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KARE 11 ANCHOR RANDY SHAVER was the featured speaker at a Becker Bulldog football summit this week in Becker. See the story on page 7. (Photo from KARE 11 website).

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The Clearwater Legion Riders donated thousands to veteran's organizations following their annual spaghetti dinner last month. See the story on page 2.

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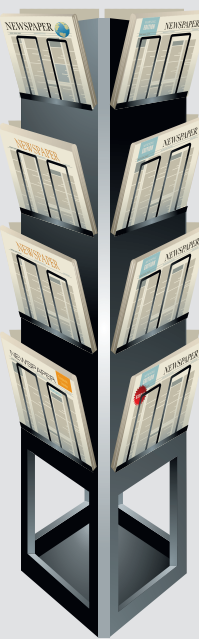
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Jensen a surprise visitor to SOS rally



DR. SCOTT JENSEN (RIGHT), gubernatorial candidate, made a quick stop at the Save Our Sherco rally last Saturday in Becker. Jensen called for the coal plants to remain online to ensure that Minnesotans have affordable and reliable energy. Looking on were State Rep. Shane Mekeland, MN Senator Andrew Mathews and CAE energy policy fellow Isaac Orr. (Patriot Photo by Mark Kolbinger).

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Over 100 local residents converged last Saturday on Becker High School for the Save Our Sherco (SOS) rally, which included

a quick campaign stop by gubernatorial candidate Scott Jensen.

State Rep. Shane Mekeland and State Sen. Andrew Mathews sponsored the rally, which included a presentation by noted en-

ergy expert Isaac Orr, a policy fellow at the Center of the American Experiment.

Mathews started the rally with a brief history of the Sherco issue, which in-

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Santiago Lions host firefighter's pancake breakfast



RON AND SUSAN PETERSON were all smiles at Santiago Lions breakfast Sunday, October 9 at Santiago town hall. (Submitted photo.)

By Mary Nehring,
Contributing Writer

Santiago Lions hosted a Firefighter's pancake breakfast and bake sale at Santiago town hall Sunday, October 9. A steady stream of customers were treated to delicious pancakes, a build-your-own omelette bar, french toast, sausage links, scrambled eggs, milk, juice and coffee. Attendees enjoyed having breakfast

with local firefighters. Fire truck rides were given, as well as tours of the fire station. Demonstrations were given and children received gift bags. The event was sponsored by Santiago Lions. All proceeds will go towards helping people in need in Santiago and the surrounding area.

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BELIA fundraiser a smashing success

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Last weekend, the Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association (BELIA) held a Beer and Wine and Silent Auction Fundraiser at The Buff in Big Lake.

They had a great turnout for multiple taste samplings of beer, cider, wine, and spirits. Four tables of Silent Auction items were on display and multiple games to entertain and move the evening along.

Congratulations go out to Patrick Donnelly, winner of the Vikings Game tickets (thank you Wallins) and Paul Johnson who won the Sunset Ridge week vaca-

tion (thank you DeVries); and Nicole who won the event's new favorite, the Boat Race.

The BELIA would like to thank all the donors who helped to make the evening possible and they include: Advanced Styling Salon & Spa, Andrea Mikulec, Asian Cafe, Applebees, Avalon Salon of Elk River, Becker's Beauty by the Lake, Bernick's Beverages, Big Lake Lumber, C & L Distributing, Cambo Flare, China Buffet (Monticello), Chow Mixed Grill & BBQ, Cocoa Maas, Connexus, Cub Foods, Culvers of Monticello, Daddy-O's Café, Dahlheimer Beverage Inc., Dairy Queen,



YOUNGSTERS GOT INTO THE THEME OF THE EVENING as they posed for pictures at the photo booth at the event. (Submitted Photo).

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MN JETS PARTNER WITH BAHR'S HAUNTED ACRES

Submitted article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Minnesota Jets.)

Bahr's Haunted Acres has partnered with the Minnesota Jets cheerleading youth association and Taste of Terror. The annual Haunted Trail will be open again, every Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Chevy's Pit returns to Big Lake with their scary menu, along with the Minnesota Jets offering their Taste of Terror concessions. Enjoy bonfires, food, and fun, before tempting fate by when entering the woods!

Cost this year is \$10 for admission, or, \$5 for any First Responder, Active



BAHR'S HAUNTED ACRES, in partnership with the Minnesota Jets, promises to bring big scares and creeps galore in the name of raising funds for the local cheerleading team. (Submitted photo.)

Duty/Veteran, or Educator (including their family - have an ID ready). Proceeds earned will go towards the nonprofit and youth orga-

nizations that volunteer and make this amazing event possible! Donations are always welcome!

"We are excited to have

the Taste of Terror join with Bahr's Haunted Acres to provide a unique experience this Halloween," said Derek Nelson, MN Jets coach.

Bahr's Haunted Acres offers three acres, with 14 terrifying buildings, halls, and tunnels. Along with woods filled with Monsters and Ghouls lives the horrible life-sized dinosaur! Snakes, Spiders, and more are crawling the grounds, looking for their next meal.

The scary event is hosted by Brent Bahr, and this will be his third year running Bahr's Haunted Acres.

Partnering with Bahr's Haunted Acres and the Minnesota Jets Taste of Terror are volunteers from through-

out the community like the Minnesota Jets Cheerleaders, the Boy Scouts, and other youth organizations, and their Friends and Families.

"I am excited to host another horrifying and fun year" Said Brent, owner of Bahr's Haunted Acres, "I enjoy making the animatronics and effects, and working with the volunteers".

For more information about Bahr's Haunted Acres, visit www.MinnesotaJets.com/HauntedTrail

Those interested can also follow the Bahr's Haunted Acres page at www.Facebook.com/Bahr-sHauntedAcres.

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Clearwater Legion Riders again donate thousands to veteran's organizations

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

On September 26 the Clearwater Legion Riders held a spaghetti dinner to celebrate the success of their annual Homeless Vets Run fundraiser and award the proceeds of their hard work.

The Riders invited their donors and this year's non-profit veterans' organizations to the event so everyone could be present and see where the money they raised is going. This year's recipients were Angel Reins, Magnus Veterans Foundation, Patriot Assistance Dogs, St. Cloud Stand Down, Veterans on the Lake Resort, and Wounded Warrior Guide Service.

The organizations were chosen as they were deemed to have the most impact for the money in veterans' lives; each was awarded \$7,500.

First to be awarded a donation was Angel Reins, an organization that provides equestrian therapy to veterans, survivors of human trafficking, and others suffering from PTSD, depression, and anxiety. Most of the horses they use are rescues.

"They [the horses] have gone through a lot and bond well with the veterans," said one of the representatives for Angel Reins. A veteran helped by their organization also shared how it had saved his life.

Next was Magnus Veterans Foundation, which provides holistic care for veterans and their families. The organization just opened last summer with the mission to heal and honor veterans and their families through community fellowship and a comprehensive approach to restoring the body, heart, mind, and spirit.



THE CLEARWATER LEGION RIDERS celebrate with the recipients of their 2022 Homeless Vets Run funds. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

The organization's founders have over 100 years of combined military service, and their team, which includes physicians, licensed professionals, veteran families, community leaders, and military advocates, understand the profound impact that war and military service has on veterans and their families.

Because of the overabundance of dogs in pounds, Patriot Assistant Dogs, the third recipient, decided to use rescue dogs to provide highly trained, certified psychiatric service dogs to veterans. The cost for each dog trained averages \$19,000, however they provide the animals to veterans at no cost.

"To say he [his dog] saved my life is an understatement," said one of the veterans who attended the event with his dog and explained how the organization and the dog they provided him had impacted his life.

Recipient number four was St. Cloud Stand Down, whose mission is to provide veterans with dignity and respect. They provide everything a vet might need, including help with rent, a car, legal issues, furniture, mattresses, and boxes of food each month. Representative Bob Berens stated they'd given out 239 boxes of food in 2022 so far, and they were on target to give away 750 boxes by the end of the year.

They also work with eight area businesses to provide good jobs. "Whatever a veteran needs we can help," said Berens. Veterans on the Lake Resort was next, an organization near the Boundary Waters with the mission of enriching the lives of disabled veterans, current and formerly enrolled veterans, and their families by providing opportunities for inclusion in outdoor recreational activities and mental respite. Their current goal is to have their pier access and all of their cabins and services wheelchair accessible.

Last up was Wounded Warrior Guide Service, whose representative spoke about their mission to provide recreational therapy to around 800 veterans each year by bringing them outdoors to experience activities such as hunting and camping trips and fishing events.

The Clearwater Legion Riders' Homeless Veteran's Run and Fundraiser is held annually on the first weekend of August. Along with the ride, this year's event included silent and live auctions, raffles, dinner, and a street dance. All proceeds from the event are used for veteran causes.

Lynden Twp. moves forward with land purchase

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

During their October meeting, Lynden Twp. Supervisor Dennis Niemi informed the board he had heard back from the St. Cloud City Administrator regarding the purchase of land for township use and was told the mayor supports selling a six acre parcel to the township.

Niemi had been authorized to conduct preliminary discussions with the City of St. Cloud and other potential landowners in regard to purchasing additional land for the township during the township's July meeting.

With the advice and consent of Twp. Atty. Mike Couri, a motion carried authorizing Niemi to move forward with a draft purchase agreement and other processes underway.

Allowance Request

Katheryn Lange approached the board to request an allowance to place a building on her 35 acre parcel while her non-building conveyance dispute with Stearns Co. is pending. She stated she doesn't have an administrative split in process for the property and that feedlot setbacks originally factored in house.

The building is 24'x 32' and would temporarily sit on blocks, eventually become her permanent home with a cement slab. Electric, septic, and well are all completed. Planning Administrator James Kantor suggested a bond be required if the board approves the request; Twp. Atty. Mike Couri advised the township not to approve the request.

A motion was made to allow Lange to move the building onto the property with a sunset date of July 1, 2023; if the dispute with Stearns Co. is not complete by then the building would need to be removed. A motion carried 2-1, with Johnson agreeing the Couri.

Points of Access Limit

Dennis LacQuay and his attorney, Tyler Adams, addressed the board regarding driveways on his Elderberry Road property. They presented aerial maps from 2005 to 2021 and a letter from DJB Construction supporting their request to recognize the pre-existing three points of access, specifically the non-conformity of the elongated RV pad.

They informed the board the plan is to renovate what's already in place, not add a new driveway, stating that it wasn't a driveway but an extension of the RV pad. LacQuay's intent is to park his RV on this pad, with the RV fifth wheel and trailer totaling 65 feet in length.

Johnson stated the township is the road authority and a variance would be needed to differ from their limit of two driveways. Niemi made a reminder that variances are for hardships.

Other Business

Johnson with Stearns Co. Emergency Management, was authorized to pursue two projects identified in the hazard mitigation plan, sirens and dry hydrants, and to submit Notice of Intent form. He was already contacted the DNR for preliminary approval for a de-watering permit out of Long Lake.

Johnson was authorized to submit a project to the DNR to redo Eaglewood Road, from Co. Road 44 to the landing, and to place asphalt surface on the landing.

Two administrative citations were issued on Sept. 20 in regard to the unfinished

home on the property at 254 Woods Edge Road. The citations communicated that fines totaled \$5,800 with a payment deadline of Oct. 3, 2022. A motion carried proposing a settlement agreement with conditions and reducing the fine to \$900. The settlement agreement was executed and the fine paid.

Certificate of Compliance with Twp. ordinances 7 and 8 in regard to James Froelich Administrative Split. Froelich own two properties adjacent to each other and requested a 100 foot line adjustment; the Planning Commission recommended approval. A motion carried for approval.

A motion carried reaffirming the Sept. 19 Ordinance 10 Administrative Code Enforcement notice issued to the 20171 Lake Maria Road property owner regarding sprinkler heads in the right-of-way. The owner didn't appear at the meeting; the deadline to comply is Oct. 15.

The next Lynden Twp. meeting will be on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

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KAYLA STAFFORD is shown above working with second graders. (Submitted Photo by Assistant Principal, Sara Edwards).

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Primary School Principal Dale Christensen.)

The Becker School District is firmly committed to ensuring all students are reading successfully by the time they leave elementary school.

Becker Primary and Intermediate schools utilize an academic support model designed to provide individualized learning assistance on a daily basis. Each classroom has "What I Need" or "WIN" time for 30 minutes each day. Students' needs vary greatly and they are assessed in reading several times throughout the year. These assessments determine specific goals for each student.

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cluded a bipartisan authorization of a new natural gas fired power plant that was signed into law in 2017 by then Governor Mark Dayton. By last year, however, Mathews noted that Xcel Energy had changed their plans and put forth one that was entirely dependent on solar energy for the Sherco site.

Mekeland spoke next, explaining that the rally was about an affordable and reliable energy grid but also included a financial aspect, as the power plant currently provides about 75% of the City of Becker tax base, 25% of the school's and 15% for Sherburne County.

Becker Council Member Rick Hendrickson then addressed the crowd, as did several candidates for office for Sherburne County Commissioner and Becker school board. Each talked about the impacts that the local economy will feel as a result of the change in plans for the three Sherco plants before the microphone was passed to Orr for his presentation.

Orr electrified the crowd with a litany of statistics he said were meant to give the people in attendance the "tools to talk to other people about this issue."

Orr, who grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, talked about the difficulties in educating people about the ramifications of what will happen in Minnesota if the state were to experience the same energy shortfalls that have plagued other parts of the country.

"There's too many people who think that milk comes from the store and electricity comes from the outlet," Orr said.

Since 2007, Minnesota's energy costs have dramatically

cally outpaced the national average and the reliability of the energy grid has also come into question, with MISO, the electrical grid operator for MN and 12 other states, predicting a current capacity shortage of 1,200 megawatts. By 2023, the deficit is expected to more than double to 2,600 megawatts and then grow to an incredible 10,900 megawatt shortage by 2027.

"We are repeating California's mistakes and then hoping for a different result," Orr noted, citing rolling blackouts and failing grid systems in America's west before warning of much worse consequences if the same happened in Minnesota. "It's going to be way worse here if the same thing happens because we all need electricity for our heat in the winter."

Orr next addressed what he called the common misconception that it is too late to save Sherco, citing coal plants in Wisconsin and Missouri that have recently postponed decommissioning because of fears of a lack of power in the grid.

"All Xcel has to do is approach the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) with the reliability concerns and the commission would most likely approve keeping the plant online," Orr said. "We need to pump the brakes on this closure."

Orr discussed Xcel's unique stature as a government regulated monopoly and reiterated that they are not a private company. In fact, Xcel's corporate profits are generated from a cost of service formula that allows them to charge enough money to pay for the electrical production, plus a 10% bonus profit on any new power generation infrastructure.

"That gives Xcel a powerful financial incentive to build as much new renewable energy as possible whether they need it or not," Orr said, noting that the Sherco plants have several decades of serviceability left in them. "As Xcel's percentage of renewable energy production goes up, so does the percentage of their profits."

Shifting his focus to solar energy, Orr explained that the panels produce about 17 to 18 percent of their potential output factor, whereas nuclear energy hits over 97 percent in terms of its output factor. Coal, at a minimum, provides more than three times as much output and much more than that when it operates at peak efficiency, whereas wind power is much less.

As proof to his example, Orr cited a time in recent history when Sherco was producing more energy than all of the wind production in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota and Wisconsin combined.

Subsidies were also discussed, with Orr speaking about the \$50,000 per acre Federal subsidy that solar farms are given in their first year in existence. When factoring in this large amount of government assistance, solar and wind energy are not cheaper alternatives to fossil fuels according to Orr.

It was pointed out that nuclear energy is carbon free and should at least be in the discussion when it comes to an "all of the above" energy policy.

When it comes to pollution, Orr explained that worldwide, a couple of coal plants are opened and brought online every week of the year. This caused Orr to opine that Minnesota's small reduction

Correction

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer
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In last week's article entitled "Becker police to get new equipment," it was mistakenly reported that the Becker Lions Club donated \$500 towards the purchase of new equipment for the police department. The Lions Club actually donated \$5,000.

The Patriot regrets the error.



KIM PETERSON AND GRANDSON CHARLIE enjoyed visiting the many vendor booths at the South Santiago Lutheran Church Craft Sale Saturday, October 8th. Sloppy joes, chili and a variety of homemade soups were available for purchase, as well as a plethora of baked goods and pies for sale. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

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ISABELLA AND ROBERT EVENS assisted Santiago Lion David Wambeke serving up breakfast. (Submitted photo.)

FIVE YEAR OLD AARON HOLLEN enjoyed his ride in the fire truck at the Santiago Lions pancake breakfast Sunday, October. 9. (Submitted photo.)

School Board hears from staffers on discipline data

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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On Monday evening, the Becker School Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting. All board members except Chair Mark Swanson were in attendance.

There was no public comment.

Dave Kreft, Brian Baloun, Chantel Boyer and Ted Aleckson presented on the Becker secondary schools' discipline data. The presentation included background on students, how data is kept and how it is utilized to help students grow and learn and ultimately improve the learning environment.

ing environment.

Student School Board Representative Emilia H. spoke about the various activities taking place and the remainder of the fall activities season. Of significance was the high school events surrounding the Tackle Cancer fundraiser. This event is being conducted by Becker's NHS students.

The superintendent report included updates on MASA Fall Conference attendance by Carla Nolan and Supt. Jeremy Schmidt; MSBA Leadership Conference information for the Board; initial information on the 22-23 school calendar; a Strategic Planning and building goal update;

and a school board candidate forum set to take place on Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the TLC.

Also, an update on the transportation facility offsite; committee reports were shared from board members. Committee members from facilities and curriculum provided updates.

The consent agenda was passed on a unanimous vote.

The Communication Plan was tabled on a unanimous vote. Gifts were also approved and recognized on a unanimous vote.

"Thank you to everyone who has supported our school programs with donations," Schmidt said.

Policies 416, 418, 515, all had second readings. No additional changes were made from the initial first reading and all passed unanimously.

There was approval of a general fund transfer to cover costs associated with Early Childhood Screening retroactive to June 30, 2022.

There was approval of awarding bids for the Intermediate School Additions and Renovations.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Reminder: The November board meeting will be on November 14.





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Candidates face-off at forum hosted by Chambers of Commerce

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

Monday evening, the Becker, Big Lake and Elk River Chambers of Commerce co-sponsored a candidates forum held at the Big Lake High School auditorium. Sherburne County Commissioner candidates for the four open districts shared their pitch to voters, while the two candidates for County Auditor/Treasurer were also on hand to discuss their vision for the office. The evening concluded with the State Representative candidates for District 27A, as well as the two people running for State Senate District 27.

John Houlton, President and CEO of First Bank Elk River served as moderator for the evening, while the Sherburne Wright Cable Commission live-streamed the event on local cable channels.

The eight candidates for the four open commissioner spots kicked off the evening, with each being allowed the chance to introduce themselves and identify their priorities.

District 1 started off the evening, as challenger Andrew Hulse cited his military service and 23 years as a resident of the City of Elk River among his qualifica-



The eight candidates for Sherburne county commissioner kicked off the candidates forum held Monday night at Big Lake High School. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

tion for the office. He listed economic development, the power grid, and lowering taxes as his top priorities.

Incumbent Barb Burandt was next and she touted her six years of experience as a Commissioner, as well as her 50 plus years of residency in Elk River. She mentioned Public Health and Public Safety, as well as the importance of having board members from a variety of backgrounds as priorities for her candidacy.

In District 2, Paul Fanberg indicated his construction experience in the area as one of his qualifications, while naming God, family and country (constitutional

rights) as his focus.

Incumbent Raeanne Danielowski noted her 46 years as a local business owner, before identifying public safety, broadband, and transportation issues as being keys to her fiscally conservative, small government agenda.

In District 3, Mark Swanson and Gregg Felber are running for Tim Dolan's seat, meaning that residents will be electing a Veteran to fill that vacancy. Swanson highlighted his service in the US Navy, while Felber has served in both the MN and WI Army National Guard. Both are also current office holders, as Swanson is a Becker

School Board and M-BL Hospital Board member and Felber is serving on the Orrock Township Board of Supervisors.

Swanson named the Second Amendment, transportation (roads), growing the business climate and election integrity as issues that are important to him.

Felber, a retired police officer, wants to ease the restrictions in the county's Comp Plan, as well as push for a new Mississippi River crossing in the county. He also wants to ensure first responders have the equipment and training they need to be successful in their jobs.

Finally, in District 4,

Gary Gray and Lefty Kleis are running to replace the retiring Felix Schmiesing as commissioner for the mostly rural district.

Kleis, the former Mayor of Becker, said he is running to represent the voices of the taxpayers of the county and will put the needs of the people first.

Gray, a lifelong resident of the county and current Clear Lake Twp. Board Chair, said he will devote 100% of his time to the position now that he is retired from farming. He said he wants to continue to fulfill his mission of public service and would continue to focus on fiscal responsibility and transparency if elected commissioner.

From there, candidates took turns providing answers to questions that had previously been submitted to the Chambers or were submitted that evening by members of the audience.

After the Commissioners were finished with their time period, Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer candidates took the stage.

Diane Arnold is the incumbent, having held the position for the past 16 years, winning re-election last in 2018 with 70% of the county-wide vote.

Her opponent, Chad Westberg, is an Elk River

resident with prior experience as a member of that city's Planning Commission.

The evening finished off with candidates for the newly re-districted seats in both the MN House (District 27A) and Senate (District 27).

On the House side, this year's election will be a re-match of the 2020 then House 15B election between incumbent Shane Mekeland and challenger Ron Thiessen. Mekeland won that election with 70% of the vote, but the new district has undergone some changes including the addition of much of Big Lake.

For the Senate seat, incumbent Andrew Mathews is looking to retain his seat and is being challenged by Emy Minzel, owner of a small business in Baldwin Twp.

For readers interested in hearing more about each candidate, the video from the entire debate is being provided on the websites of all 3 chambers of commerce. The Big Lake Chamber website also has the recording from its local candidates forum from September 26, featuring city and school election candidates. Videos can be found at TinyURL.com/BigLakeVideoStream.

South Santiago Lutheran Youths sell Christmas wreaths

By Mary Nehring, Contributing Writer

South Santiago Lutheran Church youths are hosting a fundraiser for a mission trip to Nashville in 2023. The wreaths, swags and garlands will be available for pick up the week of November 20, 2022. Orders must be pre-paid with credit card at the time orders are placed. To place your order online: NelsonNursery.com/store/south-santiago-lutheran.

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MADILYN HARKIN, KELSEY JANISCH, BRADY HAUS AND COLE HAUS were busy taking orders for Christmas wreaths, garlands and swags at South Santiago Lutheran annual craft sale Saturday, October 8th. Funds raised will help with expenses for the youth trip to Nashville summer of 2023. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



Editorials/Opinions

More Spending (Sigh)

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

Unsurprisingly, the last vote in the House of Representatives before the election was another spending bill. This short-term government funding bill piled spending on top of our \$30 trillion budget and did nothing to address our broken budget process. For that reason, I voted “no” on Friday’s spending bill.

Taxpayer dollars should be used wisely and with safeguards to ensure they do not become the subject of fraud and abuse. There is no shortage of examples of what can happen when the federal government throws money at problems without proper accountability. Just last month, the Dept. of Justice announced charges against 47 individuals in a fraud scheme involving Feeding our Future. This organization, formerly based in St. Anthony, allegedly stole at least \$250 million dollars



By Congressman Tom Emmer

from taxpayers.

This is the largest case of pandemic fraud on record.

Last week, I joined Rep. Michelle Fischbach and members of the Minnesota delegation in a letter to the USDA on what they’re doing to prevent future fraud in other federally funded nutrition programs, similar to Feeding our Future.

Instances of misuse are becoming the rule instead of the exception when it comes to large-scale government spend-

ing. Oversight is essential to preventing this growing waste and fraud, and we’ve fought to build guardrails into previous government funding.

Last year, we offered an amendment to the American Rescue Plan to redirect \$35 million to fund Inspectors General to detect and prevent fraud like the kind carried out by Feeding our Future; unfortunately, the amendment failed to pass on a partisan vote.

Strong oversight of government spending will be a key part of our work in the next Congress, and we will not support future spending without accountability.

Stay tuned for more on our work in Minnesota and Washington and subscribe to in-depth updates on priorities like the economy, personal freedom and more on our website. You can read this week’s blog about financial privacy there also.

Beyond the Pink Ribbon



By Shelley Berthiaume Contributing Writer

From there, a breast biopsy. In a matter of two weeks, the results stated she had Lobular Breast Cancer. Next, an MRI.

Lobular accounts for about 10-15 percent of all breast cancers. It is harder to find as it doesn’t lump together, it grows like a tree branch. Invasive Ductal Carcinoma (IDC) is the most common. Eighty percent of women have this form - it’s where you feel a lump. Both are breast cancers, but they are different and do not respond to the same treatment.

Deb faced grueling rounds of chemo, radiation, double mastectomy and removal of her axillary lymph nodes. Currently, Deb is considered NED (No evidence of disease). She is on hormone blockers and oral chemo. Deb says she is changing her mindset and executing a healthy lifestyle that will prevent cancer recurrence. God continues to be a source of strength.

Jeannie was 49 when she was diagnosed with Ductal Carcinoma in 2012. Masses were found in and around her left breast. Like Deb, Jeannie endured rounds of chemo, radiation and eventually, a double mastectomy. Jeannie is here today and living 10 years cancer free. She continues to help others who are going through what she went through. Jeannie feels blessed and says, “I owe it all to God, my doctors,

family and friends.”

Asha, 33, a young mother of two, married and a school nurse was diagnosed April of 2021, with “Invasive Ductal Carcinoma with lymph node involvement breast cancer.” So young and definitely not the median age, which is 62 according to *cancer.org*. Like Deb and Jeannie, she has undergone chemo, radiation and a double mastectomy. She still faces challenges ahead and she does it with a smile. She radiates positivity and a fighting spirit. She shares messages of hope like this, “Attitude is a little thing that makes a big deal,” Winston Churchill.

Sheila was a grade behind me in school. She was diagnosed with Ductal Carcinoma in September during a regular checkup. Sheila approaches breast cancer with great faith and a positive outlook. She believes God is with her and He is her strength.

Jennifer Edwards was a staple here in Big Lake for years covering stories at the *Tribune*. I was saddened to learn, she recently lost her battle to stage four breast cancer.

“The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it,” C.C. Scott. To say I am amazed at these women would be understatement. Their stories have taught me so much. They have faced the ultimate battle and have bravely reminded me to be grateful for good health.

While all cancers deserve our attention, this month is dedicated to breast cancer - the survivors, the ones in battle and the ones no longer here.“

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GOLD STAR MOM. Stella Huso and Juanita Johnson reminisced about the Eagle Scout Project memorial plaque for Wayne Huso (inset). Ben Johnson and John Muir spearheaded the idea and completion. The memorial is at Big Lake High on the main entrance wall by the library. Picture taken at Lions Park at the Veterans dinner on 10/8/22. (Submitted photos.)

Letters To The Editor

(Editor's note: Due to space constraints, the Patriot will publish up to 5-6 LTEs a week as space allows and carry over unpublished letters to the next week, if able. Also, we no longer have a policy which restricts letter writers from submitting political editorials a week prior to an election.)

TO THE EDITOR:

I have known Raeanne Danielowski for over 10 years. When The Wave Youth Center was just a dream, Raeanne was there cheering us on. As we took steps toward making the youth center a reality, she was busy connecting us with people with a particular area of expertise or a heart for the youth in our community. I don’t remember any organization or community event that I have attended where she was not there lending a hand. She is an excellent example of public service and someone who has a heart for the community. Raeanne excels at connecting people and resources to causes that benefit the whole community. Her positivity, her ability to gather community, and her “get it done” attitude never ceases and are what we need in this time and place we find ourselves. If she can’t help you personally, she knows an organization or person that can. What I particularly admire her for is her ability to be nonpartisan. That is not easy. While she is not tied to one political party, she has

an open mind, and her heart is tethered to this community and county. Get out and vote.

Molly Schroeder
President and Founder
The Wave Youth Center

TO THE EDITOR:

Let’s look at another political office and the candidate that is running. Ryan Wilson is running for State Auditor and we haven’t heard much about this office until recently, with the disgusting fraud/waste that has been brought to light with the current State Auditor Julie Blaha and her partner in crime Tim Walz. We need Ryan Wilson to be our next State Auditor. Our state has had some of the largest financial scandals in its history during the current State Auditor’s watch. We’ve seen news reports of \$100M in daycare fraud, \$250M (at least) in child food program fraud and \$1B in Met Council cost overruns. I am tired of OUR hard-earned tax dollars being wasted so these politicians can fund their lavish lifestyles. This keeps happening over and over and no one gets caught, and no one knows if the fraud has actually stopped. I’m voting for Ryan Wilson for State Auditor on November 8th, he was born/raised in Minnesota, he and his wife are raising their family here, he attended high school/college here, started his career as a constitutional rights attorney and founded a large medical device auditing company and will actu-

ally fight waste, fraud, and abuse.

Shelly Alger-Peyton

Clear Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

During my 30 years of public service with Sherburne County, I have had an opportunity to work with Gary Gray and have found him to be a sound, critical and collaborative thinker. I have known him to be a good listener and a balanced decision maker. I believe he is the best candidate for district 4 to elect to the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners. Gary has 18 years of experience on the Clear Lake Township Board. This local government experience has earned him knowledge of the county board and what their duties entail. He knows what the issues are that should be worked on, and also what issues cannot be changed which he needs to work with to reach the most desirable outcome for everyone. Landowner rights are important and they are important to Gary. Gary has farmed in this district for many years, and he understands and respects the desires of landowners to manage their lands. He also understands the importance of working respectfully with the four other county commissioners, 11 townships (including the city of Elk River) and their constituents. We, in Sherburne County have enjoyed a high quality of life for years. I believe that Gary has the experience and vision to continue

to provide the excellent consistency in management established by the retiring Felix Schmiesing.

Bob Stangler
Clear Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

I have known Kim Noding for as long as I have lived in Big Lake; 23 years, and have seen all facets of her character; leader of homeschool organization, relentless cheerleader for a contest for money for our lake (which we won), mom of boys and girls, supporter of the local arts, partner in her husband’s remodeling business, and a devoted city council member. She’s running again, and I highly recommend and support her, and ask that you do too. She wants Big Lake to succeed and be best, so we all can succeed.

Ramona Voight
Big Lake , MN

TO THE EDITOR:

I recommend Kim Noding to be reelected for a full term on the Big Lake City Council as I know of her great love for Big Lake. I had the pleasure of working alongside her on the Big Lake Economic Development Authority and quickly learned she didn’t just talk about growing her city, but actually supports that growth through her suggestions, questions, and ultimately votes. Kim brings a fresh perspective to the council and an enthusiasm for supporting new businesses, while

paying down the cities debt, which helps everyone. I hope you will vote for Kim Noding on November 8th.

J. Brian Calva
Elk River, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Paul Knier’s letter in the Oct. 8th issue of the *Patriot*. His point about wasting arable land and destroying stands of trees for solar farms is acutely accurate and should be a major concern. How ideas like this reach fruition is beyond me. Just the simple fact that trees and crops are major carbon absorbers and oxygen producers should be enough for decision makers to cry, “Bad idea!” I am not informed enough to comment on the mining of materials for new panels or the disposal of used panels that Mr. Knier mentions. However, since the push for solar seems inevitable I do have a land use suggestion. Consider the medians and outer grassy edges of our inter-state system and many of our highways. Here you have hundreds and hundreds of miles of land already cleared, right-of-ways in place, and direct available transmission connections to multiple communities. No trees need removing, no arable land repurposed.

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BL graduate gets stationed at Stennis Space Center as oceanographer

By Katherine Cantin,
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Austin Abbott, a Big Lake High School Graduate, is currently serving as an oceanographer with the US Navy at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. Abbott kindly sat down with this reporter to talk about his career and service.

Education

Abbott was born and raised in Big Lake. He lived there through high school with his parents, Don and Lisa Abbott, and sister, Shealyn Abbott. He graduated from Big Lake High School in 2013.

After high school, Abbott joined the Army National Guard, where he served for six years. During this service, Abbott also attended school, earning his undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Minnesota.

During his time at the U of M, Abbott participated in a program that worked with invasive species. He helped to find solutions to keep Asian Karp out of the great lakes lock and dam systems. He really enjoyed the program and working on the water, but wanted to aim for a field that was more technical than the biology he'd been studying previously.

He was turned on to oceanography, and earned his master's degree in the subject from Old Dominion University in Virginia.

Abbott also graduated from officer candidate school in Rhode Island.

Military Service

Abbott said it was always his dream to join the military and serve his country. He joined the Army National Guard after high school and served for six years and enjoyed it, but he felt it wasn't enough. He wanted to continue to pursue a career with the military, as well as incorporate his interest in science. He discovered the oceanography program with the Navy and so he pursued being commissioned as an officer.

Abbott said it was the perfect place for him, as he gets to pursue two of his passions in one job: study-



AUSTIN ABBOTT OF BIG LAKE is currently serving as an oceanographer for the US Navy at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. (Submitted photo.)

ing oceanography and serving with the military.

Oceanography

Abbott is one of only 300 oceanographers serving with the US Navy. Currently stationed at Stennis Space Center, Abbott says it's very cool to be serving on a NASA base, even if he doesn't interact with the NASA operations. While on base, Abbott works on training on the Pearl River which runs nearby.

Navy Oceanographers are commissioned by the Navy and other branches of the military to survey river and littoral (coastal) areas. They ensure the safety and successful navigation of military ships by mapping the area using sonar technology. Oceanographers may be commissioned to work in the US or overseas.

Abbott said he recently returned from a trip to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Abbott said the trip was fascinating, as he got the chance to try out new technology: an unmanned underwater vehicle. Abbott said the machine looked kind of like a torpedo. He directed it where he wanted it to go and it went out to take measurements for the team. Usually, sonar measurements are captured from a boat, so it was a unique experience.

Advice to Local Students

When asked if he had any advice for other Big

Lake/area students who were considering a military career, Abbott said, "Explore your options, look at everything out there."

He said there are so many different careers within the military, no one needs to worry they will be limited to what they consider to be stereotypical military jobs. There are roles for those interested in being a mechanic, administrator, cook, and lots of other jobs.

"For any career in the civilian world, there's one to match it in the military," Abbott said. "Think about what you really want to do, and you'll find it."

Shaver visits Becker football summit

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Wednesday, the Becker football team gathered at Pebble Creek to celebrate the team, the coaches, the players. It was also time spent teaching and reminding the young student-athletes that there is more to life than totting around a pigskin.

Wednesday's gathering included a visit from KARE 11 Anchor Randy Shaver and the meal was provided by five-star restaurant Fogo De Chão Steakhouse® of Minneapolis.

All this is leading up to Becker's annual Tackle Cancer game and it couldn't be more perfect when the team gets the founder of the campaign to give a motivational speech.

"Cancer doesn't care who you are, or who you love," said Shaver when asked about his message. "Everyone is learning this lesson the hard way. Whether it's family members, friends, classmates, people you work with."

"Tackle Cancer is a reminder, doing nothing is not an option," he continued. "Research leads to successful protocols, even cures. Without it, we have no chance.



KARE 11 ANCHOR RANDY SHAVER was the featured speaker at a Becker Bulldog football summit this week in Becker. (Photo from KARE 11 website).

Those researchers need money to do their work."

"That's where the Randy Shaver Cancer Research & Community Fund comes in. We give Minnesota researchers money to do their work. If they find success, we keep funding them."

"We also fund patient aid projects across the state," he said. "We do not pay salaries. We do not fund cancer patients. We pay for the tools researchers need to do their work."

Shaver was diagnosed with cancer in 1989 and five years later started Tackle

Cancer, a program designed to raise money for cancer awareness and research.

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Shaver was honored to have been asked by Coach Dwight Lundeen to speak to his kids.

"Coach Lundeen is an amazing man, a good friend and an incredible leader of young men," Shaver said. "When he retires it will leave a large void in Becker, but — think of all the lives he's impacted! If those boys/men go forward and do *half* of what Dwight did, imagine the impact."

"He's a special man."

Hornet boys take title at Tiger Invitational

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

fourth in 16:02.8, just a step behind Noah Mahoney of Monticello.

Sophomore Jack Leuer was sixth in 16:41.1 as Big Lake's third finisher.

Spencer Vold continued his strong running. He took 20th in 17:42.2. David Guysy placed 25th in 18:00.5.

Alton Ahamed (18:48.8), Luke Hugo (19:04.2), Gavin Flavin (19:43.5), and Carter Erickson (19:57.9) rounded out the team.

Emilee Doperalski was Big Lake's top finisher for the girls varsity. She placed 37th in 22.32.1.

Campbell Slattery was next in 54th in 23:03.1.

Rounding out the top five were Nicole Rempel (25:20.6) Georgia Morris (26:42.8) and Jadyn Rust

(26:53.3).

The Big Lake middle school boys won another meet title. For the second straight meet, the Hornets swept the top three spots.

Max Baron won the race in a time of 12:32.7. He was followed by Theo Johnson (12:33.9) and Judd Layton (12:38.0). The Hornets edged STMA, 49-57.

In JV, Gavin Vold was the top finisher for the Big Lake boys in 13th in 19:29.3.

For the girls, Rylie Osttrum ran 28:51.3.

The Hornets compete in the Mississippi 8 Conference Meet Tuesday at Isanti Middle School.

The section meet is the following week (Oct. 27) at Bertram Regional Park in Monticello.

Three mystery writers to appear at SHC

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by Mike Brubaker of the Sherburne History Center.)

The final book signing, in the series presented by the Sherburne History Center, concludes with a 10:30 a.m. program on October 15 at the Sherburne History Center (SHC.)

Authors John Gaspard, Julie Holmes and Christine Husom will each present details on their writing and the featured topic of True Crime and the Mystery Au-

thor. The three writers are all members of the Twin Cities writing group, Sisters in Crime.

In addition to writing the *Eli Marks Mystery* series, **John Gaspard** also created the *Como Park Mystery* series, is host for two podcasts, and — according to Gaspard — "has directed six low-budget features that cost very little and made even less."

Julie Holmes has written a variety of mystery novels. Her *Sierra Bauer Mystery* series features a mystery solving, former aircraft mechanic, which re-

quire details from Holmes' own experience as a former aircraft mechanic.

Christine Husom is the author of two mystery series: The *Winnebago County Mysteries* and the *Snow Globe Shop* mysteries. Her recent book in the *Winnebago County Mystery* series, *Death to The Dealers* won a silver award from the Midwest Publishers Association. Just recently she released the fourth book in the *Snow Globe Shop* mysteries.

All three authors will share stories and details about their writing. They

will also be selling and signing their books.

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Hornets get devoured by Tigers, 68-0

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Hornets dropped to 0-6 with a convincing loss to the Hutchinson Tigers, 68-0 at home last Friday night.

Three scored in the first quarter and two in the second set the tone for the game as Hutchinson whalloped the Hornets on their home turf.

Things didn't improve after halftime either, as the Tigers scored four touchdowns in the third quarter and two in the fourth to pick up the win.

The game started with Kyle Schumann pulling in a 16-yard TD from QB Logan Butler for the opening score. Alex Elliott converted the two-point conversion attempt and the Tigers were up early, 8-0.

AJ Ladwig got loose on Hutch's next possession and sauntered 32 yards to the end zone for a touchdown. This time, the two-pointer failed and the score was 14-0 Hutchinson after two drives. Adding salt to the wound, Hutchinson got a gift safety late in the first to top the first quarter scoring at 16-0.

In the second, Hutchinson scored on an interception, where Ladwig jumped a pass and scored from 33 yards out to go up 24-0.

Hornet boys get second win, girls tie twice, head to playoffs

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

The Big Lake Hornet soccer teams finished up their regular seasons this week.

Boys Soccer

The Hornet boys soccer team finished its regular season with one win in its last three games.

That win came on the road against Princeton, 2-1. It was just the second loss for the Tigers in the conference this season.

Coach Mike Baldwin said it was the first time in awhile the Hornets had some of their starting forwards back. And it paid off when both forwards scored. Zach Cypull got Big Lake's first goal in the first half.

The Tigers tied the game in the second half. But Charly Dongmo bent a shot into the upper corner of the net with about 10 minutes left for the lead, and the Hornets held on for the win.

"I thought we controlled the midfield well," said Baldwin. "We earned that win. We didn't come out of there lucky."

It was only the second win this year for the Hornets, who have suffered through injuries and illness for a good part of the season.

In their only other win this year against Rockford in the second game of the season, Big Lake lost two players. Carter Borer suffered a broken leg. Tameren Acosta broke his collar bone. Zack Medlock and Zach Strom are also out.

So even with Cypull and Dongmo in the lineup, the Hornets are a bit short-handed. But they have played well together as a team, and they're hoping to do well in the first round of the playoffs.

They play a rematch against Princeton Saturday in the section quarterfinals.

Ladwig made the end zone his new best friend by scoring yet again — this time from 30 yards out — to make the score 32-0 at the half.

The third quarter was a landslide for the Hornets as Hutch scored three times. The first came on a Ladwig, three yard run to go up 38-0. Butler then hit Andrew Lipke from 19 yards out to go up 44-0. It continued to snowball as Hutchinson scored another TD. Butler to Nathan Thode from nine yards out, to go up 50-0. One more TD in the third was executed by Davontey Parker who ran it in from 26 yards out to go up 56-0.

Unfortunately for the Hornets, there was still another quarter to face and Hutchinson didn't let up.

Parker scored his second TD in a row when he rambled in from seven yards out to make the score 62-0. Mercifully, Eli Croatt capped the night off with a one yard TD run to make the final, 68-0.

Big Lake ran 46 plays compared to 59 for the Tigers. Hutchinson had 16 first downs compared to just four for Big Lake. The Hornets also committed five turnovers while Hutch turned it over just once.

Girls Soccer

The girls soccer team ended its regular season with two ties to finish with an 8-4-3 record. They finished third in the conference.

The Hornets' last game was a 1-1 tie with Mound Westonka on Saturday.

In that game, Lexi Moen scored Big Lake's only goal with an assist by Adeline Hitter in the second half. The White Hawks matched that with a goal before the half ended, and the game stayed that way until the end.

Goalkeeper Kadyn Dilger had 13 saves in the game. Moen had five of Big Lake's six shots on goal.

Two days earlier, the Hornets went up against one of the best teams they've seen all year and tied Delano, 0-0.

Coach Brady Johnson said his team was bottled up in their own end for most of the game.

But Dilger played one of the most amazing games he's seen. She had 31 saves and managed to blank the Tigers.

"We celebrated after the game," he said. "It was a moral victory."

Trinity Zoccoli had Big Lake's only shot on goal.

The #4 Hornets faced off against #5 Becker in the first round of the section playoffs Wednesday at Big Lake. The Hornets won their only matchup against the Bulldogs earlier this season, 1-0. In that game, Rylie Sternquist had the only goal. But Sternquist was questionable for Wednesday's game after spraining an ankle last week against Willmar.

Results of Wednesday's game will follow next week. The winner advances in the playoffs. The season ends for the loser.



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Bulldog runners have busy week

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker Bulldogs hosted the Becker Invitational at the beautiful Pebble Creek Golf Course on Tues., Oct. 4 for a fun night of good racing and celebrations.

"I am always so grateful for the wonderful community support received at our home meet" said Coach Dustin Weege.

The racing started off with a youth run that yielded 10 runners over the one-mile loop while "chasing the prize" attached to the lead cart.

"Several years ago we had thought about dangling a carrot for runners, but then decided that a toy bone was more fitting of a prize for Bulldogs and it has been a playful tradition since," said Weege.

Next was the junior high runners' 3200m race which had the Bulldogs scoring 53 points as a team. Brandt Hemmelgarn placed fifth, Weston Denne placed 11th, Carson Schuster placed 13th, Maverick Pink placed 17th, Tanner Schmitt placed 31st, and Keaton Colford placed 40th.

In the varsity race, the Bulldogs had more great running as the team placed second with all team members again being below the 19 minute mark. Caleb Reckelberg (18:58) was 38th, Jase Tobako (18:19) was 27th, Evan Hubbard (18:01) was 17th, Parker Spindler (17:41) was 10th, Tanner Felton (17:27) was seventh, Mason Becker (17:26) was sixth, and Tyson Ricker (17:11) was fourth.

Becker girls win with varsity and JV

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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Tues., Oct. 4, Becker hosted their home invitational cross country meet.

Becker girls ran confidently and took home wins in both the varsity and JV races.

Varsity scores: **Becker 22**, St. Cloud Cathedral 52, Rock Ridge 64, Big Lake 122, Foley 124, Princeton and St. Cloud Tech incomplete.

The varsity girls ran a commanding race, getting out well and working together to push one another. Placing 2-3-4 for Becker were Adele Changamire (19:44.2), Lexi Rose (19:51.1) and Ella McDonald (20:00.1). Olivia Babler ran a season best time of 20:08.2 for sixth place. Becker's fifth runner was Alea Briggs in 10th place with a time of 20:55.2.

Bella Duncombe and Brooklyn Karel pushed together to place 12th and 13th (21:23.5 and 21:26.2).

Junior Varsity

The JV girls earned a perfect score of 15. Tasha Berthiaume ran well and was first (22:28.3 SB). She was followed by Kayla Gruenes in second (23:05.2), Regan Hausmann third (23:14.5), Natalie Trenz fourth (23:34.2), Raelee Lyon fifth (23:50.6), Sophia Malisheski sixth (24:04.2) and Raegan Leaders seventh (25:25.7).

Junior High

The Jr. High girls took second as a team in the 3200 meter race with four PR times.

Places were, Ava Scheiber third, Kendall Olson fourth, Laney Hodel fifth, Aria Deidrick ninth, Lorelei Swanson 14th,

Abby Frey 23rd and Myka Maksimenko 24th.

"We were happy to honor our seniors at our home meet," said Head Coach Trish Kealy.

They are Bella Duncombe, Regan Hausmann, Kayla Gruenes, Brooklyn Karel, Raegan Leaders and Meghan Swanson.

Lions Invite

On Sat., Oct. 8, Becker competed in the Lions Invitational at Alexandria. This is one of the premier meets with 24 complete teams and several incomplete ones.

Becker took fifth and was only six points out of third.

Teams scores: St Paul Highland Park 79, Alexandria 134, Edina 150, Mounds View 153, **Becker 156**, Staples/Motley 172, Marshall 190, Monticello 232, Willmar 251, Roseville 263, Chaska 281, White Bear Lake 310, Rorori 321, Little Falls 344, Stillwater 387, Sartell 456, Chanhausen 490, Sioux Falls Washington 524, Buffalo 542, New London Spicer 552, Windon 555, Detroit Lakes 597, Thief River Falls 629 and Pequot Lakes 642.

"The race is set on a beautiful course at Arrowwood Resort," said Kealy. "The variety of teams from all three classes provides good competition which will help us as we move into the championship section of our season."

Lexi Rose earned a trophy for her efforts in this race, placing 13th with a time of 19:20.2 and a strong finish. Adele Changamire was Becker's second finisher, placing 20th with a time of 19:45.2. Ella McDonald placed 27th in 20:01.7. Becker's fourth

Jonathan Drury (21:28), Aiden Frommelt (21:47), Jacob Kurhajetz (22:29), Vincent Martin (24:11), and Thomas Cota (25:35) made up the JV team along with Denlan Harmoning (22:52) as he accomplished a startling 41-second PR.

The final race at the Meet of Champions was the varsity boys event in which the Bulldog team was ninth amongst some of the top teams in the state. Tyson Ricker was the top 'Dog again with a new PR of 16:09 for the 5km race. Ricker placed seventh. Tanner Felton was next for the Bulldogs with his 18 second PR and first ever sub-17 time. Felton placed in the top 25 of the meet with his 16:56 and was the top finishing ninth grader of the race.

Mason Becker crossed the line at 17:30, Parker Spindler finished 17:56, Evan Hubbard was 18:09, Alex Swanson was 18:24, and Jase Tobako was 18:42.

"I was pleased with our showing this past few weeks" said Weege. "The guys have been working hard in practices and at meets as we continue to prep for some good races toward the end of the season. I anticipate it to be a tight conference and section and I'm looking forward to seeing what the runners can do."

The Bulldog boys are currently rated 10th in the State AA poll.

Up Next

The Bulldogs traveled to Princeton for the Tiger Invitational on Tuesday, Oct. 11, but results were not available in time so check back next week for that information.

runner was Olivia Babler, placing 37th in 20:17.9. Alea Briggs was Becker's fifth runner and placed 59th in 20:46.4. Brooklyn Karel was 76th in 21:05.9.

"While Bella Duncombe did not finish this race we expect her to return to form soon," said Kealy.

There were 167 total runners in the varsity race.

In the JV race, Becker's girls finished ninth out of 16 teams. There were 268 runners in this race.

Natalie Trenz ran a PR time of 22:09.6 to place 39th. She was Becker's first finisher. Sophia Malisheski also ran a PR time of 22:55.7, finishing second. Other Becker runners were: Regan Hausmann 23:00.7, Kayla Gruenes 23:06.1, Raelee Lyon 23:09.5, Meghan Swanson 23:22.6, Tasha Berthiaume 23:42.6 and Raegan Leaders 26:19.9.

The junior high team placed fourth out of six teams. Becker's top five runners for this meet were Kendall Olson, Ava Scheiber, Lorelei Swanson, Laney Hodel and Aria Deidrick.

Up Next

Becker's next meet will be Tuesday at the Princeton Invitational.



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“A special shout-out to TJ and ‘The Buff’ for hosting the event,” said Lori Andreen of the BELIA. “Even donating many of the wine and spirit samples and making the evening possible. Thank you to the businesses who also donated their time and their samples from Northern Hollow Winery; Sociable Cider Werks; Lupulin Brewing; along with distributors from Dahlheimer Beverage, Bernick’s, and C and L Distributing. You are so appreciated!”

“Thanks to all our volunteers, especially Kim DeVries, Lori Neissess, and Sandy McClurg who worked for months to make everything come together,” said Andreen. “A remarkable feat — and to Marcie Swanson for creating our Boat Race and Photo Booth. Truly a lovely evening! Thank you everyone!”

ONE OF THE NEWEST GAMES was a favorite of many — the Boat Race. Nicole, far right outlasted them all. (Submitted Photo).

DOZENS OF SLIENT AUCTION ITEMS were set up on tables for perusal and bidding by customers. (Submitted Photo).

Ribbon cutting ceremony in Big Lake...

STYLE CATERING recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony as the newest member of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce. Pictured (from left to right): Casey Hanson of the Patriot Newspaper, Cindy Lemm of Coldwell Banker, Brenda Geldert of Options Inc., Donna Clarksean of Old National Bank, Sue Emberland of the Monticello Times, Becky Jacobs of Northstar Solutions, Kyle Geroux of Style Catering, Stacie Borchardt of Style Catering, Director of the Chamber of Commerce Gloria VanDeBrake, County Commissioner Raeanne Danielowski, and Ken Geroux of Ken Geroux Construction. (Submtted photo.)

Bulldog Swimmers Continue Consistency

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog swimming and diving team continues to show great consistency and that effort led to a pair of similar dual meet wins a week ago.

Last Tuesday, the Bulldogs knocked off the Albany Huskies, 97 to 89.

“This was an exciting meet from start to finish, Head Coach Tina Tamm said. “The result came down to the last event.”

With the score close, Albany could pick up a first and second place finish in the 400 free relay to tie the meet score. But the Bulldogs and Tamm knew the win could be theirs with a concerted effort.

“As long as we place in that event, we win!” Tamm said. “Our 400 free relays placed second and third to secure the win. The stress level was high but so was the excitement level.”

Tamm was proud of the way her athletes came back from being down early in the meet.

“During the first half of the meet we were losing and we were behind by four points going into the diving event,” Tamm said. “Our divers, Lauren Woelfel, Lillian Bonsante and Karli Kirk, placed first, second and fourth which flipped the score and had us ahead by four points at the completion of that event.”

Tamm credited her team’s strong will and determination with securing the win.

“Strong touches and the desire to stay undefeated kept the girls motivated for the remainder of the meet,” Tamm said.

With the win, Becker remained unbeaten on the season in dual meets.

Bluejackets

Thursday evening, Becker knocked off conference foe Cambridge-Isanti by a score of 94 to 82.

“This win put us at 7-0 for the season and that’s the best record we’ve ever had as long as I’ve been here,” Tamm said. “I knew this season was going to be a good one but these girls continue to amaze me at every meet. They go into each meet ready to go and want to win. They swim their races to the best of their ability every time.”

Laila Cook completed her final event for sections by qualifying in all eight swimming events.

“She can only swim two of these at the section meet so now we have some decisions to make,” Tamm said.

The girls finished up the season Tuesday evening as they took on the Monticello Magic.

From there, the section 5A True Team meet is on Saturday, Oct 15th at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School.

“This meet gives us a glimpse into what the section meet will look like,” Tamm said. “We hope to do well on Saturday.”

Tamm and her team will then start preparing for the section meet which is November 10 through 12.

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Hockey is Right Around the Corner

It’s only the second week of October but my mind has fast tracked to the start of the high school hockey season. One of the most highly anticipated sporting events of the season for true Minnesotans is the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament but we have to go back a few steps before we get to that point. I thought it’d be fun to have a very early discussion of the upcoming State Tournament and what teams are favorites.

If they haven’t started already, hockey practices will be getting started soon, then tryouts and finally the most exciting part; games. It’s always fun to watch how hard these kids work all season long to get to their version of the Stanley Cup. Last season the boy’s A Championship went to Hermantown after they took down Warroad. While the boy’s AA Championship went to Andover in a thrilling overtime win over Maple Grove.

The Tourney games last season were very entertaining as they always are and while I typically find it hard to cheer for cities teams, I was able to cheer for Maple Grove and I wasn’t super disappointed when Andover won because it was such a thrilling and well fought game. It seems like the competition gets better with each season and I can’t wait to see who

By Mariah Stark Contributing Writer

comes out on top this year.

The obvious favorites are the defending champions in Hermantown and Andover but Maple Grove and Warroad were strong teams to take second place and they’ll be eager to get vengeance for their losses. In Class A you can’t count out Delano who seems to always get extremely close to the tournament but they either lose in the final round before the tournament or they make it to the first round and no further.

East Grand Forks, St. Cloud Cathedral, Monticello, Alexandria and Mahtomedi are all strong and capable teams I’d keep my eye on as this season unfolds as well. At least two of them will most likely make it to the tournament, how far they go after that is a mystery.

On to Class AA and the typical favorites of Moorhead, Grand Rapids, Edina, Roseau, Hill-Murray, and Eden Prairie are the teams to watch out for. Some of

these teams I can’t stand to cheer for but they are entertaining to watch. Even if you don’t like a team, you can still have respect for their level of talent and winning abilities.

When I played hockey, I didn’t play long enough to have a chance in the high school tournament, I did however make it to the U-14A state tournament and that was an incredible experience. I always dreamed of playing in the high school tournament but being able to watch it is almost as fun. Every hockey player dreams of playing for their school and then their college and finally the NHL.

These kids all have that dream and for a lot of them it may be the only chance they get as it’s a very competitive sport with not a lot of roster spots open to go on past high school. Regardless of where they want to go in their career, if you want to watch some fun and fast paced hockey, check out the State Tournament in March, you won’t regard it.

With that I’m going to wrap up my small section about the teams expected to make it to the State Tournament and why it’s important to them. It’s very early but sometimes early predictions are the best, I hope everyone is having a great fall so far and here’s to hockey season just around the corner!

Bulldogs split two recent games

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer reporter.bill@patriotnewsmn.com

The Becker girls soccer team went 1- this week with a win over Hutchinson and a close loss to Rockford.

Becker 2, Hutchinson 1

Junior Rebecca Lyon was the hero back on Oct. 1 as she tallied both goals in the Becker win over the Tigers of Hutchinson. Assists went to senior Ava Ewald and eighth grader Stella Block.

Senior goaltender Rachel Fuller had 19 saves while sophomore Abby Atwood had 18 clears and sophomore Charlie Ebert had 12 interceptions.

“We played well overall,” said Becker Head Coach Ben Strom. “We played through some in-

EIGHTH GRADER STELLA BLOCK (#9) looks to move the ball in the match against Hutchinson Oct. 1. Block had an assist on one of the two goals scored that night. (Submitted Photo).

juries and adversity and came out with the result we wanted.”

Rockford 1, Becker 0

On Oct. 3, Becker took on Rockford and lost a tight match by one goal.

Fuller was busy with 13 saves and kept the girls in the game most of the night. Atwood had 16 clears and Ebert another 12 interceptions.

“We played to the level of our opponent and couldn’t find our tempo,” Strom said. “We fought hard but in the end didn’t finish our chances.”

“Even though with the loss on 10/3, the Rockford game was for the younger kids and our captains made it extra fun with some

games,” he continued.

Up Next

Next week look for results from Becker’s final season game at home against St. Cloud Cathedral which was rescheduled last minute due to referee shortage. The girls played Monday.

Hornet VB Girls Go 3-3 in Recent Games

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Big Lake Hornet girls volleyball team played 500 recently, beating Chisago Lakes, Minnewaska and Zimmerman, but falling to Alexandria, Morris and Ada Borup to bring their season record to 6-14.

@ Chisago Lakes
The Hornets traveled to Chisago Lakes Oct. 6 and came home with a great, 3-0 win.

Scores were 25-22, 25-21 and 25-16.

@ Alexandria
The Hornets hit the road to Alexandria Oct. 8 and lost three matches and won one in the Saturday tournament. In Big Lake's first match, they took on the host team and lost 2-0. In their second match, they faced Minnewaska and captured a 2-1 win. In the third matchup, they lost to Morris Area, 2-0 and in the fourth match, they lost to Ada Borup.

Home vs. Thunder
On Oct. 10, the Hornets defeated the Zimmerman Thunder, 3-2. Game scores were: 25-21 for Zimmerman, 25-21 for Big Lake, 26-24 for Zimmerman, 25-20 for Big Lake and 15-10 for the Hornets.

Up Next
The Hornets played at home against St. Cloud Tech Tuesday, then travel to Bloomington Jefferson Saturday and close out the regular season at North Branch Tuesday.

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Liberty Paper Player of the Game

By Bill Morgan
Editor/Staff Writer
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Adam Jurek was named "Player of the Week" for his outstanding game in Becker's 35-12 win over Monticello on Friday night. Adam had 14 carries for 75 yards and two TDs.

Coach Lundeen said, "Adam had a great game on offense, blocking and running hard on every carry. He also was dominant on special teams, making a number of big hits. I love watching Adam play - he is a football player."



ADAM JUREK was named Liberty Paper Player of the Game for his performance in the Oct. 7 game against Monticello. (Submitted Photo)

Bulldogs tied for 1st place with win over Magic

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer
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The Becker Bulldogs stayed hot as they took care of business with the Magic of Monticello on Friday night on the road and improved their overall record to 5-1.

Friday's final was 35-12 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Things didn't start all that well for Becker as they found themselves down by six when L. Emmerich scored on a long run of 42 yards. The extra point attempt was missed, but the home team held a 6-0 lead through the entire first quarter.

The Bulldogs got on track later on in the first

when QB Ryan Bengtson connected with Alex Weiss for a 14 yard TD to tie it up. Zach Bengtson booted the extra point through the uprights and Becker found themselves on top, 7-6.

The Magic didn't back down as Emmerich connected with H. Katzenburger from 17 yards out to put the home team up by five at 12-7 as they failed on a two-point conversion attempt.

Midway through the quarter, Bengtson this time found Kyan Blomquist from 18 yards out to put the Bulldogs up by two (Bengtson converted XP kick).

The third quarter saw both teams battle for field position and the Bulldogs finally broke through when Adam Jurek capped off a

long drive with a three yard TD run. After three, Becker was up 21-12.

The fourth quarter was different as Becker got two running touchdowns from two separate players to put the game out of reach. the first score came when QB Bengtson carried the ball over the goal line from one yard out for a TD. The second came when Jurek topped off the game with a 27 yard dagger to finish off the scoring at 35-12.

Ryan Bengtson was great as he went 18-of-28 for 171 yards and two TD scores. On the ground, Jurek — with his late 27 yard run — led all runners with 75 yards on 14 carries and two scores.

Blomquist was a hot target as he reeled in nine

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HARRISON KENT raises the football up after he picked it off in Friday's game at Monticello. (Submitted Photo).

catches for 98 yards and one score.

On defense, Cody Klatt had five tackles, one assist, two sacks and two tackles for losses. Harrison Kent had five tackles, one sack and two tackles for loss. He also had one of Becker's two interceptions (other by Isaac Daluge).

Becker is now tied for first place in the North Central White Conference with Hutchinson and Willmar at 5-1.

Up Next
The Bulldogs host St. Cloud Apollo Friday night. Apollo is 1-4 on the year.

Tennis team loses season finale to Rocori

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday October 6, the Bulldog girls tennis ended their team portion of the season with a hard-fought battle versus Rocori. In a match that could be replayed and resulted in a different outcome, the Bulldogs lost 3-4.

According to Coach Nate Bucher, Sections are played in the Sta-Fit Sartell bubble where there are five indoor courts.

"For section competition, each match starts from the lower positions as courts open up moving up toward the top positions (seeds)," Bucher said.

With the first three courts open, Lily Anderson played a tough opponent at #4 singles, losing 0-6, 5-7.

"Lily really was hitting great, her opponent was unable to track down a lot of her shots, though Lily was starting to get a foothold in the second set," Bucher said. "But it was a little too late."

The Bulldogs had great performances as well from Lauren Croal at three singles and the #3 doubles team of Hannah Hyttsten and Payton Enerson. Croal won handily



AYLA BROWN (BACK) AND DANI NUEST captured the South Section championship and have a top seed heading into the Section tournament, where they have a chance to advance to the state meet. (Submitted photo.)

at 6-3, 6-1, while the #3 doubles won 7-5, 6-2.

"These two wins gave us all great hope, knowing that the rests of our positions would be a competitive chance at winning," Bucher said.

Next to play was the #2 doubles team of Hannah Bartlett and Kennedy Drehmel

who played one of their most outstanding sets in the first set, winning easily 6-3.

"But unfortunately could not keep the momentum and fell in second and third sets 3-6, 4-6, respectively," Bucher said. The #2 singles position with Dani NUEST has been a strong point throughout the season, and she jumped out to a strong 5-2 lead, but then fell out of rhythm and couldn't recover, while the Rocori player took advantage for the win.

Next for the Bulldogs was the #1 doubles team who came out playing strong, but just falling short in the long games in the first set, dropping 3-6.

"The second set was met with determination and grit and the Madison Bass and Ali Groskreutz combination found some opportunities to capitalize, winning 6-4 in the second set," Bucher said. "But again, Rocori would not easily go away and found a way to beat the Bulldog duo 4-6 in the third set."

Bucher said Ayla Brown at #1 singles played with great tension as the two doubles points were in their third sets while she was playing her match.

"Brown, knowing the

circumstances, took some time to settle in with her first set winning in a tiebreak 7-6 (1), but then found her strength and won the second 6-3 nearly at the time when the doubles had lost, making the final score 3-4," Bucher concluded.

Overall, the coach was happy with the team's performance throughout the year.

"What a great year, we really set out every single day that we got to touch the tennis court to get better, and we did," Bucher said. "We were mostly playing some of our best tennis at the end of the year, but just came up short in some spots. I'm really proud of what the girls accomplished and the way they continued to have each other's backs throughout the season."

Individuals

Lily Anderson and Lauren Croal were the singles entrants for the Bulldogs and ended up having some really tough draws in the tournament.

"They both played well and had some opportunities to win, but just came up short, bowing out in the first round," Bucher said.

Madison Bass and Ali

Groskreutz, along with Ayla Brown and Dani NUEST were the doubles entrants. Bass and Groskreutz again had a tough draw playing the sixth seeded Rocori doubles team of Andrusick and Field, two singles players with some strong groundstrokes. They, too, came up short in the match, bowing out in the first round.

Brown and NUEST were seeded number two in the sub-section and played dominantly.

They came away from Friday with two wins and a guarantee to play in the next weekend's section tournament.

"Saturday saw the four teams locked in for the next weekend, playing out the remainder of the bracket in the South for seeding against the North," Bucher said. "Again Brown and NUEST were all gas and won handily bringing them to the finals off the sub-section against the number one seeded St. Cloud team."

Bucher said that match was a battle throughout with all four players pounding groundstrokes at one another and taking every pop-up ball as an overhead.

"It was great, as we hope

it was a preview of the championship match to send both of these teams to the State Tournament," Bucher said.

Brown and NUEST prevailed through the third set, upsetting the #1 seed and securing the top seed for the section match up. As sub-section champions, Brown and NUEST will draw the #4 team from the North in the opening round of the Section tournament.

"Dani and Ayla are playing some great tennis right now," Bucher said. "Though they are still adjusting to doubles nuances, each time they step back on the court they are getting stronger. We hope that they continue this strong play!"



Announcements

Clear Lake/Clearwater - Organizations

Clear Lake Legion

Meets the second Tues. of the month at 4180 105th Ave., Clear Lake. The Legion will meet at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Bud Stimmler at (320) 761-5793.

Clear Lake Lions

Meets the first & third Tues. of the month at Palmer Twp. Hall at 7pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact any Lions member or one of the officers listed on our website: www.clearlakelionsmn.org

Clear Valley Business Connections

Meets quarterly on the 2nd Thurs. of the month from 11:30am-1pm at various locations. Glenna Soenneker, President, (320) 267-4361, 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.

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

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Miscellaneous - Organizations

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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.

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

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Becker Upcoming Events

Becker Cemetery Ass'n Notice

Sat., Oct. 15, all grave decorations that you wish to keep must be removed. After this date, cemetery volunteers will remove anything that is left on.

Clearwater Upcoming Events

Free Membership Dinner!

Clearwater American Legion, Sat., Oct. 22, social hour 6pm, dinner 7pm. All Legion, Auxiliary, SAL & Legion Rider Members are welcome! Stop in & sign up at bar or call for info 320-558-6627. 505 Pine St., Clearwater.

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Please notify the Rejoice Office of your attendance at 320-558-6851 or email: rejoice@rejoicelutheranchurch.org. This will help us insure a meal for everyone.

Monticello Upcoming Events

Annual Fall Bazaar

Sat., Nov. 5, 9am-3pm. Lefse, bake sale, used-a-bit, Rada knives, Mae Spencer pottery & more. Community United Methodist Church, 9225 Jason Ave NE, Monticello.

Sherburne County Upcoming Events

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Foreclosures

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: 4/15/2015
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$139,900.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Marilee K Lagace-Peterson and Scott K Peterson, wife and husband

MORTGAGEE: Navy Federal Credit Union

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: has Document 801957 in the Office of the County Recorder in Sherburne County, Minnesota.

TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 85-410-0246

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Twenty-three (23), Block Two (2), Royal Oaks,

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Abstract Property
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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: 71-PR-22-131
Estate of
Allan Aust,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

Notice is given that on November 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., a virtual hearing will be held in this Court for the formal appointment of Mary Olson, whose address is 21764 County Road 43, Big Lake, MN 55309 as Special Administrator of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Please contact Sherburne County Court Administration at 763-284-7140 for log-in information if you would like to attend the hearing.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: September 27, 2022
/s/ Jordan Gregorich
Deputy Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: 71-PR-22-87
Estate of
James W. Thomas,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated September 24, 2014, and First Codicil, dated October 29, 2021, has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Judith Jude, whose address is 109 Chestnut Circle, Big Lake, MN 55309 personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute real estate.

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

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5. Dated: August 22, 2022
/s/ Pamela Kreier
Registrar
/s/ Patricia Kuka
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: 71-PR-22-118
Estate of
Arthur Sylvester Lucking,
Decedent.

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 27th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., a hearing will be held via Zoom by this Court at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, November 11, 2008, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Michael Lucking, whose address is P.O. Box 31, Pierz, MN, 56364 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: September 22, 2022
/s/ Blayne Graves
Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: 71-PR-22-133
Estate of
James Frederick Napoli,
a/k/a James F. Napoli,
Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF TESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 17, 2022, at 9:00 o'clock in the a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Elk River, Minnesota, on a Petition for the Adjudication of Intestacy and Determination of Decedent's Heirs, and for the Appointment of Susan Fryckman, whose address is 22448 173rd Street NW, Big Lake, MN 55309, as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred..

BY THE COURT
Dated: October 06, 2022
/s/ Blayne Graves
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No.: 71-PR-22-128
Case Type: Informal Probate
In re the Estate of
Larry David Peterson,
a/k/a Larry D. Peterson,
Decedent.

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal 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 February 9, 1998, has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Allen Peterson, 15828 127th St SE, 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 other-

wise 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 filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred. Dated: September 27, 2022
/s/ Pamela Kreier
Probate Registrar
/s/ Patricia Kuka
Court Administrator
(Published in the Patriot: 10/15/22; 10/22/22).



Public Notices

City Public Notices

CITY OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Becker Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31st, 2022, at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue, Becker, Minnesota. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing at this meeting:

Approximately 6:00 p.m. – Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for the Becker Public School Campus Additions and Renovations specific to the Primary School, Intermediate School, Early Childhood Family Education Facility, and the Multi-Purpose Turf Field.

Anyone interested in this issue is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to Mary Roe at P.O. Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to planner@ci.becker.mn.us by 4:30 p.m. October 31, 2022.

Thank you,
Mary Roe
Senior Planner
(Published in the *Patriot*: 10/15/22.)

CITY OF CLEARWATER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE.

Notice is hereby given that the Clearwater Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 25, 2022 at City Hall, 605 County Road 75 NW at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider a request by Pat Briggs. The request is for a variance related to parking and the trash enclosure location for an apartment building proposed to be constructed at 845 Ash Street (PID# 104500344407 and 104500353312).

Legal description available at City Hall upon request.



All persons wishing to speak on this item will be heard. Comments may be submitted in writing prior to the meeting. Email: dpetty@clearwatercity.com

/s/ Deb Petty, Zoning Administrator
Dated: October 12, 2022
(Published in the *Patriot*: 10/15/22.)

Township Public Notices

Town of Becker Sherburne County, Minnesota

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG THE INTERIOR SECTIONS OF LOTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5, BLOCK 2 TURNQUIST FARMS. PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES §412.851 AND §462.358

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Becker Town Board on October 17, 2022 at the Becker Town Hall located at 12165 Hancock Street, Becker MN at 7:00 pm to consider the proposed vacation of drainage and utility easements along the interior sections of Lots 1, 2, 4, and 5, Block 2 of Turnquist farms in order to correct encroachments as petitioned by the property owners.

All parties interested in this issue are invited to attend and comment. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to the Town Clerk at PO Box 248, Becker MN 55308 or clerk@beckertownship.org. All written comments are due by 4:00 pm on October 17th, 2022.

Thank you.
Lucinda Messman, Becker Township Clerk
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Becker Public Schools #726 Notices

Independent School District #726 Becker, Minnesota Regular School Board Meeting August 1, 2022 SUMMARY

The complete minutes are on file in the district office and on the district website.

Chair Swanson called the regular meeting of the School Board of District #726 to order on the 1st day of August, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Teaching & Learning Center.

Roll Call.
Members present: Troy Berning, Aaron Jurek, Ryan Obermoller, Connie Robinson, Mark Swanson, Pete Weismann
Members absent: None

Others present: Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent & Kevin Januszewski, Director of Business Services

Motion by Ryan Obermoller, seconded by Aaron Jurek to **Remove Policies 471 and 722 from the Agenda** until reviewed by the policy committee and a legal review has been done. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ryan Obermoller, seconded by Pete Weismann, to **Conduct a Legal Review of Policy 471.** Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (refer to recording for full comments)

Motion by Ryan Obermoller, seconded by Connie Robinson, to **Nominate Aaron Jurek as Treasurer.** Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: Superintendent Schmidt, Treasurer Jurek (Facilities Committee Meeting)

Motion by Troy Berning, seconded by Ryan Obermoller to **Approve the Consent Agenda** as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 1, 2022 WORK SESSION
MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 15 2022 WORK SESSION
MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 29 WORK SESSION
MINUTES FROM THE JULY 11 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DISBURSEMENTS – in the amount of \$1,722,123.71
PERSONNEL, as presented
2022-2023 COMMUNITY EDUCATION HANDBOOK, as presented

Motion by Ryan Obermoller, seconded by Troy Berning, to **Designate the Superintendent as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA)** to authorize user access to MDE secure websites. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Aaron Jurek, seconded by Connie Robinson, to **Approve a Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election.** Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Troy Berning, seconded by Aaron Jurek, to **Approve a Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District Special Election.** Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ryan Obermoller, seconded by Pete Weismann, to **Approve the following Policy Updates:**

203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda (Added Advisory Opinion Reference)
210 Conflict of Interest (Deleted Service Manual Reference)
302 Superintendent (Deleted Service Manual Reference)
304 Superintendent Contract (Deleted Service Manual Reference)
401 Equal Employment Opportunity (Changed contact to HR and Updated Statutory Reference)
402 Disability Nondiscrimination (Updated References)
404 Employment Background Checks (Aligned with Updated State Form)
419 Tobacco Free Environment (Delete Service Manual; Update Reference)
516 Student Medication (Fix Numerical Order of Legal References)

A **First Reading** was held on the following policy:
524 Internet Use

A second reading will be held at the next school board meeting.

Motion by Mark Swanson, seconded by Ryan Obermoller, to **Approve the Strategic Plan**, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held concerning **Data Requests** and how to handle them going forward. Chair Swanson asked for weekly updates on all data requests and for Superintendent Schmidt to look into outsourcing, or who can take over these responsibilities. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:27 p.m.

/s/ Mark Swanson, Chair
/s/ Ryan Obermoller, Clerk
Recorder: /s/ Angela Oswald
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Independent School District #726 Becker, Minnesota Special School Board Meeting August 23, 2022

Chair Swanson called the special meeting of the School Board of District #726 to order on the 23rd day of August, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Teaching & Learning Center.

Roll Call.
Members present: Troy Berning, Aaron Jurek, Ryan Obermoller, Connie Robinson, Mark Swanson, Pete Weismann
Members absent: None

Others present: Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent & Kevin Januszewski, Director of Business Services

Motion by Ryan Obermoller, seconded by Troy Berning, to **Enter Into a Closed Session to Discuss with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation Regarding the School District's Communication Plan Approved on May 2, 2022.** Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ryan Obermoller, seconded by Troy Berning, to **Adopt a Plan Discussed in the Closed Session and Rescind the Communications Plan that was adopted on May 2, 2022.** Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:18 p.m.

/s/ Mark Swanson, Chair
/s/ Ryan Obermoller, Clerk
Recorder: /s/ Angela Oswald
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Big Lake Public Schools #727 Notices

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BIG LAKE HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS 501 MINNESOTA AVENUE EAST BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA 55309

Independent School District #727 will receive single prime sealed bids for the Big Lake High School Renovations project until 2:00 p.m. local time on October 25, 2022 at the District Office, 501 Minnesota Avenue East, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents, including the Proposal Form, Drawings, and Specifications, will be on file at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge Plan Center; Reed Construction; iSqFt Plan Room (St. Paul, MN), The Blue Book Building and Construction Network; and from Franz Reprographics at www.franzrepro.com, Albert Lea Builders Exchange; Austin Builders Exchange; Mankato Builders Exchange; Builders Exchange of Rochester; St. Cloud Builders Exchange.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at Big Lake High School, 501 Minnesota Avenue East, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309 at 9:00 a.m. on October 13, 2022. Visitors must check in at the main entrance with a valid State ID. Attendance to the meeting is not required, but highly recommended.

Scope of work includes: Interior demolition of existing walls, ceilings, and removal of flooring. Removal of existing mechanical and electrical systems. Building of new walls, ceilings/soffits, floors/finishes, operable walls, storefronts, wheelchair lift. Upgrade and rearrangement of mechanical and electrical systems, associated with the architectural work. See specifications for information regarding phasing and alternates.

American Reprographics Company, 4730 Park Glen Road, St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55416 (952) 697-8800, facsimile (952) 697-8803 will provide complete downloadable sets of the Bidding Documents to prospective bidders and subcontractors. The downloads will be available after October 3, 2022. A deposit check in the amount of \$25 made out to ARC for each set downloaded via the internet at <https://www.e-arc.com/location/st-louis-park/> and clicking on the PlanWell icon, then the Public Plan Room icon, select Big Lake High School Renovations.

Make proposals on the bid forms supplied in the Project Manual. No oral, telegraphic, or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check, or acceptable bidder's bond payable to Independent School District #727 in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Performance Bond.

Bids may not be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of opening bids, without the consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids, and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding.

The Owner requires this phased project to be substantially complete by August 16, 2024. See specification for additional phasing requirements.

Board of Education
Independent School District #727
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SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS 701 MINNESOTA AVENUE BIG LAKE, MINNESOTA 55309

Independent School District #727 will receive single prime sealed bids for the Independence Elementary School Renovations project until 2:00 p.m. local time on November 8, 2022 at the District Office, 501 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidding documents, including the Proposal Form, Drawings, and Specifications, will be on file at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge Plan Center; Reed Construction; iSqFt Plan Room (St. Paul, MN), The Blue Book Building and Construction Network; and from Franz Reprographics at www.franzrepro.com, Albert Lea Builders Exchange; Austin Builders Exchange; Mankato Builders Exchange; Builders Exchange of Rochester; St. Cloud Builders Exchange.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at Independence Elementary School, 701 Minnesota Avenue, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309 at 9:00 a.m. on October 27, 2022. Visitors must check in at the main entrance with a valid State ID. Attendance to the meeting is not required, but highly recommended.

Scope of work includes: Interior demolition of existing walls, ceilings, and removal of flooring. Removal of existing mechanical and electrical systems. Building of new walls, ceilings/soffits, floors/finishes, storefronts, and rearrangement of mechanical and electrical systems, associated with the architectural work. See specifications for information regarding phasing and alternates.

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Make proposals on the bid forms supplied in the Project Manual. No oral, telegraphic, or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered. Submit with each bid, a certified check, or acceptable bidder's bond payable to Independent School District #727 in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Performance Bond.

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Becker Baptist Church
Pastors: Nathan Bucher (Senior), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. of Child/Fam. Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am. During the school year: AWANA for Kids/Sun. School 9:15am. Midweek Connect for Kids 6:30pm. Please register Kids on our website. Youth Group: Wed. 6:30pm. www.beckerbaptist.org.

Becker Evangelical Free Church
Pastors: Gerald Deppa (Interim 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 & Vicar Molly Wills, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am (Holy Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays) Nursery available. Sun. school 9:55am, Refreshments & fellowship at 10:30am, Wed. programs: 6:00pm Wed. Worship, 6:30pm 7th - 9th grade confirmation, 7:30pm Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. Bible Studies: Tues. 9:00am www.faithlutheran-becker.org.

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
Pastor: 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, Becker High School, 12000 Hancock St, Enter door 11. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

• BIG LAKE

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 9am & 10:45am, Wed. groups (kids/youth/adults) 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 Orrick
763-262-0028. www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com.

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

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church
Pastor: Marty Mabry, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10:30am.

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.myrc.church, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Services: 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.

Spirit Life Church
763-262-LIFE, 221 Lake St N. Services Sun. mornings 9:45am. Going Deeper Sun. 9am. Prophetic Prayer Wed. 7pm.

• SANTIAGO

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA
Pastor: Courtney Young, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am. and 10 am, Sun. School 9am.

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
320-699-0876, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Starting in Sept. Wed. night Ladies in Recovery study at 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.

SHED Church - Non-Denomination in Palmer
Pastor: TBD, 320-241-0123, Palmer Town Hall, 4180 105th Ave. Services: Sun. 5pm. www.shedchurch.org.

St. Marcus Catholic Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Mon. & Wed. Mass 8am, Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. 8am.

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church
Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502, 10915 Duell Road NE. Services: Sun. Mass 10am, Tues. Mass 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. School that begins in Worship 9:30am.

Livestream worship at Rejoice's Youtube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWYti5wmGw>

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

• SILVER CREEK

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Pastor: Ken Tatenhorst, 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.

• SAINT CLOUD

Faith Lutheran Church
Pastor: Joshua Reber, 320-252-3315, 3000 County Road SE. Worship: Sun. 10:15am.

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Bradley H. Lasch, Age 63
Big Lake, MN
March 28, 1959 – October 6, 2022

A celebration of life will take place at a later date for Bradley H. Lasch age 63 of Big Lake who died suddenly on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at his home in Big Lake Township. Brad was born on March 28, 1959 in Mankato to Herbert & Dorothy (Bartness) Lasch. He grew up in Wisconsin Rapids, WI. He went on to graduate from Stevens Point College with a Bachelors degree in business management. He married Linda Carlstrom on January 6, 1989, in Edina. Brad worked as a store manager for a number of different stores including Tom Thumb, Holiday, Dollar General and St. Croix Oil Co. In his most recent years, he sold insurance.

Brad was always a happy guy, he loved spending time with his cousins at their lake cabin in Solon Springs, WI. He also enjoyed spending time golfing. He was a dog lover and loved his dogs, Blondie and Charlie. He also loved his cars; he has a Toyota MRII and a BMW that he kept in perfect condition. He is survived by his wife Linda of Big Lake; sister, Leslie (Jim) Chermak of Grafton, WI. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Special thank you to Dr. Anjum and the staff at Big Lake Dialysis Unit for their special care.

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