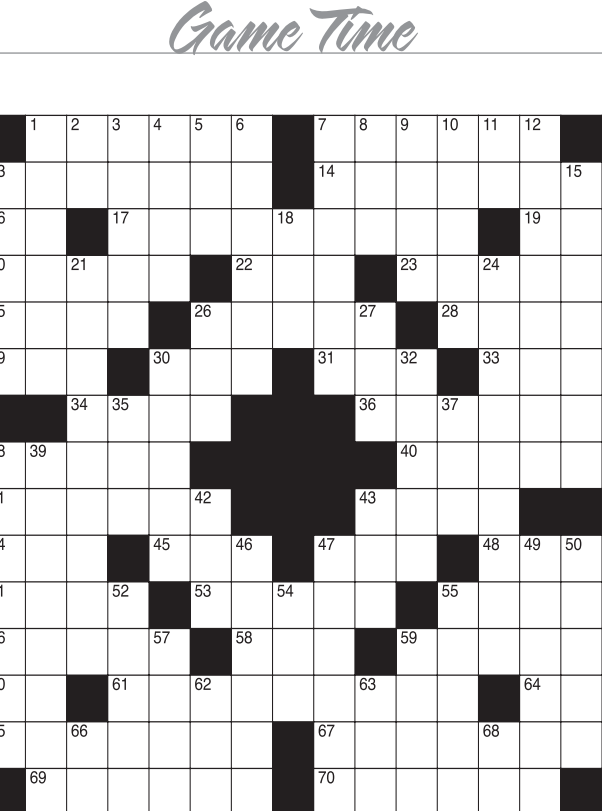
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  - » Veterinary Technician Week (10/17-10/23)
  - » National Chemistry Week (10/17-10/23)
  - » National Character Counts Week (10/17-10/23)
- Mon. - Oct. 18, 2021:**
  - » **BHS: HS Conferences 3:30-7pm**
  - » **BIS: Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7pm**
  - » **ECFE: Early Childhood Screening (10/18-10/19)**
  - » National Chocolate Cupcake Day
  - » National Nuclear Science Week (10/18-10/22)
- Tues. - Oct. 19, 2021:**
  - » **BMS: Fall Conferences 3:15-7pm**
  - » **BIS: Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-7:30pm**
  - » National Pharmacy Technician Day
  - » National Seafood Bisque Day
- Wed. - Oct. 20, 2021:**
  - » **BS: No School, Fall Break**
  - » **BLS: K-5 No School, Student/Teacher PD Day**
  - » Medical Assistants Recognition Day
  - » Moon Phase: Full Hunter's Moon
- Thurs. - Oct. 21, 2021:**
  - » **BS: No School, Fall Break**
  - » **BLS: MEA, No School**
  - » **CVS: No School, Professional Conferences**
  - » National Get Smart About Credit Day
- Fri. - Oct. 22, 2021:**
  - » **BS: No School, Fall Break**
  - » **BLS: MEA, No School**
  - » **CVS: No School**
  - » National Color Day
  - » National Nut Day
- Sat. - Oct. 23, 2021:**
  - » National Boston Cream Pie Day
  - » Scorpio, The Scorpion (10/23-11/21)

(Becker High School=BHS / Becker Middle School=BMS / Becker Intermediate School=BIS  
Early Childhood Family Education=ECFE  
Big Lake School=BLS / Clearview School=CVS)



# Announcements

## Becker Area Announcements

### Becker American Legion Auxiliary

The auxiliary meetings are suspended from Oct. 2021 - Feb. 2022, we will start meeting again in Mar. 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paula Hinds (President) at (763) 262-6679 or see John Riebel or Nellie Simpson in town.

### Becker American Legion Post 193

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

### Becker AA Meeting

Becker Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thurs., 8pm at Mary of the Visitation, 12100 Sherburne Ave, Becker. For information, call/text (320) 247-4732 or email [beckeraagroupmn@gmail.com](mailto:beckeraagroupmn@gmail.com)

### Becker Boy Scout Pack 92

**Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum**  
Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer located near Becker True Value. Paper & cardboard recycling location is at the Becker Community Center, please remember to flatten the cardboard & absolutely no garbage on the first Sat. of every month. There will be a Scout there to help unload between 9am-12pm. Thanks for your support!

### Becker Evangelical Ministries

Every Wed., 6-7:30pm 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.BECKERFREECHURCH.ORG (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

### Becker Food Shelf

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

### Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild

Meet 2nd Mon. of month at 7pm. Becker Baptist Church. Contact Elizabeth Steckelberg (320) 259-9542.

### Becker Lions Club

Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 7pm at Becker City Park. Dale Seavert (320) 290-5342.

### Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

The Becker Lions are collecting used eyeglasses (no cases please) and hearing aids. Collection buckets are located at the Becker Community Center, Insight Eye Care and Becker Food Pride. We are no longer collecting used cell phones or printer cartridges. If you have any questions please contact Lion Dale Seavert at (320) 290-5342 (phone or text) or by email at [djseavert@gmail.com](mailto:djseavert@gmail.com).

### 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.

### Becker 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](http://www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org).

### Dementia Support Group

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

### Great River Faith in Action

If you are a senior, age 60 & above, family caregiver or an individual in need of services, Great River Faith in Action can provide volunteer transportation, chore services & grocery shopping assistance, as well as caregiver groups. Call (763) 263-0274 or after hours (763) 263-4277.

### Santiago Lions

#### Trunk or Treat

Oct., 30, 2021, 1-3pm, Drive through @ Santiago Park. Bring camera - photo opportunity. Meet Gus the goat!

### Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events

Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. 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.

### Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

The Refuge is open to visitors year-round during the daylight hours. The Refuge is located at 17076 293rd Ave, Zimmerman. Call (763) 389-3323 or [sherburne@fws.gov](mailto:sherburne@fws.gov)

## Big Lake Area Announcements

### Big Lake Ambassador

"Empowering young ladies of Big Lake to be women of tomorrow through Community Service. To promote leadership, professional development & personal growth with an opportunity to earn an educational scholarship. Core Values - Honesty, Respect, Loyalty & commitment." Information about program email: [biglakeambassadors@gmail.com](mailto:biglakeambassadors@gmail.com) or [biglakejuniorambassadors@gmail.com](mailto:biglakejuniorambassadors@gmail.com).

### Big Lake American Legion Post #147

Meets the first Thurs. of the month @ 7 pm. Community Room by the Big Lake Police Station, 790 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake 55309. Please contact Commander Paul Seefeld (612) 801-7731.

### Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

Mon., 7pm at the Church of Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, Big Lake. Big Book Study, Handicap Accessible. Questions? Contact: Rob, (763) 218-5328.

### Big Lake Al-Anon

Meetings held Mon., 7pm at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church - Big Lake Annex, "lawn chairs outdoors when weather permits." Newcomers encouraged - we are a very welcoming group! Laurie (763) 218-5330.

### The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

Meets the first Tues. Mar.-Dec. at 7pm in the Senior Citizen Center at Big Lake City Hall. Please contact Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for information.

### Big Lake / Becker Mops

Mother's of preschoolers Group meets the second & fourth Wed. of the month (Sept.-May) at Becker Baptist Church, 9-11:30am.

### Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

The Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon meets at 6:30pm on the third Mon., of each month in the Community Room adjacent to the Big Lake Police Dept. & the Big Lake Library.

### Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meets second Tues. of each month at 11am. Meetings via Zoom due to COVID. Contact Recreation & Communication Coordinator Corrie Scott at [cscott@biglakemn.org](mailto:cscott@biglakemn.org) or 612-297-6331 for meeting links or questions on the Committee Website: <https://www.biglakemn.org/443/Big-Lake-Bicycle-Advisory-Committee>.

### Big Lake Community Food Shelf

The Big Lake Community Food Shelf hours of service are Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-7:30pm & Wed. 9-11am. We also serve clients every "Freebie Friday" from 11:30am-12:30pm., providing produce, dairy, & bakery goods. Our new, "Pop-up Pantry", from 11:30am-12:30pm every Tues. To volunteer call (763) 263-2432 or [www.blcfs.org](http://www.blcfs.org).

### Big Lake Day of Prayer

Big Lake meets year round the

first Wed. of the month, at 7am for a prayer breakfast at Big Lake High School flagpole.

### The Big Lake Lions

Looking for community minded people to join our organization. If interested in getting involved with our organization, please contact any Lion member or send a note to P.O. Box 128, Big Lake, MN 55309 or (763) 263-2218.

### LC of Big Lake Lioness

If you are interested in learning more about the LC of Big Lake Lioness you can catch us on FB: [www.facebook.com/BigLakeMnLionessClub](http://www.facebook.com/BigLakeMnLionessClub), or attend any meeting held the second Mon. of the month at the *Lions Park* on CR5. social starts 6:30pm, meeting 7pm. All are welcome to attend to learn more about the club.

### Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Big Lake Living Clean NA meeting Sun., 7pm, Bridgeview Assembly of God Church, 20500 Co. Rd. 11, Big Lake, MN, (763) 482-1695.

### Big Lake Women of Today

Hold a monthly general meeting at Senior Activity Center located in the Big Lake City Office Building on the 3rd Thurs. of the month @ 7pm. Contact Natalie @ (612) 518-3504 or find us at Facebook or [www.biglakewomenoftoday.webs.com](http://www.biglakewomenoftoday.webs.com).

### God's Grub Community Meal

Second Sun. of every month, 4:30-6:30 pm. Saron Lutheran, Big Lake, 311 Lake Street South. Served curbside, ready to go.

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

We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.

Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

### Moms in Prayer

Meets weekly to pray for their children & the school they attend. Information: [www.momsinprayer.org](http://www.momsinprayer.org) or Colene Stenberg (763) 263-6809 or [stenbergjc@outlook.com](mailto:stenbergjc@outlook.com)

### Orrock Sand Dunes Lions Club

Our mission to improve Orrock & the surrounding areas! Contact us at: [osd.lions@gmail.com](mailto:osd.lions@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/OrrockSandDunesLionsClub](http://facebook.com/OrrockSandDunesLionsClub).

### Soup-n-Sip Fundraiser

Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 147 & Lupulin Brewing is hosting a Soup-n-Sip fundraiser, Sat., Oct. 23, Lupulin Brewing. Interested in competing in the soup contest? Call or text (763) 245-9926. Email your request to [ala\\_unit147@outlook.com](mailto:ala_unit147@outlook.com).

Public soup tasting begins at 4:30 until gone. Tickets will be sold for the tasting. Raffles too! All proceeds benefit the veterans in our community.

## Clear Lake / Clearwater Area Announcements

### Clear Lake Legion

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

### Clear Lake Lions

Meets the first & third Tues. of the month at 4180 105th Ave., Clear Lake at 7:30pm. Please contact any Lions member or one of the officers listed on our website: [www.clearlakelionsmn.org](http://www.clearlakelionsmn.org)

### Clear Lake Lionesses

The Clear Lake Lionesses is a non-profit organization of women who support the people of the local area. We have monthly meetings from Mar. to Nov. For information call (320) 743-3534.

### Clear Valley Business Connections

Meets quarterly on the 2nd

Thurs. of the month from 11:30am-1pm at various locations. Glenna Sonnenker, President, (320) 267-4361, [clearvalleybc@gmail.com](mailto:clearvalleybc@gmail.com).

### Clearwater AA/Al-Anon

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

### Clearwater AA Meeting

Meets Mon. nights, 7pm at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 CR 75, Clearwater. (612) 801-7317.

### Clearwater Area Friends of the Library

Clearwater Area Friends of the Library are currently accepting donations of gently used books, DVDs & CDs for their used bookstore located in the Clearwater Library. Donations are tax deductible & can be dropped off at the Clearwater Library.

Textbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, outdated medical books, magazines, & moldy books cannot be accepted. All proceeds from the sale of used books are used to support the programs, services & equipment of the Clearwater Library.

### Clearwater American Legion Post 323 & Auxiliary

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

### Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

Open Mon. 5:30-7pm, Tues. 9-11am & 6-8pm, Wed. 3-5pm & in the brown Lions Community Building beneath the water tower in Clearwater. We service residents of Clearwater & Clear Lake.

### Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous

Meets at 7pm, Wed. night at Clearwater United Methodist Church, 405 Main St. Clearwater. (612) 607-4484.

### Clearwater Masonic Lodge No. 28

Meets first & third Sat. (Sept-June) at 7:30pm. 205 Oak St, Clearwater. [www.clearwater28.com](http://www.clearwater28.com).

### Free Grace Recovery

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

### Lions Club of Clearwater

Meets second Tues. of the month at 8pm. Clearwater Lions Pavilion. [www.clearwaterlionsmn.com](http://www.clearwaterlionsmn.com)

### Love 2 Hope

Free human trafficking awareness workshop. Wed., Oct. 20, 2021, 6-7:30pm. Tri-County Alliance Church. 8464 160th St. NW, Clearwater, MN 55320. (320) 558-2750, email: [teachurch@frontier.net](mailto:teachurch@frontier.net) or [www.tcchurch.com](http://www.tcchurch.com)

### Young @ Heart

Community Young@Heart will meet on the third Thurs. of every month at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 Co. Rd. 75, Clearwater, MN. Join us: 10:30 to meet & greet old & new friends, 11:30 lunch (suggested donation), 12pm program.

Program for Oct. 21, 2021 is Grocery Bingo. Prizes are community donated food items, gift certificates, etc. Please call Rejoice at (320) 558-6851 for reservation. We'd appreciate knowing who's coming, so we have a meal for everyone.

## Miscellaneous Organization Announcements

### Every Child Deserves a Family! WE NEED YOU!

Sherburne County is recruiting Foster Homes! Family Foster Care offers a temporary home until children can be safely reunited with their families or achieve permanency through kinship care or adoption. Foster Care is the 24-hour care of a child in a home that meets the child's basic need for food, shelter, clothing, medical & dental care, privacy, safety, & adult supervision. Children enter Foster Care whose

families are experiencing difficulties, have special medical, emotional, or developmental needs or who struggle with their own issues such as mental health, behavior, or truancy. Foster Care is the least restrictive out-of-home placement option & most likely a family setting.

Please contact: Chelsea Doherty (763) 765-4033 or [chelsea.doherty@co.sherburne.mn.us](mailto:chelsea.doherty@co.sherburne.mn.us).

### FREE - Advocates for Independence

First & third Wed. of the month 2-4pm 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 - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

(PD) Support Group invites you to "Coffee & Conversation" the last Wed. monthly at 10am 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.

### Medicare's Open Enrollment

Medicare's annual Open Enrollment Oct. 15-Dec. 7. Open Enrollment period allows you to make changes to your current Medicare plan & your Part D drug plan. The changes you make will take affect on Jan. 1, 2022.

It's a great to evaluate your needs with Medicare. Savings with health care coverage, qualifying for any State or Federal programs that assist with medical expenses. Senior LinkAge Line® is a great resource! (800) 333-2433 or [mn.gov/senior-linkage-line](http://mn.gov/senior-linkage-line). Other resources: [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov); [ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov); [minnesota-help.info](http://minnesota-help.info).

### Mental Health Discussion Group

Meets Mon., 6-7pm 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 1-2:30pm 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](mailto:info@riversofhope.org). Free & confidential. Phones answered 24/7.

### United Methodist Women's Annual Fall Bazaar

Community United Methodist Church, 9224 Jason Ave NE, Monticello. Sat., Nov. 6, 9am-3pm. Lefse, Bake Sale, Used-a-Bit, Rada Knives, Mae Spencer Pottery, crafts, home items, gifts, fall, winter, holiday decor & more.

Due to COVID restrictions lunch will NOT be served. Please wear a mask.

### Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent

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

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

## Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

### BASC at Becker Community Center (BCC)

<b>Mon., Oct. 18:</b>	Open All Day 5am - Coffee's on 10am - Cribbage 5:30pm - Library Book Club
<b>Tues., Oct. 19:</b>	<b>9am - CITY PARK ALL DAY</b> 11:30AM- Potluck Birthday Lunch & Music by Kevin Wegman
<b>Wed., Oct. 20:</b>	Open All Day 5am - Coffee's on <b>10am - Walk the Fall Colors</b> <b>Nordic walking; signup, poles BCC</b> <b>1pm- BASC Activity Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs., Oct. 21:</b>	9am- Coffee, Cards, Conversation 11:30- Is your android or iPhone smarter than you? Help is Here! <b>(with Jade? zoom or in person)</b>
<b>Fri., Oct. 22:</b>	Open All Day 5am - Coffee's on
<b>Sat., Oct. 23:</b>	<b>Barktoberfest Saturday at City Park</b> <b>11am-3pm. Visit BASC booth for pet treat.</b>

Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271

BASC Coordinator: Carol Brunn

Activity Coordinator: Pat Throlson

Blood Pressure available whenever BASC is open

Send activity/class opportunities to:

[basc.becker@gmail.com](mailto:basc.becker@gmail.com)

## THE VOLUNTEER BRIDGE

### RSVP / The Volunteer Bridge Transportation Assistant

So many individuals struggle getting to and from medical appointments, social visits, and to stores for necessary shopping. Volunteer to help transport those who can no longer drive around the Elk River and Big Lake area. Volunteers set their own schedule and can drive for any clientele or be matched with one service receiver. Background checks are required for all drivers.

### Tax Helper with Tri-CAP

We are almost upon the tax season. Help this year by ensuring consumers have the correct documents, answer customer questions, greet at tax sites, and/or help in reviewing taxes. There is an option for everyone at tax sites! Training is provided in January 2022, and the tax sites will be in Elk River and St. Cloud. Pick your own schedule and participate in a rewarding opportunity.

### Activities Assistant at Keller Lake Commons

If you enjoy being social with others, this could be the perfect option for you. Volunteer to help in various activities in this senior living facility, ranging from chair exercise, movie night, yard games, and even during a coffee social. The sky is the limit on what type of activities a volunteer can do to brighten the days of residents!

If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:

**AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP**

**763-635-4505**

[heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.us](mailto:heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.us)

[SherburneUnitedWay.org/Volunteer](http://SherburneUnitedWay.org/Volunteer)

## Big Lake Senior Center

The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake St. North.

We would love to have you join us for card games, refreshments & conversation.

For More Information Call:

(763) 309-1010 and/or

(763) 263-7134



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### Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Pastor: David M. Johnson, 763-262-7782, 11185 27th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship 9am, Sun. School 10:30am, Wed. J.U.M.P. 6pm.

### Becker Baptist Church

Pastors: Nathan Bucher (Acting), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. Of Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am, Wed. Youth Group 6:30pm. [www.beckerbaptist.org](http://www.beckerbaptist.org).

### Becker Evangelical Free Church

Pastors: Patrick Drury (Senior), Chris Salvevold (Youth), 763-261-4125, Becker High School, Office: 11373 150th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Teaching/Fellowship 10am.

### Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month. (Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays in Big Lake).

### Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 10am.

### Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God

Pastors: Gerry Bass & Sarah, 763-220-6004, 13140 1st St (SW Corner of Becker Furniture World). Services: Sun. Bible Study/Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.

### Snake River Free Church

Father: Steve Johnston, 612-219-8648, 180th St SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Sun. School 10:30am., Hymn Sing is second Sun. of every month.

### Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church

Pastor: Ken Hanson, 763-262-2177, 15455 59th St SE. Services: Sun. Praise & Worship 9:30am, Wed. Family Fellowship 7pm.

### Beacon House of Prayer

Pastors: Brian & Linda Holmes, 763-263-3771, 12264 Pleasant Ave. Services: Thurs. Worship 6:30pm.

### Free Grace United

Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, 14000 Clubhouse Ln. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

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### Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

Pastor: Bill Nixon, 763-263-2287, 20455 187th Ave NW. Services: Sat. Worship 9am, Sat. Sabbath School 10:15am.

### Bethany Bible Church

763-263-2167, 511 Eagle Lake Road. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.

### Bridgeview Assembly of God

Pastor: Steve Royalty, 763-263-6274, 20500 County Road 11. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Service 6:30pm.

### SVEA Hill Covenant Church

Pastor: Don Bellach, 763-263-6322, 16392 235th Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

### Cornerstone Baptist Church

Pastor: Gordon Langdon, 763-263-7878, 15300 County Road 35.

### Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock

763-263-7990. [www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com](http://www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com).

### IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE Living Love Church

Pastors: Juan & Patricia Aguayo, 763-607-5403, 21 Lake St N. Services: Sat. 6pm.

### Lord of Glory Lutheran Church

Pastor: Marty Mably, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10am.

### Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm; Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays in Becker).

### Riverside Church

Online: [www.myrcc.church](http://www.myrcc.church), 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Ser-

vices: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.

### Saron Lutheran Church

Pastor: Kyle Sidlo, 763-263-2209, 311 Lake St. S. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am, indoors or livestream.

## • SANTIAGO

### South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am in Sanctuary Worship, 10am in Sanctuary. Audio broadcast in parking lot for both services.

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School**  
Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.

### Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Pastor: Shari Routh, 920-573-0193, 1100 186th Ave NE. Services: Sun. Good Shepherd 9am, Sun. Glendorado 10:30am.

### Gethsemane Church (ELCA) - Ronneby

Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

### Glendorado Evangelical Country Church

Pastor: Sam Alfano, 763-662-2244, 16999 Glendorado Road NE. Services: Sun. School 9:30am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

## • CLEAR LAKE

### Living Waters Church

Pastor: Mark Stahl, 320-292-0250, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Wed. Bible Study 6:30pm.

### Trinity Lutheran Church

### Missouri Synod

Pastor: Josh Reber, 320-743-2919, 8641 Main Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 8:45am, Sun. School 9:45am.

### St. Marcus Catholic Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. 8am.

## • DUELM

### St. Lawrence Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502 or 320-743-2481, 10915 Duellm Road NE. Services: Sun Mass -- Jan-June 10am, July-Dec. 8am.

## • CLEARWATER

### Clearwater United Methodist Church

Pastor: Alison Hendley, 320-558-2581, 405 Main St. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am.

### Freedom Bible Church

605 Lime St. (Old Clearwater Post Office). Services: Sun. Bible Study 9:30am & 6pm, Sun. Worship 10:45am, Wed. Bible Study 7pm.

### Rejoice Lutheran Church - ELCA

Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am.

### Church of St. Luke

Father: Dennis Backer, 320-558-2124, 17545 Huber Ave NW. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8am & 10am, Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8am/Sat. 9am.

### Tri-County Alliance Church

Pastor: David Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

## • SILVER CREEK

### Immanuel Lutheran Church

Pastor: Ken Tatkenhorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am

### Silver Creek Community Church

Pastor: Zach Pryor, 320-963-3957, 4282 114th St NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am, Sun. Fellowship 10am, Sun. School 10:30am.

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## Obituaries

**Linda Sue Doering, Age 73**  
**Henderson, NV**  
**April 6, 1948 - September 27, 2021**



1948, in St. Cloud, MN to Fred and Vivian Doering of Becker, MN.

Linda is survived by her brother Russ and his wife Nancy. Her brother Rich and his wife Marcia. Linda is also survived by her daughter Dawn Doering and Grand-daughters Chelsea and Callie Ramer.

She is so loved and will be missed by many family members and friends. Plans for a celebration of life will be at, a later date, in the Spring.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Palm Mortuary in Nevada.

Linda was born April 6,

Our family is sad to announce that Linda Sue Doering passed away peacefully in Henderson, Nevada on September 27, 2021.

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ASSUMED NAME: Lee's River-  
side Auto

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-  
NESS: 15526 Adam Street Elk  
River MN 55330 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):

Name:  
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Address:  
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/s/ Steve Simon  
Secretary of State  
(Published in the Patriot:  
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## Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case File No. 71-PR-21-62  
Case Type: Informal Probate  
In Re the Estate of  
James R Howe,  
Decedent (Deceased Person)

Notice of Informal Probate  
of Will and Appointment of Per-  
sonal Representative and Notice  
to Creditors

TO ALL INTERESTED  
PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an  
application for informal probate  
of the above-named Decedent's  
Last Will dated 1/28/2013 has  
been filed with the Probate Regis-  
trar, and the application has been  
granted. Notice is also given that  
the Probate Registrar has infor-  
mally appointed the following:

Name: Kenneth D Howe  
Address: 5554 150th Ave -Becker  
MN 55308

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 pursuant to  
Minn. Stat. § 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 to the 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, sub-  
ject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all  
creditors having claims against the  
Estate are required to present the  
claims to the personal representa-  
tive or to the Court Administrator  
within four (4) months after the  
date of this Notice, or the claims  
will be barred.

Dated: 07/30/2021  
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka  
Court Administrator  
(Published in the Patriot:  
10/09/21; 10/16/21).



## School Districts Public Notices

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 726  
(BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS) MINNESOTA  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been  
called and will be held in and for Independent School District No.  
726 (Becker Public Schools), Minnesota (the "School District"), on  
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00  
p.m. to vote on the following questions:

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1  
APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL  
OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

Shall the School Board of Independent School District No. 726  
(Becker Public Schools), Minnesota, be authorized to issue gen-  
eral obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed  
\$37,500,000, for the purpose of providing funds for acquisition and  
betterment of school sites and facilities, including but not limited  
to, remodeling and equipping of various educational and program  
spaces, remodeling and equipping of career and technical education  
facilities, addressing various deferred maintenance and infra-structure  
needs, constructing and equipping of an early childhood extension  
at the Primary School, constructing and equipping of additional  
classrooms at the Middle School, constructing and equipping of a  
transportation facility, and construction of secure entrances at all  
school sites?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION,  
YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX  
INCREASE.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 2  
APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL  
OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS

If School District Ballot Question 1 is approved, shall the  
School Board of Independent School District No. 726 (Becker Pub-  
lic Schools), Minnesota, be authorized to issue general obligation  
school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,800,000, for  
the purpose of providing funds for acquisition and betterment of  
school sites and facilities, including but not limited to, constructing  
and equipping of additional early childhood classrooms and remodel-  
ing to create a multi-purpose space as part of the early childhood  
extension proposed in Question 1, installing synthetic turf at the  
existing multi-purpose stadium field, installing lighting at various  
baseball and softball fields?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU  
ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Combined Polling Place: Becker City Hall  
12060 Sherburne Avenue  
Becker, Minnesota 55308

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent  
School District No. 726 located in Sherburne, County.

Any eligible voter residing in the School District may vote at  
said election at the polling place designated above. The polls for  
said election will open at of 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. on  
said election day.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the  
special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the  
polling places on election day.

Dated: August 18, 2021  
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
/s/Ryan Obermoller, Clerk  
(Published in the Patriot: 10/09/21; 10/16/21).

## Township Public Notices

### CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP FALL ROAD TOUR

Notice is hereby given, the Clear Lake Township Board of  
Supervisors will conduct the Fall Road Tour on October 19, 2021.  
Participants will meet at the Clear Lake Township Hall at 4:00  
pm. Any resident with a concern may email the Town Clerk at:  
clearlaketwp@hotmail.com  
(Published in the Patriot: 10/16/21).

## Sherburne County Public Notices

### AMENDMENT TO THE SHERBURNE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO 002 ORD NO – 260

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners adopted ORD  
NO-260 by amending the Sherburne County Zoning Ordinance as  
it relates to Setback Averaging and Vegetated Alteration including  
amendments to:

Section 5 Definitions and Rules of Language Constructions,  
Subdivision 2 Definitions add Setback averaging.  
Section 14, Shoreland Overlay District, Subdivision 5.2 (A)  
Dimensions, Design and Utilities add clarifying language.  
Section 14, Shoreland Overlay District, Subdivision 3.1 (A)  
Permit Required add clarifying language.

This provision was passed by the Sherburne County Board of  
Commissioners on the 5th day of October, 2021. A complete copy  
of this Zoning Ordinance Amendment is available for viewing at  
the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Office, 13880 Business  
Center Drive, Elk River, Mn, and is duly filed with the Sherburne  
County Auditor upon the publication of its enactment.

Signed:  
/s/ Raeanne Danielowski, County Board Chairperson  
Attested by:  
/s/ Bruce Messelt, County Administrator  
(Published in the Patriot: 10/16/21).

### Planning & Zoning Administration NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Special Meeting is hereby provided pursuant to Min-  
nesota Statute § 13D.04 Subd. 2.

The Sherburne County Board of Adjustment will hold a special  
Board of Adjustment Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on October 26, 2021 at  
the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center  
Drive, Elk River, Minnesota to consider the following applications.  
A hearing will not begin before the time set.

HEATHER & DOUG SROKA: Requesting a 30' variance in  
setback from a bluff for a septic system upgrade. Required setback  
from a bluff is 30'. Address: 4385 109th Ave SE, Clear Lake, Mn  
Legal: Wildwood Addition Lot 5 & S ½ of Lot 6, Block 1 Sec 22,  
Twp 35, Rge 29 .59 Acres Palmer Township Agricultural District  
and within the Recreational Development Lakeshore District of  
Briggs Lake.

HEATHER & DOUG SROKA: Requesting a 10' variance in  
setback from the OHWL of Briggs Lake for a septic system upgrade.  
Required setback from a recreational development lake is 100'. Ad-  
dress: 4385 109th Ave SE, Clear Lake, Mn Legal: Wildwood Addition  
Lot 5 & S ½ of Lot 6, Block 1 Sec 22, Twp 35, Rge 29 .59 Acres  
Palmer Township Agricultural District and within the Recreational  
Development Lakeshore District of Briggs Lake.

HEATHER & DOUG SROKA: Requesting an 8' variance  
in setback from the side property line for a septic system upgrade.  
Required setback from the side property line is 10'. Address: 4385  
109th Ave SE, Clear Lake, Mn Legal: Wildwood Addition Lot 5 & S  
½ of Lot 6, Block 1 Sec 22, Twp 35, Rge 29 .59 Acres Palmer Town-  
ship Agricultural District and within the Recreational Development  
Lakeshore District of Briggs Lake.

HEATHER & DOUG SROKA: Requesting a 16' variance in  
setback from an existing house for a septic system upgrade. Re-  
quired setback from the house is 20'. Address: 4385 109th Ave SE,  
Clear Lake, Mn Legal: Wildwood Addition Lot 5 & S ½ of Lot 6,  
Block 1 Sec 22, Twp 35, Rge 29 .59 Acres Palmer Township Agri-  
cultural District and within the Recreational Development Lake-  
shore District of Briggs Lake.

The above hearings are open to you and any interested person,  
in opposition to or support of the request. The hearing of this request  
is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know  
of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason has  
not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform  
them of this hearing.  
(Published in the Patriot: 10/16/21).

## Sherburne County Sheriff's Activity Report Week of 10/04/2021 - 10/10/2021

The following individuals have been booked into  
the Sherburne County Jail for the alleged of-  
fense(s): Jenny Marie Milczark, 39 of Sturgeon Lake,  
MN 55783 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Mandy Lynn  
Herr, 38 of Coon Rapids, MN 55448 - GM interfere  
with 911 call, MSD domestic assault & MSD DWI.  
Erika Teresa Martinez-Rivera, 46 of Zimmerman,  
MN 55398 - MSD domestic assault. Ivan Rome-  
ro-Rodriguez, 28 of No Permanent Address - FEL  
4th degree criminal sexual conduct. Kenneth Byron  
Hall, 31 of Becker, MN 55308 - MSD domestic as-  
sault. April Blodgett, 29 of Big Lake, MN 55309 -  
MSD domestic assault. Nichole Anne Marie Gehring,  
40 of Elk River, MN 55330 - GM child endanger-  
ment/neglect. Andrew James Vi-  
zenor-Smith, 32 of Minneapolis,  
MN 55406 - FEL receiving stolen  
property & Washington Co. war-  
rant. Ashley Renae Whetstone, 31  
of Minneapolis, MN 55416 - FEL  
receiving stolen property. Aaron  
Jonathon Gaffke, 33 of Little Falls,  
MN 56345 - FEL Flee in MV, pos-  
session of stolen property & Mor-  
rison Co. warrant. Peter Lowell  
Moss, 40 of Elk River, MN 55330  
- MSD domestic assault. Shealyn  
Jean Bruflodt, 34 of Princeton, MN  
55371 - GM 4th degree assault on  
police, 2nd degree DWI - test refusal,  
obstructing with force, MSD open bottle & expired registration.  
Courtney Lee Ramberg, 28 of Buffalo, MN 55313  
- MSD harassment restraining order violation. Mark  
Allen Pipenhagen, 42 of Little Falls, MN 56345 -  
FEL 5th degree drugs, Anoka Co. & Crow Wing Co.  
warrants. Michaela Rae Delong, 32 of Little Falls,  
MN 56345 - FEL 5th degree drugs and a Crow Wing  
Co. warrant.

Citations Issued: 1 Traffic - Careless Driving - Oper-  
ate any vehicle carelessly on street or highway, 1  
traffic - duty to drive with due care - speed greater  
than reasonable, 12 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 7  
traffic - speeding - exceed limit 55 mph where appro-  
priate, 1 traffic regulation - driver approaching inter-  
section fails to yield right of way, 1 traffic regulation  
- driver fails to stop for stop sign, 1 traffic regulation  
- failure to stop at stop signs or stop lines at entrance  
to through highway, 1 traffic regulation - driver must  
carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, 1  
traffic-driver's license-driving after suspension, 6



traffic-driver's license-driving after revocation, 2  
chips runaway, 1 domestic abuse - violate order for  
protection, 1 assault-5th deg-inflict or attempt bodily  
harm, 1 domestic assault-misdemeanor-commits act  
to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death, 2  
disorderly conduct - brawling or fighting, 2 sale/pos-  
session/explode/advertise/use fireworks. **Total: 41**  
**Calls for Service:** 14 theft, 1 theft – motor vehicle, 1  
assault, 1 drugs/narcotics, 1 crimes against fam-  
ily, 1 DWI, 5 disturbing the peace, 7 harassment, 2  
property damage, 1 weapons, 1 crimes against ad-  
ministration of justice, 2 trespass, 7 fraud complaint,  
2 animal lost, 1 missing person, 3 animal found, 4  
property found, 2 abandoned vehicle, 7 accident –  
mv personal injury, 4 accident – mv  
property damage, 1 accident – mv  
property damage hit & run, 1 acci-  
dent – vehicle v. animal, 2 conser-  
vation, 5 dog complaint, 1 dog bite,  
1 fire – dwelling, 1 fire – commer-  
cial, 1 fire – vehicle, 1 fire – grass,  
1 alarm – fire, 30 medical, 8 mental  
case, 1 alarm – medical, 1 miscella-  
neous public, 7 domestic, 11 public  
assist, 26 agency assist, 5 alarm –  
security, 19 civil complaint, 143  
officer initiated traffic stop, 14  
traffic complaint, 1 garbage/litter-  
ing, 10 suspicious person, 8 sus-  
picious vehicle, 11 juvenile complaint, 22 security  
check, 36 extra patrol, 1 loud music complaint, 14  
check the welfare, 1 ATV complaint, 2 shooting com-  
plaint, 1 fireworks complaint, 7 jail medical, 2 jail  
medical guard, 36 paper service, 1 recovered stolen  
motor vehicle, 11 suspicious activity, 1 down signs,  
3 hazardous road conditions, 1 hazardous materials,  
13 miscellaneous officer, 3 background check, 3 war-  
rant arrest, 25 transport, 1 pick up orders, 2 predatory  
offender registration, 7 911 hang up, 6 court book &  
release, 2 extradition, 3 juvenile runaway, 3 public lift  
assist, 8 vehicle lockout. **Total: 592**

**Sept. 28th:** Joey Streeper on 325th Ave NW in Blue  
Hill Twp. reported the theft of a compound bow,  
arrow, & accessories from his vehicle. Estimated  
value of the items is \$1,870.

**Oct. 1st:** Jacob Wermerskirchen reported the theft of  
a 2012 Vendicks King radio from the DNR Office on  
Fremont Ave in Zimmerman.

# Local LAW Enforcement

## Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service – Jail Bookings Oct. 4, 2021 – Oct. 10, 2021

**Call for Service Summary:** Total Calls for Service  
for Week: 179; 2021 Calls for Service: 8,709; Traffic  
Stops/Enforcement: 47; Citations: 3; Arrests: 3; Med-  
ical Emergency Calls: 11; Mental Health/ Check Wel-  
fare: 9; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 5  
**BLPD Arrests:** April Blodgett – (Age 29 – Big  
Lake, MN) – Domestic Assault; Michaela Delong –  
(Age 32 – St. Cloud, MN) – Felony Warrant. Felony  
Controlled Substance; Mark Pipenhagen – (Age 42  
– Pillager, MN) – Felony Warrant.  
Felony Controlled Substance  
**Sun., Oct. 10, 2021:** 600 Blk Rose  
Dr. - Theft - Suspect fled after  
shoplifting, located and detained,  
issued summons for Theft and  
issued Trespass Notice; 600 Blk  
Rose Dr. - Assault - Report of an  
assault having occurred, investiga-  
tion ongoing.  
**Sat., Oct. 9, 2021:** 40 Blk Lake St.  
S. - Assault - Report of an assault  
having occurred, investigation on-  
going.  
**Fri., Oct. 8, 2021:** Hwy 10/Eagle  
Lake Rd. N. - DWI - Driver reported  
to be impaired, found to be under the influence of  
alcohol, arrested and Charges pending; 100 Blk Jef-  
ferson Blvd. - Trespassing - Report of a suspect at  
property who was not welcome there, suspect re-  
moved by officers; 300 Blk Fern St. - Trespassing  
- Report of a suspect at property who was not wel-  
come there. Party left before Officer arrival; 198th  
Ave. NW/CR 43 - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic  
violation and found to be under the influence of alco-  
hol. Arrested and citation issued.



**Thurs., Oct. 7, 2021:** 5000 Blk Mitchell Rd. - Do-  
mestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic  
disturbance, on individual found to have been as-  
saulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Do-  
mestic Assault.

**Wed., Oct. 6, 2021:** 700 Blk Martin Ave. - Trespass-  
ing - Report of a suspect at property who was not  
welcome there, suspect located and issued trespass  
notice; 200 Blk Leighton Dr. - Vandalism – Officers  
dispatched to vandalism done to ve-  
hicle, investigation ongoing; 19000  
Blk Engle Wood Dr. - Juvenile  
Complaint - Report of disorderly  
juveniles, mediated by officers.

**Tues., Oct. 5, 2021:** Tarry Town  
Rd./Katrina Ln. - Cancelled IPS  
Driver - Driver stopped for a traf-  
fic violation, found to be Cancelled  
Imminent to Public Safety.

**Mon., Oct. 4, 2021:** 300 Blk Fern  
St. - Property Damage - Report  
of damage done to fence. Investi-  
gation ongoing; 100 Blk Henry  
Rd. - Property Damage - Report  
of damage done to garage. Investi-  
gation ongoing; 600 Blk Minnesota Ave. - Juvenile  
Complaint - Report of disorderly juvenile, mediated  
by officers; 600 Blk Minnesota Ave. - Harassment  
- Officers investigated harassment via text message/  
phone calls; Hwy 10/165th Ave. SE. - Felony Nar-  
cotic Arrest, Felony Warrant Arrest. Vehicle stopped  
for traffic violation. Felony narcotics located and  
both parties with felony warrant. Both parties booked  
into jail, see bookings for charges.



## DEADLINES

Notices &  
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