





## Due North Car Wash opens to public

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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Due North Car Wash recently opened their business in Monticello to eager and longing customers — searching for a great experience in caring for their vehicles.

They are located at 1301 Cedar Street in Monticello, right along Hwy. 25.

Due North's owners, husband and wife, Cory and Jessica Kampschroer, opened the car wash to high expectations and friendly enthusiasm. Right from the get-go, earnest customers began swinging in to the facility to experience a drive-thru car wash unlike any other.

Due North Car Wash features an expansive facility with lots of windows and an open-air feeling. As a customer drives up, they can either buy a single car wash, purchase an unlimited washing plan or use the vacuums out back. If one is part of the washing plan, a camera cap-



CORY (L) AND JESSICA (R) KAMPSCHROER of the Monticello/Bufalo area have opened a state-of-the-art car wash along Hwy. 25. (Photos from Due North website).



CORY KAMPSCHROER (R) and an employee of his pre-rinse a vehicle as they approach the car wash station at Due North. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).



DUE NORTH owners and employees plan to hold a grand opening later this month to officially announce the opening of their new business in Monticello. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

tures the vehicle license plate and the gate opens automatically for even faster service.

The whole car wash experience is estimated to take about two minutes to pass through the stages of the wash which include, prep and bug buster, a foaming pre-soak, a super soft or touchless wash, a spot-free rinse and a power dry. Upgrades include underbody rinses, a clear coat sealer, salt shield, tire and wheel cleaner, a triple foam polish, a mega sheet foamer, an ultimate ceramic finish, a hot wax and a heated jet dry.

They also have a free

car mat cleaning station that cleans car mats in about a minute.

Cory, a former Strategic Development Partner at 4giving, is leading the Due North team and oversees all elements of research, real estate, partnership development, and construction. Cory's background includes extensive experience in marketing, broadcasting and technology.

Jessica, a former Eyewitness News reporter, is leading Due North's community engagement, outreach and public affairs. With an extensive career in broadcast journal-

ism, Jessica enjoys connecting with people and sharing their stories.

Jessica and Cory have lived in the Monticello-Bufalo community for more than a decade and are proud to call this community home.

Another partner in the Due North venture is Jason Halvorson, President of Stellis Health in Monticello, Buffalo, and Albertville/St. Michael.

The Kampschroers plan to host a ribbon-cutting/grand opening later this month.

### WESTBY from page 1

raise kids. Kari said she didn't need someone who would shame her, but rather someone who could just help her.

Today, that mom has all of her kids back.

It was through fostering that the Westbys were able to adopt their youngest child. Everly is a one year old that the family was happy to welcome. Kari said that Everly's birth mom asked the family to adopt the baby, as she felt unable to raise her.

The Westbys were in the process of adopting from India at the time, but decided to put those plans on hold as they took in baby Everly.

Kari strongly encourages parents who are interested to become licensed foster parents. But she says becoming licensed is not the only way to help. There is plenty of need in the foster community for other ways to help, including running kids to appointments, babysitting, and mentoring parents of kids in foster care.

Kari says Becker is a wonderful community for foster parents, as there are many churches and other organizations offering support to foster families.

Rockstar mom that she is, Kari says she will be attending her daughter's play this Mother's Day. The Patriot staff wishes Kari and all of the other awesome moms out there a wonderful Mother's Day, and thanks for all that you do!

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THE WESTBY KIDS. Kari and Dan Westby have six kids, five biological and one adopted, as well as several foster kids. From left to right: Everly (baby), Makenna, Jayden, Dylan, Brooklyn, and Lexi. (Submitted photo.)

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## Area News

# County approves \$429k in community funding

By Ken Francis,  
Contributing Writer

The Sherburne County Board Tuesday approved \$429,568 in ARPA funding for 11 applicants under the Sherburne County Community Resource Support Program.

The program assists organizations that help provide county residents with housing, food, childcare programs, employment opportunities and access to social and mental health services as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Last month, Assistant Administrator Dan Weber said there have been over \$1.1 million in total requests by applicants, some of which are still being reviewed.

Tuesday's action awards grant money to the following organizations: Great River Faith in Action (\$20,000), Princeton School Dist. #477 (\$43,849), YMCA (\$20,000), Big Lake Food Shelf (\$30,000), Open Doors For Youth (\$35,000), Community Senior Services (\$15,000), Big Lake School Dist. #727 (\$96,000), Rivers of Hope (\$45,000), Becker School Dist. (\$90,000), CAER Food Shelf (\$15,000) and Passing the Bread (\$19,719).

Another request by Promise Neighborhood for \$125,000 was pulled from the list because there was still more information required. Weber said that application will come before the board for approval at the next meeting.

The board was unanimous in their approvals, however Commissioner Barbara Burandt abstained from a vote on the CAER Food Shelf and Commissioner Tim Dolan abstained from a vote on the YMCA. Both are board members for those organizations.

In a separate action, the board raised the allocation for the program from \$500,000 to \$750,000 to help cover present and future requests.

## RSVP Lease

The board approved a two-year lease agreement for general office space with the Retired

Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Under the agreement, the county will provide, office space, two office desks, chairs and access to the public WiFi system. The lease will run from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2024 at a cost of \$5,397.50.

## Employee Contract

The board approved a collective bargaining agreement with Law Enforcement Licensed Supervisor Unit through Dec. 31, 2024. Under the agreement, employees will receive a 3.5% range adjustment and 2.5% general adjustment the first of each year beginning retroactively to Jan. 1, 2022.

## Grams Park Grant

The board approved a grant contract with Minnesota DNR for an improvement project at Grams Park. The county has been awarded a \$250,000 Outdoor Recreation Grant to construct an accessible nature playscape, larger picnic shelter, parking lot and vault toilets at the park in Zimmerman. The grant requires a \$250,000 local match.

The board also approved a contract with HKGi for \$97,000 for the design of those improvements.

## SHIP Grant

The board approved a SHIP Grant of \$2,564.80 to Elk River School District for staff training for Walk! Bike! Fun!, a project intended to increase students' safe engagement in walking and biking as well as advance the school district's Safe Routes to School plan.

## Other Business

In other actions the board:

- Approved a Premises Permit renewal for charitable gambling for Princeton Youth Hockey, with a location of the Finish Line Café, 31924 125th St. NW Princeton;

- Approved a gambling application for exempt permit for the Dylan Witschen Foundation, to be used for a Raffle on June 2, 2022 at Wild Marsh Sporting Clays, 13481 Co. Rd. 3 in Santiago Twp.;

- Approved a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Minnesota Dept. of Corrections to facili-

tate reimbursement to the county for prosecution of crimes committed in the correctional facility. The Dept. of Corrections will reimburse up to \$15,000;

- Approved an amended grant award from the Minnesota Dept. of Human Services in the amount of \$62,553, to perform duties and responsibilities related to the Child and Teen Checkups program for the funding period of July 1 through Dec. 31, 2022;

- Approved a contract for \$1,081 with Elia International Limited for access to the Signs of Safety Knowledge Bank, an online library for child protection learning resources;

- Appointed Linda S. Campbell to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for Commissioner Dist. 1.

- Approved a cost-share agreement with Christ Our Light Church for construction of turn and bypass lanes on Co. Rd. 9 in anticipation of a new church to be built just west of Hwy. 169. The church's share will be \$41,731.88.

- Approved a cost-share agreement with Sand Dunes Properties MN, LLC for construction of turn and bypass lanes on Co. Rd. 4 for a proposed development just east of Co. Rd. 5. Sand Dunes' share will be \$31,940.24.

- Passed a resolution authorizing the acquisition of right-of-way property on Co. Rd. 33 in the amount of \$43,250 for a reconstruction project.

- Approved the purchase of two 2022 Toyota Sienna Hybrid vans at a cost \$73,540 for the county's Veterans Services Transportation Program. Included in the amount is a \$10,000 grant from a veterans support organization in Minnesota.

- Approved the preliminary residential standard plat of Pine Crest Estates West, consisting of 23 lots on 71.53 acres at Co. Rd. 4 and 180th St. NW in Orrock Twp.;

- Proclaimed the week of May 11-16 as Police Officers' Week in Sherburne County.



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# BL Twp. Board gets Lions Park ready for summer

By Katherine Cantin,  
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Supervisor Norm Leslie informed the board that the wood chips at the Lions Park playground were worn down and needed to be replaced. He showed the board a few different options, recommending they use dried tamarack, as he believed it would last longer.

The board also considered using shredded rubber tires instead of wood chips, as they would last a very long time, but the idea was a non-starter. The rubber was known to become hot in the summer, and would cost about \$70,000, as opposed to the \$15,000 price tag of the tamarack.

Leslie later mentioned that he had been out with the town's park maintenance person, and they got the park ready to go for the summer, including getting the new trail signs put up.

Finally, Leslie noted that the food distribution at Lions Park went well, with over 270 people coming to pick up food. Food from the Big Lake Food Shelf is distributed at the park on the third Monday of every month. Supervisor Bruce Aubol stated that several people asked him how to qualify to receive food. No one needs to qualify. All anyone has to do to receive food is to show up and get whatever they need. People are also encouraged to pick up food for friends, family, or neighbors who are struggling. The important thing is to make sure the food goes where it is needed.

## Fire Report

Captain Tim Davis of the BLFD was on hand to give the fire department update for



**FRIE DEPT. GRADUATION.** Jason White and Shane Roy both graduated their training and are now serving as firefighters for the BLFD. (Submitted photo.)

the month. He reported that it was a slow month with only two fires: one building fire and one grass fire.

In total, there were seven calls for the township.

Davis told the board he was taking Chief Hansen's place in giving them the monthly report because the chief was on hand for the graduation of two new firefighters, Shane Roy and Jason White.

## Open Forum

Bret Collier spoke during open forum, urging the township to consider hand counting only during the 2022 election season. He presented information on the county's voting machines, stating that the machines were outdated, running on Windows 7, and hadn't had any security up-

dates. He noted that he, and some other concerned citizens, had already brought this up at a county meeting, but that the township had the right to choose to not use voting machines.

## Roads

After the spring road tour, the road committee was happy to announce there was less cracking on the roads during the hard winter than they had expected. They had some workers fill in some of the larger pot holes. The road committee is still working on a summary of the road tour to present to the board.

The planned roundabout on Co. Rd. 43 and 205th Ave./Glenwood Ave. will not be completed this year, as the county is hoping to receive funding for the project.

# Awards handed out at Chamber meeting

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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The Becker Area Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Meeting April 20. During this meeting they discussed some of the highlights of the past year including community events that the Chamber hosts and they also recognized members for their dedication and active involvement with the Chamber. These include: Dr. Brandon Buesgens with Becker Spine, for serving six years on the Chamber Board of Directors; Michelle Peacock with Becker Public Schools (voted as the Member of the Year), and Sherburne State Bank was voted for the Business of the Year. Also recognized were past board members, Candice Hanson, with Sherburne State Bank and Amy Chmielewski with American Family Insurance.

The Becker Area Chamber of Commerce is continuing to grow in membership and welcome new members all year. For those interested in joining the Becker Chamber, email [chamber@beckerchamber.org](mailto:chamber@beckerchamber.org) or join them at one of their member meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month.



**JESSICA KYLLO (L), ELEZA SEBESTA (M) AND CANDICE HANSON (R) of Sherburne State Bank posed with their awards for being named Business of the Year.** (Submitted Photo).



**MICHELLE PEACOCK with Becker Schools was named Member of the Year.** (Submitted Photo).



**BRANDON BUESGENS of Becker Spine was honored for his service with the Chamber Board.** (Submitted Photo).



## How I Became a Sports Writer

It's been nonstop sports which is something I absolutely love but I figured I'd give it a rest this week and give everyone a look at how I got into this career in the first place. On one side of my family all of my cousins are boys and all six of them played hockey and of course I had to be like the boys so I chose to start playing hockey from the age of five. I immediately fell in love with the sport and it's all I wanted to do with my life.

Once I got to the high school age and realized my dreams may have to be adjusted a bit because my NHL career wasn't going to pan out, I had to make some decisions. Backing it up a little bit to eighth grade, we did a newspaper project and I was able to help build a newspaper and write sports, well I found my next interest. It may have been just a project to most of my classmates but to me it was my future career path. From then on, I wanted to write about sports and of course the first being the Minnesota Wild.

Fast forward to high school graduation and I had my decision on what I wanted to do but I didn't know where. I spent time looking at different colleges and eventually settled on the University of North Dakota, one of the top Division One hockey schools in the nation, I was in heaven



By Mariah Stark  
Contributing Writer

but it would get better and slightly worse. Pretty much the first month I was there I went and applied to work for the college newspaper and got a job writing sports. Even better, I became the beat writer for the women's hockey team where I got to interview their coach and other players and write, write, write.

The bad news was shortly after I graduated college, they cut the women's hockey team. It was devastating and I still feel bad for the players now.

However, life has to go on. I ended up finishing my college degree online from home and I was able to get an internship with the Minnesota Swarm writing for their website. Another job I loved but the team would move right after my internship finished. However, I still knew what I wanted to do in life I just had to find a place to work.

I took a side path working in retail but eventually

found my place writing for a website and this newspaper and I still love it more than ever. I do still work in retail but now it's dealing with sports as well. All of my jobs center around sports and it's a pretty fun life. My main focus is hockey but I'm familiar with all sports and have written about pretty much all of them including golf and swimming.

On a note away from work, in October I got married to my husband who I've been with for the past ten years. As a wedding gift he surprised me with a Kirill Kaprizov signed custom jersey, I think he's a keeper! We purchased our dream home the same day we got engaged, he actually proposed on the front step and it was a perfect moment. I still play hockey when there's open women's hockey and when I'm not writing hockey, I'm usually reading about it from the numerous hockey books I own.

We're looking forward to it being summer so we can grill outside as much as possible and sit on our back deck or our new hammock. I'm pretty lucky and as time goes on I only realize this more and more. However, to wrap it up on a sports note, it's almost time for the NHL playoffs and I can't wait!

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

We're back in Washington this week. The House of Representatives is debating another \$800 million in military aid for Ukraine, and President Biden has doubled down on reversing important measures to stem the flow of illegal immigrants coming across our southern border (Title 42)—despite a 542% increase in border crossings over the past two years.

We spent some time in the Financial Services Committee this week for several hearings, including one with Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Rohit Chopra Wednesday.

### Town Hall

Town halls remain one of my favorite ways to interact with constituents in the Sixth District. While I prefer to host town halls in person, telephone town halls offer the opportunity to bring in the perspectives of experts and leaders from around our community.

Last week, we held an ag-focused telephone town hall. We were joined for the event by Minnesota Farm Bureau President Dan Glessing and MinnStar Bank Senior Vice President Kent Thiesse. Both Dan and Kent were able to offer unique insights into the problems our ag community is facing, like avian flu and high fertilizer and feed

## Working with Law Enforcement



By Congressman  
Tom Emmer

costs. If you weren't able to join us on Wednesday, you can email me at any time through my website.

### Law Enforcement

During my time in Minnesota last week, we had the opportunity to sit down with Captain Patrick O'Malley, Wright County's Jail Administrator. Jails are a key part of our criminal justice system, and the safety of our communities depends on our local jails being able to operate safely and effectively.

Sadly, many of our local jails are forced to serve in roles beyond their design. In the absence of adequate accessible mental health treatment, those struggling with mental illness often find themselves in jail. In fact, more than 20% of the inmates in our nation's jails suffer from mental illness or substance abuse disorder (SUD.)

Earlier this year, we introduced the bipartisan Due

Process Continuity of Care Act. This legislation addresses the strain of mental illness on our local jails by allowing pre-trial detainees to continue already-established routines of care. This legislation will help at-risk patients remain on the path to healing while taking pressure off already-stressed jail health systems.

### Dangerous Drugs

Anyone who takes opioids is at risk of developing an addiction to these drugs. Regardless of whether they are obtained legally from a doctor, purchased illegally, shared, or stolen, opioids are responsible for the majority of overdose deaths in the United States.

The only way to be completely sure that the drugs in your medicine cabinet won't fall into the wrong hands is to dispose of them safely and responsibly. Twice a year, our Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) hosts National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. On these days, the DEA hosts sites in communities across the country where Americans can dispose of their prescription drugs. Since 2010, the DEA used these events to take more than 15.2 million pounds of prescription medication off the street.

You can read more about this event and find prescription drop off sites in your neighborhood at [www.DEA.gov/takebackday](http://www.DEA.gov/takebackday).

## Addressing MN's Clean Energy Future

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

The Legislature is in highest gear right now with legislation in a very active mode, but I will touch on just two topics.

This week, the Senate passed significant jobs, labor, and energy legislation, and my bill to repeal Minnesota's nuclear moratorium and "gag" statute that precluded agencies from even discussing nuclear energy as a part of the overall MN energy plan, is in the bill. My bill does not mandate building any new plants, but instead allows power companies and agencies to consider all available options.

The jobs, labor, and energy legislation also directs \$150,000 to the Department of Commerce to conduct a study into the potential costs, benefits, and impacts of advanced nuclear reactors in Minnesota. There are tremendous advances in the technology of nuclear power and this study plus lifting the moratorium and "gag" statute will really provide a valuable component of Minnesotans base load energy needs.

Minnesota's current two nuclear power plants, Prairie Island and Monticello, emit no greenhouse gases and safely fueled 26% of the state's electricity net generation in 2020. And I strongly believe that as Minnesota looks to new sources of energy, we need low-carbon electricity that is not dependent on the weather or wind.



By Sen.  
Mary Kiffmeyer

And nuclear power plants provide just that.

Additionally, the sharp rise in violent crime in the Twin Cities and its suburbs is extremely alarming. To address this, the Senate recently passed a comprehensive public safety bill with strong bipartisan support to keep Minnesota's communities safe.

This legislation focuses on providing support for law enforcement recruitment and retention; toughening penalties for criminal activity; and increasing transparency and accountability in judicial and prosecutorial actions.

In the bill are provisions to address the central issues currently facing Minnesota's law enforcement officers: recruitment, retention, education and training, and equipment.

This bill also contains key "tough on crime" provisions that increase penalties for repeat offenders, carjackers, and violent criminals using firearms. Finally, to improve transparency and accountability in the criminal justice system and courts,

this bill takes several steps to improve transparency for the decisions that lead to early releases and failures to charge to the fullest extent possible.

The comprehensive public safety bill also includes a bill I authored this session to increase funding for county attorney Trial Court training.

Since the early 1980's, the Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA) has received bi-annual legislative appropriations for prosecutor training. This funding has allowed MCAA to train thousands of prosecutors and provide more than 900 accredited classes.

Under my bill, a \$100,000 grant will be appropriated in fiscal year 2023 for MCAA prosecutorial Trial Court and law enforcement training. This grant funds several annual seminars so new, young prosecutors can learn from experienced county attorneys. The base appropriation for this will then be \$200,000 in each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and thereafter.

County Attorney Offices are currently experiencing a lack of experienced applicants due to the great increase in retirements. For this reason, additional funding is needed for New Attorney topics and to ensure additional training is available to meet case law updates and emerging issues. I believe it is far better to invest in local county prosecutorial training than shifting prosecutions to the Attorney General's office.

## Ruffed Grouse



By Nativist  
Stan Tekiela

cies have a spectacular mate selection system. Each species practices some kind of elaborate ritual where the male does some kind of dance or display to attract females. I recently wrote about my trip to Wyoming to film sage grouse and how the males put on an elaborate display for the females

in the sage-brush habitat. This is a perfect example of the amazing grouse mating system.

But on this particular dark morning, I was stuffed into a small chair blind, and was waiting for another amazing grouse, the ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*). The ruffed grouse is a medium-sized grouse that lives in forested regions of the east, extending down the Appalachian Mountains, across the northern states and across Canada up to Alaska. Its common name "ruffed" refers to a set of black feathers on the sides of the male's neck which resembles the starched frill of fabric worn around the neck by people, which was

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## Letters To The Editor

### TO THE EDITOR:

While not all agree with the cancellation of the special Northstar Line runs to the Twins games, it was the only fiscally responsible option available. As the Patriot noted in the previous issue, the monthly ridership on the taxpayer subsidized line fell 96% last year. Consequently, the Metro Transit cancelled the special runs to the Twins games, citing the refusal of Anoka County to continue its funding commitment as the reason for the cancellation. More interesting are the statistics that go with the article. 2,000 passengers per month. 80 trips a month, 20 trips per week (10 into Cities and 10 out or 2 each way per day). 2000 passengers divided by 80 trips=25 passenger average per trip. There are 50 passengers on average

each morning and probably the same 50 passengers going back in the afternoon. Northstar's annual operating budget is \$11.4 million and is heavily subsidized. Met Council, that oversees Metro Transit, concedes that the estimated taxpayer subsidy for a one-way ticket to Big Lake is \$68.35 with the federal aid from the 2020 CARES Act and \$87.79 with that covid funding. The average rider pays \$6.25. Many people in MN would appreciate paying only 10% of the cost (or less) for their daily commute to work and for family/personal outings. Why should we the taxpayers pay for these 50 people using the train?

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*(Editor's Note: The following column was submitted by Rep. Shane Mekeland.)*

Legislation to repay Minnesota's unemployment insurance trust fund deficit and reverse tax hikes employers in the state faced despite a \$10 billion surplus has been enacted into law.

I am pleased the House approved this bill (S.F. 2677), which provides \$2.7 billion to fully repay the trust fund which was depleted with more people out of work during the pandemic.

We needed to get this bill done to support our employers and further inaction was not an option. The injustice of allowing job providers to suffer a significant tax increase because of the House majority's failure to act at a time the state has a massive surplus could not be allowed to continue. It is a relief for our employers who have had the deck stacked against them the last couple of years for this situation to finally be resolved.

Senate Republicans approved a clean bill to



By Rep.  
Shane Mekeland

rectify this issue in February, with broad, bipartisan support. House Democrats delayed action until late April, when they added more than \$1 billion in other funding to the bill. This change complicated matters and delayed final approval, costing state taxpayers \$50,000 in interest for every day the legislation languished.

Final language in the package includes \$500 million in payments to frontline workers – approximately \$750 per person – and \$190 million is provided to Minnesota Management & Budget for continued COVID-19 ex-

penses. Another measure allows just one legislative body to reject an expenditure instead of the current requirement for both bodies to object.

The additional spending House Democrats added to the bill has nothing to do with unemployment insurance and the fact the majority treated employers as pawns in negotiations is an insult. These other subjects should have been considered on their own merits and voted up or down accordingly, in the spirit of our Constitution.

Approval of this bill replenishes the unemployment insurance trust fund, uses the state's remaining federal American Rescue Plan funding and halts automatic payroll tax increases that kick in by default when the trust fund dips beneath required levels. The bill was widely supported, with a 124-5 House vote and near-unanimous passage in the Senate on Friday before Gov. Tim Walz enacted it the same day.



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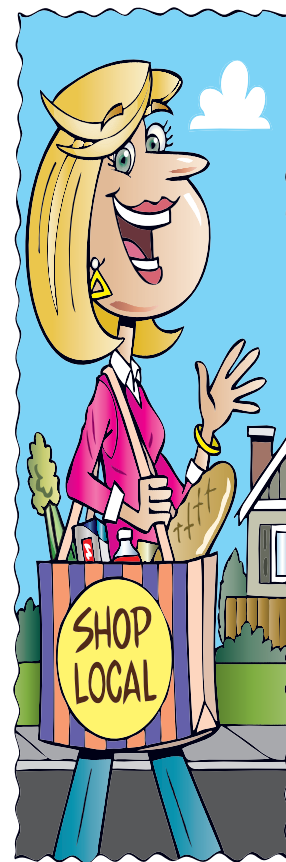
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was able to flee from the scene toward the Elk River, located on the east side of Becker. With the assistance of the K-9 Unit from the Elk River Police Dept. and a drone from the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, an extensive search was conducted. The subject was eventually located within the river area and taken into custody around 4:31 pm.

Officers with the Becker Police Dept., Minnesota State Patrol, Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, and the Elk River Police Dept. assisted in the search.

Rawdon was transported to the Monticello Hospital for evaluation and ultimately booked into the Sherburne County Jail pending charges of Trespassing, Fleeing Police on Foot, Obstruction of Legal Process, Criminal Damage to Property in addition to the pending warrant.



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# 4 local citizens recognized at gala

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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For the second time in the last four years, the Becker Education Foundation named one couple and two citizens as the outstanding community members for 2022.

Ryan and Michelle Hubbard, Doug Watercott and John Riebel were named this year's winners by the BEF Board.

(The following excerpts were taken from the program handed out to guests at the Gala at Pebble Creek Saturday).

#### Hubbards

Ryan and Michelle Hubbard's connection to the Becker community runs deep. Ryan grew up in Becker and Michelle hails from St. Michael. After high school, they both attended Anoka Technical College with Ryan receiving his degree as a construction electrician. Michelle received her degree as a medical assistant. Both Ryan and Michelle say they absolutely love being a part of the tight-knit Becker community and the Becker schools and couldn't imagine raising their children anywhere else.

Ryan and Michelle married in 2002, and in 2004 they opened a business called Direct Electric, which was sold in 2013. In 2015, they started Hubbard Electric and



NICK CROWLEY (L) AND CANDICE HANSON (R) emceed the event last Saturday at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker. (Submitted Photo).

currently employs 38 people. They recently built a new shop in the Industrial Park and have expanded their operations.

The Hubbards were being honored Saturday because of their extensive community involvement and support. They actively contribute to causes benefiting students and athletes as well as community involvement in organizations such as Becker

Chamber, Becker Community Christmas Dinner, Dylan's Hope and Great River Faith in Action.

#### Watercott

Doug Watercott's commitment to the Becker community is multifaceted. He's been a coach and mentor for athletes on his teams, a steady presence and an authentic leader in the church, a trustworthy and dedicated carpenter, and a kind bus driver always smiling as he transports Becker students to and from school every day.

Watercott grew up in Foley and graduated high

school there before he made his way to Golden Valley Lutheran College to play baseball. Realizing he wasn't going to make it to the big leagues, Doug ended up at the St. Cloud Vocational School where he received a degree in carpentry. For decades, Doug has made cabinets as a full-time career as well as on the side.

Doug is the youth minister at the Catholic Church in Becker. He has seen teens and young adults at the absolute best, as well as at moments in their lives where they could not turn to anyone else.

Doug and his wife, Christina, have been married for 28 years and have four kids — Robbie, Tiffany, Brett and Brandy. In addition to these four children and all the people Doug has been a father figure for, he has four grandchildren that he enjoys spending lots of time with.

Doug has supported and been involved with many organizations in both Foley and Becker. Those include: Foley Boosters, Becker Youth Sports Association, Church Council, Knights of Columbus, Central MN Builder's Association, Becker NET, American Cancer Society, MS, Dollars for Scholars, Dylan's Hope, Relay for Life, Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance, Spirit 92.9 and Sharing and Caring Hands.

#### Riebel

John Riebel and Becker True Value have been pillars in the Becker community, evidenced by their strong support and involvement.

Riebel has been a member of the Becker community for over 60 years and he has two children — Kimberly and John Jr. — who both have graduated from Becker schools.

John feels proud to be a member of the community, saying that ever since calling Becker home in 1955, he has valued the friendships and people of the community and has been happy to raise his family here.

Prior to his time in Becker, Riebel served in the U.S. Army and also earned a degree in Science from SCSU.

When not at Becker True Value, John has been actively involved in several organizations within the Becker community. As a veteran, he has continued to serve as Legion Commander for the last 18 years. He also participates in Friends of Sherburne County Wildlife Refuge and is on the Farm Friends Barn Board of Directors. Riebel has also served, not only in Becker, but also other communities as a Sherburne County Commissioner.

While not much free time is to be had, Riebel enjoys deer hunting whenever he gets the chance.

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The Becker Education Foundation is a nonprofit community organization, in partnership with the Initiative Foundation, that seeks to support teachers and students in the Becker School District. We are made up of several community members and alumni. We all care about and are committed to giving back to the schools that gave us, our children, and the community innumerable opportunities to grow and learn. Through the untapped energy and resources of the Becker alumni, as well as the continued support of the community and businesses, we hope to provide additional opportunities for the teachers and students of Becker. 100% of all money raised goes right back into the school through grants and scholarships.

In 2019, the board elected Rob Olson, Barb and Todd Potter and Joe and Stephanie Gruenes as that year's Outstanding Community Members.

The BEF Board consists of: Nick Crowley (Chair), Nathan Ernst (Vice-Chair), Candice Hanson (Treasurer), Luke Fox (Secretary), Aubrey Oman (Member) and Luke Molus (Member).

The BEF's mission is to cultivate the educational experience of all students within the Becker School District through the connection of their alumni and the support of their community, families and businesses.

# Senate passes Unemployment Insurance fix

Submitted article

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

April 29, Senate Republicans passed legislation to stop devastating tax increases on small businesses that would also have put workers at risk and without resources for their needs, if laid off. It also provides

bonuses to frontline workers. The legislation resolves the differences between the Senate and House on repaying and refilling the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund and providing bonuses to workers who worked the frontline during the COVID pandemic.

Jan. 1, 2020, Minnesota's UI Trust Fund balance was \$1.7 billion. However, the many people claim-

ing unemployment during the pandemic greatly drew down the UI Trust Fund to the point where it hit zero. As a temporary solution, Minnesota borrowed money from the federal and Minnesota now owes more than \$1.2 billion to the federal government.

"Paying off Minnesota's Unemployment Insurance debt is just good government," Senator Mary

Kiffmeyer said. "Our small businesses are currently recovering from the pandemic and the last thing they need is an additional tax hike. If employers are required to pay higher taxes, then they will not have that money to hire employees and increase wages and benefits. By fully paying off the state's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund debt, we are protecting employ-

ees' benefits and helping businesses survive."

The agreement means \$2.7 billion will be used to pay off the loan from the federal government and refill the UI trust fund to its necessary balance using primarily federal funds. This will protect employees' benefits and help businesses survive.

Additionally, as part of the agreement, \$500 mil-

lion from the surplus will go to frontline workers at risk during the COVID pandemic.

The third part of the agreement includes spending the remaining federal American Rescue Plan Act funds available to Minnesota for COVID with an agreement that the Legislature and the governor would agree to the proposals.



# Clearwater Twp. approves 3 bids for upcoming projects

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

With short agendas for their March and April meetings, the Clearwater Twp. Board of Supervisors was able to keep the meetings short.

## March Meeting

Motions passed to accept the gravel hauling quote from Bjorklund at \$5.20 per yard, and to accept the chloride bid from Central MN Dust Control for .99 cents per gallon; if fuel costs hit \$5.01-\$5.50 the cost will raise to .995 cents per gallon.

Trista and Tyler Cleaveland approached the board during public comment to request an update on the township's dog ordinance. Their neighbor has complained about their dog barking at night, but they explained he is a guard dog

and is protecting their livestock. The board indicated they would look into it.

## April Meeting

Three bids were received for the township's re-chip sealing projects this year; 163rd, Isaak, Irvine, 160th, Evans, and Fillmore for a total of approximately 4.5 miles. Kamco Inc. bid \$131,000, Astech \$141,958, and Pearson Bros. Inc. \$246,681.

A discussion was held on whether all the roads should be completed this year however, with bids coming in only slightly higher than anticipated, it was decided to re-chip seal all of them. A motion carried approving the bid with Kamco Inc. for \$131,000.

Gary Goenner approached the board to request a variance for a 20'x36' addition to his home that would be 30.8'

from the center of Grant Ave. and 70' from the ordinary high-water line of Sugar Lake.

During discussion, it was noted that the township doesn't maintain the road and the expansion would be any closer than others that are on the same road. A motion carried to approve the variance.

The board received information from Wright Co. Planning & Zoning concerning a CUP complaint on Co. Rd. 7. It states the owners aren't expanding or altering their existing operation any more than what has been approved previously, they have been issuing and signing their dealers license for many years. Supervisor Scott Miller indicated he spoke with the owner and they're working on getting things cleaned up.

Jacquelynn Mol Sletten approached the board during public comment to express her concerns with the township's recycling hauler and the service she's been receiving. She said she has called several times with promise to pick up but still hasn't been serviced. Other issues she experienced were long hold times and non-responsive customer service.

A motion carried approving Resolution 2022-003 so spend ARPA funds on lost revenue replacement category in the amount of \$151,902.

## Other Business

Cleanup day will be May 21.

The next Clearwater Twp. meeting will be May 11 at 7:30 p.m.



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# Clear Lake council approves plat

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Clear Lake City Council met Monday evening and was able to take a pair of actions on the Arnold Addition, which will offer several lots for development with new single family homes.

Members of the Arnold family were in attendance for the council action, with City Clerk Kari Koren explaining that the attorneys for both the family and the city had weighed in on the developer's agreement.

Council spoke about the stipulation in the agreement for an escrow account, with the prevailing thought being that it might not apply in this situation. A motion was made and approved to adopt the developer's agreement pending further clarification on the escrow.

In related action, the council also considered the final plat for the project. Because there had been no significant changes to the plan since the preliminary plat was approved, council took swift action to approve the final plat as presented.

## Public Participation

Bud Stimmler approached the council to ask them to consider adding an American flag to the re-painting project on the water tower. He stated that he had spoken to this idea before and now that the project will be undertaken, he was hopeful it could come to fruition. Council seemed agreeable to the idea, depending on the costs that it would add to the project. Stimmler asked for the council to keep him updated on cost projections, as he would consider trying to help fundraise to make



BUD STIMMLER approached the council to ask that the American flag be painted on the water tower. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

sure the flag could be part of the paint application.

Gary Gray also appeared before the council to formally notify the members that he is a candidate for the Sherburne County District 4 Commissioner spot that will be open with the retirement of current commissioner Felix Schmiesing. Gray touted his 18 years of experience as a member of the Clear Lake Twp. Board and asked for the council members' support in the 2022 elections, including the August 9 Primary.

## Speed Sign

Public Works Director Dustin Luhning updated the council on two items: the speed sign for Hwy. 24 and a new controller for the lift station.

Luhning mentioned he is still working to get final approval from MN DOT for the speed sign model, which will be located near where the old sign had stood for years. Once the approval comes from the

state, Clerk Koren will proceed with the permitting process.

Luhning sought and received approval for the purchase of a new main controller for the lift station, which will come with three years of monitoring. He also reported on the current construction happening on the roof for the well house.

## In Other Action, the Council:

- Heard from Sgt. Andy Ochs regarding last month's 90 calls for service, which included 29 security checks and 23 traffic stops;

- Declined an offer to buy a parcel of land located near the railroad tracks, therefore the owner will proceed with a sale to a private buyer;

- Heard from Stimmler that the Legion and Lions Club will be taking over the maintenance and replacement of flags at the Clearview School Veterans Memorial area.

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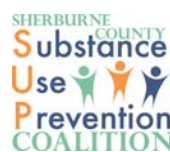
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# CW Lions donate outdoor AED



CLEARWATER LIONS Ken Maehren, Ken Abraham, Al Zabinski, and Mike Jacobs with the new AED unit installed outside the Clearwater Lions Building. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

An outdoor AED (automated external defibrillator) purchased by the Clearwater Lions has been installed on the outside of the Lions Building at Clearwater Lions Park. The AED unit represents a new chapter in life-saving devices that are being set up around the state.

AEDs (automated external defibrillators) are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. AED Smart Monitored Cabinets are easy-to-use outdoor medical devices that can analyze the heart's rhythm, and if necessary,

deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Outdoor AED Specialist Joel Vogel had contacted the Lions about AED Smart Monitored Cabinets and was invited to give a presentation on the device and its lifesaving features. Impressed by the obvious benefits, Lions members purchased one of the units after receiving permission from the City of Clearwater to install it.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death in the US, with over 350,000 Americans dying every year. The only treatment for SCA is CPR

and a shock from an AED. Combined they take the chance of survival from less than 5% to around 80%.

Advocates for Health is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the survival of SCA by placing AEDs throughout Minnesota communities. To date they've placed over 80 of the units in publicly accessible outdoor AED smart cabinets.

The Clearwater Lions are considering donating more of the life-saving devices in the future.

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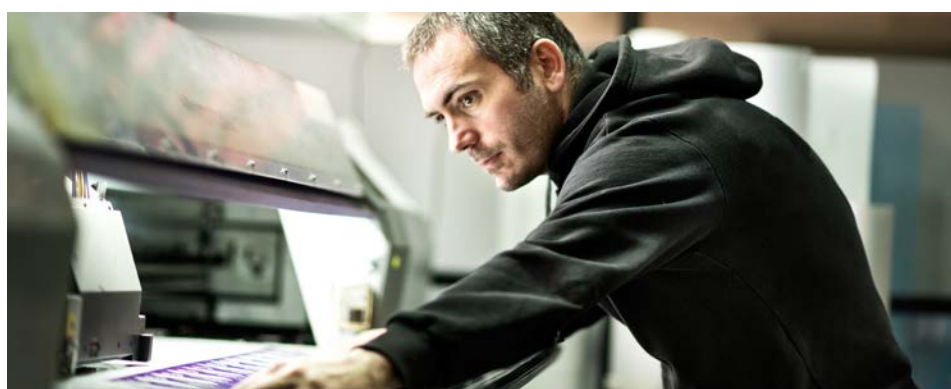
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## Area News

# Edina Realty holds ribbon cutting event

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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Edina Realty, Heitz-Gardner in Big Lake, held a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday afternoon on a mild, sunny day.

Several guests were invited including the realtors and their families as well as members of the Becker and Big Lake Chambers. Alec Robbins — the local formula drift race car driver (son-in-law to Stacey Stanley of Heitz-Gardner), was also on hand with his race car to pose for pictures and sign autographs. The public was welcome as well.

Edina Realty held the event out back of their building at 690 Humboldt Drive, NW (next to Mc-Pete's) where they celebrated their office grand opening.

Chow Town BBQ furnished the food and drink where pulled pork sandwiches were featured along with cole slaw and yummy desserts.

MoeDell entertained the masses with soulful music during the event and a Big Lake Ambassador was on hand to provide facepainting for all the kiddos. MoeDell was nominated in 2020 for 'Songwriter of the Year' and 'Americana Artist of the Year' for the Midwest Country Music Association Awards.



**MEMBERS OF THE BIG LAKE CHAMBER** helped Angie Gardner cut the ribbon during their event Tuesday. Left to right: Tim Truebenbach (Big Lake Schools), Stacey Stanley (Edina Realty), Angie Gardner (Edina Realty), Hanna Klimmek (City of Big Lake), Donna Clarksean (Old National Bank), Jennifer Baysinger (Edina Realty) and Yvonne Blum (Minnc). (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).



**MEMBERS OF THE BECKER CHAMBER** posed with Angie Gardner of Edina Realty to cut the ribbon. Left to right: Jenn Shaw (Starz Dance Studio), Stacey Stanley (Edina Realty), Angie Gardner (Edina Realty), Jennifer Baysinger (Edina Realty), Amity Felton (Keller Williams), Eric Hanson (Arvig) and Carol Hanson (Patriot). (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).

Realtors Jennifer Baysinger, Stacey Stanley and Angie Gardner were on hand and they announced winners of several giveaways during the three-hour event.

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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The Big Lake Hornet girls lacrosse team went 1-1 in two games this past week to keep their record even at 3-3.

**Becker 12, Big Lake 7**  
Big Lake hosted the Bulldogs of Becker April 29 and lost by five.

"After playing Becker last week in our season opener, our girls knew they would need to adjust in order to slow down a talented Becker squad," said head Coach Lindsey Hartfiel. "Though that game was close, we knew Becker was going to come out hard against us."

With only a week to prepare, Hartfiel's girls used what was successful for them against both Waconia and Rocorri teams. Becker got off to a quick start with six unanswered goals in the first half before Autumn Grunewald was able to find the back of the net unassisted ending the half down 6-1.

"Our girls were playing tough defense making Becker work for their goals, but a few small breakdowns allowed them to get through," said Hartfiel.

At half time, the Hornet girls regrouped and discussed what they could adjust to help slow Becker down.

"We decided the more we could place pressure on them in our defensive end the more turnovers we could get to move the ball into our offensive end," said Hartfiel.

Starting the second half, Grace Dols scored a goal at 24:24 assisted by Janelle Gerds, and shortly after Abby Polacec scored at 22:57 assisted by Ella Beach. With that goal it brought the game to 6-3 with a lot of time left to play.

Becker answered back with two more goals, but Abby Polacec scored her second of the night at 17:21 assisted by Bailey Isaacson making it 8-4.

"After that goal I called a time out to allow our girls on the field to get some rest, reiterate our focus of defense first, but still remain aggressive enough to generate turnovers to gain the offensive end," Hartfiel said. "Becker forced their way through our defensive line for two more goals before we answered back."



**GREAT GAME, JUST CAME UP A LITTLE SHORT.** In the game against Becker, (left to right) Bailey Isaacson, Autumn Grunewald, Amber Grunewald, Amelia Gardner, and Ella Beach were enjoying the evening despite the loss to the Bulldogs. (Submitted Photo).

Autumn Grunewald ran the ball down the field and scored unassisted at 10:56. Autumn followed that with her second goal of the night just a few minutes later assisted by a pass from Abby Polacec bringing the score to 10-6. Big Lake's last goal of the night came from Elle Dixon at the 3:27 mark assisted by McKenna Leeseberg.

Becker was able to tally a couple more goals making the final score to 12-7, though the second half scoring for each team was six goals a piece.

"I was very proud of our girls effort, determination, and team work on the field," said the Hornet Head Coach. "I believe they are going to continue to grow, learn, and display solid defense moving forward this season."

**Big Lake 11, Sartell 3**  
The Hornets traveled to Sartell/Sauk Rapids on May 3 and picked up a big win.

Big Lake got off to a quick start with an unassisted goal by Autumn Grunewald, though Sartell/Sauk Rapids answered back shortly after making it 1-1.

"We were winning most of the face off possessions and ground balls, which allowed us to control most of the play especially in the offensive end," Hartfiel said. "With that said, our girls were able to collect the ball from midfield many times, and were able to turn it into scoring opportunities."

At one point Grunewald was able to pick up the ball at midfield and run it in for her second goal of the night. The Hornets followed that up with a goal from Amelia Gardner, assisted by Autumn.

Sartell/Sauk Rapids answered back bringing the score to 3-2 Big Lake. Without missing a beat,

Grunewald sent a nice pass connecting with Gardner for her second goal of the night.

The next goal was started by a save and clear from Eden Dixon that went on to Abby Polacec who ran it down the field for her first goal of the night. The girls continued to pressure the other team when Hailey Schuller stole the ball assisting Grace Dols for her first goal of the night.

The Hornets finished the half up 6-2.

"During the half, we talked about a couple things we could clean up, but most importantly continue to focus on playing solid defense," said Big Lake's coach.

The second half started off with an unassisted goal from Ella Beach. She followed that up with two more goals, one assisted by Dols completing Ella's hat trick. Not long after, Gardner found the back of the net for her hat trick.

"Sartell/Sauk Rapids got through our defense with a quick shot, but that was the last goal allowed for the evening," said Hartfiel.

The game ended with Grunewald getting her third goal to complete the hat trick.

To recap, Big Lake's Gardner, Beach and Grunewald each had hat tricks for the evening. Grunewald finished with three goals and two assists, Gardner finished with three goals, and Beach with three goals.

Big Lake's goalie, Eden had 18 saves.

**Up Next**

Big Lake's next games are Tuesday at home versus Hutchinson at 6 p.m., and Saturday, May 14 on the road against Grand Rapids/Greenway at 1 p.m.



# Sports/Area News



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## Hornets do well at home track invite

By Ken Francis,  
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake track and field team battled the elements at the five-team Hornet Invitational meet last Thursday.

The cold wind gusts were so strong, helpers were needed to brace the bar in the pole vault to keep it from blowing down.

But that didn't stop Spencer Vold from winning the boys event, clearing 12 feet. His teammate Christian Noble took second at 11 feet.

Vold also took first in the 400 meters in 54.11 and ran the opening leg of the 4x800 along with Carter Erickson, Matt Denzen and David Guyse that finished second in 9:48.63.

Carson Kunz won the high jump with a leap of 5'10", with teammate Mitchell Hill second at 5'6". Kunz was second in the triple jump at 39'3".

Hayden Thieke took first in the triple jump at 40'4.5" and was second in the long jump at 19'7".

Riley Thompsons won the discus with a throw of 120'7", with Zack Dembinski third at 106'6".

Luke Hugo finished second in the shot put with a throw of 41'5.75". Mike Edlund was third at 34'3.25".

Wuoson Nehwah took second in the 110 hurdles at 18.79.

Tannon Jacobson was second in the 3200 in 10:53.66, with David Guyse a step behind in third in 10:53.83.



**BIG LAKE'S 4X800 TEAM** of Christian Noble, Kade Layton, Owen Layton and Jack Leuer ran 8:09.87 at the Hamline Elite Meet, missing the school record by .03 seconds. (Submitted photo.)

Kyle Ginther was third in the long jump at 17'10'5", fourth in the triple jump at 37'1.5" and fourth in the high jump at 5'4".

Randy Smythe finished third in the 100 meters in 12.74.

CK Mikeley was third in the 200 meters in 24.77.

The Hornet boys closed out the meet with a first place finish in the 4x400 relay, with Jack Leuer, Kade Layton, Owen Layton and Christian Noble crossing the line in 4:31.69.

For the girls, Hailey Anderson won the discus with a throw of 83'5". She finished second in the shot put at 24'2.5", with teammate Grace Olson third at 24'1".

Hannah Strom took second in the pole vault, clearing eight feet.

Ava Eastman took third in the 200 meters in 28.20.

Miranda Segner cleared 4'6" to finish third in the high jump. Grace Gardner finished fifth at the same height.

Jade Flavin was third in the triple jump at 29 feet even, with Kennadie Ell fourth at 28'9" and Grace Gardner fifth at 28'2".

Erin Kjellberg placed fourth in the 400 in 1:09.91.

Emilee Doperalski was fourth in the 3200 meters in 13:54.47.

Big Lake's 4x100 relay team of Jade Flavin, Grace Gardner, Kennadie Ell and Grace McCrone took third in 56.62. Flavin also took fourth in the long jump at 14 feet, with Samantha Burton fifth, also at 14 feet.

The 4x200 team of Flavin, Gardner, Ell and Eastman was also third in 1:57.20.

**Hamline Elite Meet**  
Friday, the Big Lake 4x800 relay team of Spen-

cer Vold, Kade Layton, Owen Layton and Christian Noble travelled to Hamline University to compete against some of the best schools in the state in the Hamline Elite Meet, a competition that requires special invitation to top athletes.

The Hornets finished sixth overall, but ran the second fastest time in school history.

Jack Leuer - 2:02.3,  
Kade Layton - 2:03.5,  
Owen Layton - 2:04.0 and Christian Noble - 2:00.1 finished in 8:09.87, just .03 seconds behind the school record.

The Hornets hosted Chisago Lakes in a dual meet Tuesday and competed in the Chuck Johnson Invitational against multiple schools at Princeton Thursday, results to follow next week.

## Hornet boys golfers set new school record



**THE BIG LAKE HORNET BOYS GOLF TEAM** set a new school record in Honckley last week with a combined score of 319. (Submitted Photo).

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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The Big Lake Hornet boys golfers etched their names in the record books last week by shooting a combined score of 319 at Grand National Golf Club in Hinckley.

Scores for the round

included:

Nick Selbitschka – 78  
Ryker Stukenholtz – 79  
Aidan Johnson – 80  
Tyler Anderson – 82  
Henry Knier – 92  
Riley Siegrist – 103

The 319 score was good enough for fifth place (out of 10) at the meet on Friday.

**Up Next**

Their next meet is Tuesday on their home course at Pebble Creek.



## 2 Becker seniors sign on with colleges



**CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO** (left) Hayden Harmoning (Men's Basketball- Northland College) and (right) Landen Goebel (Football- Gustavus Adolphus College) for signing their Letters of Intent to attend college and play in their respective sports next year. "We are very proud of all that they have accomplished so far here as Bulldogs and we wish them all the best as they take the next steps in their lives after they graduate from BHS," said Becker Activities Director Dave Niemi. (Submitted Photo).







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# Hornet baseball team picks up second win

By Ken Francis,  
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake baseball team got its second win of the season last Thursday, beating Princeton, 5-1 in the first game of a doubleheader at Princeton.

The Hornets had early opportunities to score. Nolan Reiter walked and Keenan Hjermstad singled in the first. But both men were left on base. They had two more walks in the second and another in the third but failed to score.

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead and scored their only run of the game in the fourth off Big Lake pitcher Collin Skaug. A two-out double and two singles plated a run. Another walk loaded the bases, but a fly out to right field ended the threat.

Big Lake finally got on the board in the fifth. Conner Stern had a single. Conner Stukenholtz walked. After Stern singled, Nolan Reiter walked and Hjermstad reached on a fielder's choice. All four runners eventually scored for a 4-1 Hornet lead.

Big Lake added a run in the sixth. Isiah Terlinden had a leadoff walk, was sacrificed to second by Skaug and scored on a single by Stern.

That was enough for the Hornets, as Princeton was held scoreless the rest of the way.

Skaug started on the mound and got the win.

**Tigers 6, Big Lake 5**

The Hornets came back from five runs down in the second game, but lost, 6-5.

Princeton got a run in the third on a solo homer by their leadoff hitter, Eli Gibbs to take a 1-0 lead.

They scored two in the fifth on a double, a walk and two singles.

Meanwhile, the Hornets weren't doing much on offense. Hjermstad drew a walk to lead off the fifth, but it was Big Lake's only baserunner to that point.

The Tigers scored two more in the sixth on four singles for a 5-0 lead.

Things changed for Big Lake in the home sixth. Trent Josewski singled with one out. Stukenholtz walked. After Stern singled, Nolan Reiter walked and Hjermstad reached base. All five came around to score to tie the game.

But the Tigers pushed across their final run in the seventh on a walk, single and a sac fly. The Hornets couldn't get a run across in the home seventh and suffered the loss.

**Zimmerman 8, Hornets 4**

Friday, the Hornets lost to Zimmerman, 8-4. Big Lake opened the scoring in the first when Reiter singled with two outs and came around to score on a fielder's choice.

The Hornets got two more in the top of the third. Josewski had a leadoff single. Stukenholtz reached on an error. After they moved up on a groundout, they scored on a two-out single by Hjermstad for a 3-0 lead.

But Zimmerman tied the game with three runs in the third on two infield errors, a hit batter, a single and a sac fly. They scored their fourth run in the fourth on an error and two singles. The Thunder added four more in the sixth on three hits a walk and an error for an 8-3 lead.

The Hornets got their final run in the seventh on hits by Josewski and Dylan Robeck.

The Hornets lost to Sauk Rapids, 4-3 on Monday. No game statistics were available for this week's issue. They played St. Francis Thursday and Monticello Friday, results to follow next week. They host St. Francis 4:30 p.m. on Monday.

# Bulldog tennis facing top competition

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

Becker tennis coach Hokan Bengtson came into the season with high expectations for his team, so he and Activities Director Dave Niemi collaborated on a very tough non-conference schedule to challenge the Bulldogs. The stellar competition is paying off for the Bulldogs, who dropped their first contest of the season last Friday but continue to improve and get better in the process.

"We had a great battle last Friday with the Hounds from Duluth East," Bengtson said. "They are the favorites to win section 7AA."

Becker put together some excellent matches,

at #4 singles," Bengtson said. "He ground out a good win against a solid player at #4!"

It would be the lone Bulldog win in the singles matches, as Nuest bettered his opponent, 6-3, 5-7, 10-5.

In the doubles matches, Becker was solid, winning both the #1 and #2 spots.

"Our #1 doubles team is really beginning to play well and confidently as a pair," Bengtson said of his top duo, Eli Scheideman and Luke Bordson. "Eli and Luke are starting to dominate."

The pair downed their opponents in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

The #2 Bulldog team of Nick Gruber and Sawyer Brown also showed some poise against a tough team, winning 5-7, 6-1, 10-6.

"Our #2 doubles team of Sawyer and Nick are playing very well also - they are like another #1 doubles team playing the two spot," Bengtson said.

**Crush, Falcons**

Monday, the team faced off against another pair of perennial powerhouses - St. Cloud and Foley - and came away with a pair of wins.

In the opening match, Becker beat the Crush, 5-2.

This was a great match, lots of good battles all over the courts," Bengtson said. "I was really impressed with our #1 and #2 doubles teams. Eli and Luke were sharp and made shots all over the court and the second doubles team of Nick and Sawyer ground out a tough win against a solid opponent."

Becker winners: #2 singles Ryan Bengtson (6-1, 6-0), #3 Landon Peterson (6-1, 6-2), #4 Troy Nuest (6-1, 6-2). Doubles: #1 Bordson/Scheideman (6-2, 6-4), #2 Gruber/Brown (7-6, 2-6, 10-8).

Against Foley, Becker ran the table and came away with a 7-0 win and Bengtson was quick to credit his #3 doubles team of Adler Herdina and Erik Baker with their performance.

"This match was a great test for our third doubles team of Adler/Erik as they fought hard and won a gritty match where they had to hit many good shots to close it out," Bengtson said. "Troy (Nuest) also played a tough match against a solid opponent at #4 singles."

Scores (singles): Zach Bengtson 6-2, 6-0; Ryan Bengtson 6-1, 6-2; Peterson 6-1, 6-1; Nuest 6-4, 6-4. Doubles: Bordson/Scheideman 6-4, 6-3; Gruber/Brown 6-0, 6-0; Baker/Herdina 7-5, 6-4.

**Tigers**

Tuesday, the Bulldogs extended their season record to 14-1 with a convincing win over the Princeton Tigers.

"We had a beautiful day to play tennis today, lots of guys worked on getting better," Bengtson said. "I was especially impressed with our execution of the doubles teams. We ran our plays well and are starting to grow and gel."

Zach Bengtson opened the #1 singles match with a 6-1, 7-5 victory, followed by his brother Ryan with a 6-3, 6-1 win at #2. At #3, Peterson continued his roll with a 6-0, 6-2 win and Nuest was again solid in earning a 6-2, 6-0 win at #4.

Bordson/Scheideman dominated in the #1 doubles match, 6-0, 6-2, followed by Gruber/Brown (6-1, 6-2 winners).

Baker/Herdina teamed up at the #3 doubles for a 6-1, 6-4 win to post the final tally.

# Girls lacrosse improves to 3-1

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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The Becker girls lacrosse team improved to 3-1 with a pair of wins this past week.

**Becker 12, Big Lake 7**

Friday, the Bulldogs traveled to Big Lake. The Bulldog JV squad continued their winning ways with a score of 9-2 to remain undefeated.

Varsity got off to a good start and by halftime, they were ahead 6-1 over the Hornets.

Big Lake scored six goals in the second half, however, Becker was able to score six goals as well to run away with the victory.

"We always give credit to the team as a whole but there were some stand-out players," said Head Coach Anicca Lundeen.

Junior Emma Mathews had six goals and two assists in the game. Senior captain Cami Ramola scored three goals and had one assist. Senior Captain Gabby Thelen was named player of the game for her hustle on defense that turned a couple of plays around.

"It was fun to be able to beat a very much improved Big Lake team," said Lundeen.

**Becker 16, Rocori 3**

Monday, the Bulldogs went to Rocori to play a varsity only game. The Dawgs pummeled the Spartans by 13.

"The highlight of the game was being able to rotate at every position and have a total of 19 players touch the field," said Lundeen. "Nine of them scoring goals. It is so fun to see so many girls have success."

Cami Ramola and Emma Mathews had another strong showing with five goals for Cami and four for Emma. Player of the game was Bella Duncombe.

"While she didn't score, there is so much more to being a good teammate than scoring," said Lundeen. "She is great at the draw, she can run for days and not get tired. She improves everyday and is as tough as nails."

Lundeen gushed about her ever-improving squad.

"This is a really neat group of players and we feel so fortunate to get to work with them everyday!"

Lundeen's team starts a really busy stretch with nine games left in the regular season and eight of them being played between May 5 and May 20.

# Becker Schools' annual art show opens at library

By Penny Leuthard,  
Contributing Writer

The Becker Schools' annual art show kicked off last week with a reception hosted by the Becker Public Library. Students from all four school buildings have art displayed for the public to view.

The district's art teachers choose artwork to feature at the show from the various projects students have created throughout the school year. Artwork in nearly every medium is on display, including drawings, paintings, watercolor, collage, pastels, print-making and book art.

The reception was filled with the sounds of classical music and people enjoying refreshments and discussing the artwork that lined the walls and tops of the library's

bookshelves.

"This is a fun event that gives students the chance to highlight their work and share it with not only their families, but also the community of Becker," said Becker Library Services Coordinator Jeanette Burkhart. "Staff at the Becker Library look forward to hosting the art show all year."

J2J, a flute and cello duo, provided music at the event. They were paid with Legacy funding through the Great River Regional Library System.

The exhibition is on display at the Becker Library through May 12 and is open for all to view during the library's regular hours of operation.



VISITORS TO THE BECKER SCHOOLS' ART SHOW admire the creativity and skill shown by the large variety of mediums. (Submitted photo.)



EXAMPLES OF ARTWORK from Becker students that are currently on display at the Becker Library. (Submitted photo.)



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## Bulldog softball posts first win

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

It's been a challenging spring for the Becker Bulldog softball team, with injuries and a series of challenges leading to a hectic schedule and an uncharacteristic 1-7 record to start the season. However, the Bulldogs showed they are a dangerous team this past week with three very good games against state-ranked opponents, including their first win of the season.

"Fortunately, we're slowly getting a little healthier and hoping that we can get on a bit of a roll over the next couple weeks before playoffs begin," Coach Jason Baune said.

The team will get plenty of chances to get back on track, as they had 12 games scheduled between May 5 and May 21.

### Wildcat Duo

Last Thursday, the Bulldogs traveled to Chisago Lakes, the #2 ranked team in the state and fell by a score of 3-0.

The Wildcats got on the board first with a pair of 2-out hits to take a 1-0 lead. The score would remain 1-0 until the bottom of the fifth when a pair of Bulldog errors allowed Chisago Lakes to push the lead to 2-0. In the top of the sixth, Becker was able to put together its first real threat of the game. After the first two batters were retired, Maddie Sherman, Kurstyn Patnode, and Cadence Koste all singled to load the bases, but the Wildcats were able to get a pop-up to end the threat. Chisago Lakes would add an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth to make the final 3-0. Kurstyn Patnode was the hard luck losing pitcher, going six innings and allowing six hits and a walk while striking out seven.

After the postponement of last Saturday's tournament to May 21st, the Bull-

dogs had a rematch with Chisago Lakes on Monday afternoon in Becker and this time the Wildcats won 3-1. Once again it was a pitchers' duel, but the Wildcats struck first when a couple of Bulldog errors allowed them to plate a run in the top of the first. The Bulldogs knotted the score with a run in the bottom of the fourth when Cadence Koste led off the inning with a double, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on an rbi ground-out off the bat of Makenna Zerwas. Unfortunately, a mental mistake by the Bulldogs would allow the Wildcats to move back in front in the top of the fifth and they would add another run in the seventh to make the final 3-1. Patnode was the leader at the plate going 2-for-3 with two stolen bases, while she also took another tough loss on the mound going all seven innings and allowing five hits and two walks while striking out four.

### Vikings

On Tuesday night, Becker continued its tough schedule with a trip to 10th ranked North Branch.

"The Vikings had beaten us in our opening game of the season, but this time the team had some fight in them and we battled in a back and forth game that would go nine innings."

Becker ultimately won the wild game, 7-3.

This time, Becker jumped on top with a run in the top of the first on back to back singles by Kurstyn Patnode and Cadence Koste. The Vikings would tie the score with a run in the bottom of the second, but Becker would retake the lead with another run in the top of the fourth. Koste would again single and used some aggressive base-running to advance to third and score on a Zerwas single to make it 2-1 in favor

of Becker.

In the top of the fifth, the Bulldogs added to the lead as Ellie Gallus used her speed to take advantage of a couple Viking miscues and make it 3-1. However, the Vikings answered back with a couple runs in the bottom of the inning and the game was again tied at three. Despite some scoring threats by both teams, the scored stayed knotted at three until the top of the ninth when Becker rallied for four runs to open the game up. Evelyn Kreft started the rally with a one out, pinch-hit single. Sherman and Patnode singles would make the score 4-3 and then a dropped pop-up allowed both Sherman and Patnode to score, making it 6-3. Zerwas would add another run with a rbi double to deep left centerfield.

"Patnode shut down the Vikings in the bottom of the inning and we came away with our first win on the season," Baune said. "Koste was a leader at the plate with four hits, while Patnode picked up the win on the mound going all nine innings. She allowed seven hits and walked two while striking out nine batters."

According to Baune, the team just might have turned the corner with regaining health and a full stable of players ready to make a run with the weather turning warmer.

"This week is a busy week with a home game against Big Lake on Tuesday, a doubleheader at Cambridge on Thursday, home against Elk River on Friday (Strikeout Cancer Night) and then traveling to take on Eastview on Saturday," Baune said.

Those five games just might tell the story of how the Bulldogs will approach the final weeks of the season.

## Former Viking teams with BTYR for sports camp



By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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Former Minnesota Viking wide receiver, Leo Lewis, held his annual Military Youth Sports Fitness Experience camp in Becker to the delight of 52+ kids ages five to 15.

Lewis and his partner, Stacy, mentor young athletes in structured sports settings. Saturday, they offered a multifaceted learning opportunity to youth through sport fundamentals in football, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, and other activities. They partnered with Becker's Beyond the Yellow Ribbon to present and to help participants grow in leadership roles and establish healthy living skills.

Lewis also helps promote balanced living focused on education, success and leadership and by partnering with schools and social service agencies (Like the BTYR) he and Kent Graning and the volunteer coaches promoted mentoring and leadership and supported individuals, teams and organizations that promote physical activity

"Thank you to Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon for organizing and hosting the Military Youth Sports Fitness Experience



*EX-VIKING LEO LEWIS runs a sports camp for youth and was in Becker Saturday to mentor youths from ages five to 15. (Patriot Photo) by Bill Morgan.*

and letting us be a part of providing the activities," said Lewis on a post on his website. "We had a great time and enjoyed spending the day with some great youth."

Typically, the Lewis camps are held in the great outdoors, however with Minnesota's slow spring, the event was conveniently moved inside the Becker Fieldhouse.

"Thank you also to Becker Schools for allowing us to use your beautiful Fieldhouse when the weather was cool and rainy," said Lewis.

Founded in 1999 by Lewis, the Lewis Sports Foundation (LSF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community service organization dedicated to providing today's youth with the tools to develop life skills through education and physical activity.

After retiring from active play in 1991, Lewis held the position of director of player development for the Vikings from 1992 to 2005. At the same time, Lewis wrote, edited and published the Vikings' player and alumni newsletter.

Lewis earned his PhD in Kinesiology at the University of Missouri and worked for the University of Minnesota as the associate athletics director for student-athlete development from 2005 to 2014.



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*AN EXCITED YOUTH crosses home plate after scoring in kickball Saturday in the Becker Fieldhouse. (Patriot Photo) by Bill Morgan.*



*ONE OF THE MANY VOLUNTEER COACHES gets set to receive a pass from a young girl during football drills at the Fieldhouse last Saturday in Becker. (Patriot Photo) by Bill Morgan.*





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## Becker girls topping M8 foes on the course

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The sunshine and relative warmth of the past week has been good for Coach Anna Babler and the Becker girls golf team, as they have started to hit their stride while picking up a pair of conference wins.

Last Thursday, Becker traveled to Chisago Lakes and came away with a first place score of 371 strokes, 11 better than the host Wildcats.

"The girls once again dealt with less than ideal temperatures and wind," Babler said. "But we had our first conference team win!"

Becker's top four scores for the evening were Avery Johnson with a score of 89, Alexa Voller with a 91, Emma Benson with a 92 and Nora Pilarski with a 99. Johnson's round was good enough for a fourth place finish, while Voller was right behind in fifth place. Benson ended the



MEMBERS OF THE BECKER GIRLS GOLF TEAM posed with representatives of the Women's League at Pebble Creek following the Bulldog's M8 conference golf match win. (Submitted photo.)

match tied for eighth place, while Pilarski finished in 13th.

Babler also touted the efforts of her JV golfers, who she reports have really been coming on as of late. "Emily Huffman was our lead JV golfer shooting a 61 for nine holes," Babler

said. "All three JV girls are showing improvement and it is great to see."

**Pebble Creek**

Monday evening, Becker captured another conference win in a meet hosted by the Women's League at Pebble Creek.

"A huge shout out

to Pebble Creek Women's League for supplying goodie bags for all 96 golfers who attended the meet," Babler said. "Bags were filled with candy, popcorn, a beverage and a hand sewn zipper pouch stuffed with tees and chapstick."

Becker fired a 377 to



AVERY JOHNSON paced the Bulldogs girls golf team with a team best score of 89 at the M8 Conference meet last week in Chisago. (Submitted photo.)

win the meet, while North Branch was second at 385 strokes.

Leading the way for Becker was Voller, who placed second overall on her home course with a round of 90. Johnson tied for seventh place with a 95, closely followed by Benson and Layla Mathews, who tied for 11th with rounds of 96.

**Milaca**

Last Wednesday, the Bulldogs traveled to Mi-

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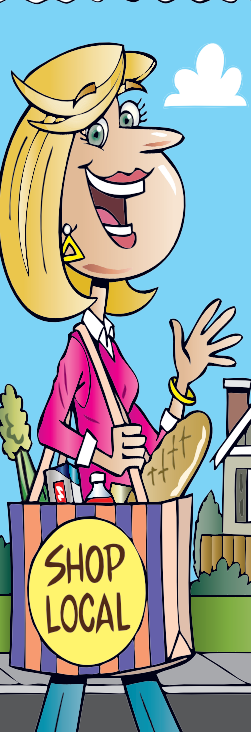
"This is a season favorite for our girls," Babler said. "It was windy and chilly, but we welcomed the sunshine."

The tournament sports a unique format, as the girls compete in teams with scramble scoring. Becker tied for first overall as a team, with Benson and Voller teaming up to tie for the first place in the partner's match. A total of 16 teams competed, with 44 pairs of golfers on the course.

Mathews and Johnson teamed up to place eighth at the invite.

The girls will continue their busy schedule in the days ahead, as they will compete in another M8 match this week in Monticello, followed by Friday's section preview match in Cold Spring.

"We are excited that temps are on the rise," Babler noted.



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Becker's Kaden Nicolas ran the final leg of the Bulldog 4x400 relay at last week's John Reimer Classic. (Submitted photo.)

## Boys track third at John Reimer Classic

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the Bulldogs track team traveled to Pillager to compete in the John Reimer Classic. “The Classic is a track meet named after long time Pillager track coach John Reimer,” Coach Paul Schmidt said. “He was the father of Becker Girls Track and Field head coach Trish Reimer-Kealy and this is a meet we have loved to attend and are glad to be back after a two year hiatus.” Schmidt reported that the Bulldogs entered the meet down a couple key athletes, as Tyson Ricker did not compete in order to prepare for last Friday’s Hamline Elite Meet and Carter Reckelberg was missing while recuperating from an injury. “With the remaining squad intact, we put up a

valiant effort and finished with a third place finish in the 11 team meet, scoring 62.33 points,” Schmidt said. “A strong Park Rapids team won the team event with 149 points followed by Pierz with 84 team points.” One top performer for the team was freshman Owen Angell, who again won the pole vault with a personal best of 13 feet. He also won the 300 Intermediate hurdles with a time of 143.16 and placed second in the 110 High Hurdles with a time of 17.51. “Right behind Owen’s 28 team points was senior captain Carter Leither, who ran his personal best winning the 400 meters with a time of 51.89,” Schmidt added. “Carter also placed second in the 200 meters with a time of 24.15, only 1 hundredth of a second behind the winning time.” In Becker’s top fin-

ishing relay event, Leither and his teammates Logan Eisele, Mitchel Soltau, and Quintrell Robinson finished fourth in the 4x200 meter relay with a season best time of 1:39.29. Other solid finishes for the Bulldogs came from the boys 4x800 team of Caleb Reckelberg, Alex Kinney, Parker Spindler, and Jermain Vickstrom as they captured third place medals in the relay with a time of 9:45.39. Spindler also placed sixth in the mile with a time of 4:58.77, while Eisele picked up fifth and sixth place, respectively, in the 100 and 200 meters. Becker’s 4x400 team of Kaleb Thruftedal, Evan Norberg, Nolan Muellner, and Kaden Nicolas rounded out the scoring with a fifth place finish and a time of 4:27.8. The Bulldogs next

traveled to Delano to compete on Thursday, May 5th in the Delano Invitational. **Ricker at Hamline Elite** Schmidt also reported that Tyson Ricker competed in the in the 1600 meters at the Hamline Elite meet, an event that brings together the top competition from across the state. “This was a great experience for Tyson and hopefully he took some valuable lessons from the race,” Schmidt said. “The race was run on a rainy Friday evening last week at Hamline University and showcased a field of runners who stuck together in a pack for the first two and a half laps of the four lap race.” Ricker finished with a time of 2:31.45, just three seconds off his personal best time.

## Becker girls take first at Reimer Classic

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On Tuesday, April 28, the Becker Bulldog girls track team participated in their first outdoor meet held at Monticello. According to Head Coach Trish Kealy, the girls were happy to get some really good (outdoor) competition at this meet. Becker’s 4x800 team of Lexi Rose, Alea Briggs, Abby Atwood and Ella McDonald started the Bulldogs off with a season best time of 10:20.58. They placed third, close behind Monticello (First 10:19.32) and Alexandria (Second 10:19.53). The 100 meter hurdlers saw Regan Hausmann take third in 18.27 and Sarah Woelfel fourth in 18.35. In the 300 Hurdles, Regan placed fourth in 52.53 and Kailey Thompson eighth in 54.27.

The 4x200 relay team placed fifth in 1:57.77 with Sarah Woelfel, Kailey Thompson, Reese Hausmann and Regan Hausmann running. Lexi Rose ran a PR time of 5:35.11 in the 1600 for seventh place and Brooklyn Karel and Natalie Trenz both also got PR times in that race. In the 400 meters, Abby Atwood ran 66.47 for seventh place, Alea Briggs 67.88 and Kylee Morton PR’d with 67.9. Katelyn Brower (2:42.37), Meghan Swanson (PR 2:42.51), and Kayla Gruenes (2:44.18) placed 10th, 11th and 12th in the 800. Running her first 3200 meter race was Ella McDonald, who ran a very good time of 11:49.48, placing third right behind two excellent runners from Monticello (Mahony) and Alexandria (J. Miller). Her time earned her a spot on the MSHSL honor roll. Olivia Babler also ran a really good 3200 race and placed eighth with a time of 12:25.00. Her time was a full minute better than her personal best from last year. Both girls earned a spot on Becker’s honor roll with their times. Becker’s 4x400 relay team finished out the run-



TWO BECKER GIRL RUNNERS flawlessly connect on a relay during last week's meet in Pillager. (Submitted Photo).

ning events. The foursome of Kailey Thompson, Lexi Rose, Ella McDonald and Alea Briggs ran a time of 4:34.33, which placed them third just a few seconds behind Monticello, who had 4:31.80. Becker’s field events earned points in the long jump with Paige Maunu placing fourth jumping 15’7”. Sarah Woelfel placed eighth jumping 4’6. Lauren Woelfel took second in the pole vault with a vault of 9’0. **Reimer Classic** Last Thursday, the team travelled to Pillager for the John H. Reimer Classic. “This is the meet they have named after my dad,” said Trish. Trish’s girls took first place in the meet: **1). Becker 117;** 2). Wade-na-Deer Creek 105; 3). Park Rapids Area 96.4; 4). Pillager 52.7; 5). Staples-Motley 50.7; 6). Pierz 45.4; 7). United North Central 34; 8). New York mills 20.4; 9). Crosby-Ironton 15.7; 10). Pequot Lakes 20.4; 11). Browerville 6. The 100 meters had Raelee Lyon place 9th in 14.59, Sarah Woelfel took 3rd place in the 200 with a time of 29.33, In the 400, Alea Briggs ran a season best time of

66.49 for sixth place and Kylee Morton achieved another PR with a time of 67.83. The 800 run was an exciting race with the top six girls within three seconds of one another. Brooklyn Karel took third in 2:31.10 and Katelyn Brower fifth in 2:34.01. “These times were big PRs for both girls and places them on Becker’s honor roll,” said Becker’s head coach. Lexi Rose ran a good race to win the 1600 meters in a time of 5:34.26, outrunning Brownell of Staples, who was two seconds behind at the finish. Brooklyn Karel also took third in this race with 5:46.56 to complete her double in the 1600 and the 800. Ella McDonald ran a neck-and-neck race with a very talented Kyanna Burton from Staples. In the end, Ella won the race and dropped her best time to 11:40.61. Olivia Babler ran another good race in the 3200 to place third in 12:46.06. Meghan Swanson ran her first 3200 race and placed eighth in 13:18.49. The 100 meter hurdles saw a good race for Sarah Woelfel, who took third in a PR time of 17.16, which puts her on Becker’s honor

roll. Also running well in that race were Regan Hausmann and Lauren Woelfel taking seventh (18.21) and eighth (18.73). Regan Hausmann took fourth in the 300 hurdles (53.16) and Kailey Thompson sixth (PR 54.00) and Meghan Swanson eighth (PR 55.78). The 4x100 relay of Sarah Woelfel, Olivia Maunu, Reese Hausmann, and Leon Morris ran 55.95 for fourth place. The 4x200 team of Abby Atwood, Kailey Thompson, Reese Hausmann and Regan Hausmann ran 1:56.27 for second place. The 4x400 team of Lexi Rose, Kailey Thompson, Katelyn Brower and Alea Briggs ran 4:29.55 to place second. The 4x800 team of Lexi Rose, Alea Briggs, Abby Atwood, and Ella McDonald ran 10:23.18 for third place. Field events saw Sarah Woelfel and Lexi Rose tie for first in the high jump at 4’6”, Kylee Morton placed sixth in the long jump with a PR of 14’11 1/4”. Lauren Woelfel earned PRs in both the triple jump and the pole vault. Her leap of 31’ 3” placed her third in the triple jump. Lauren’s vault of 9’ 6” took first place and earns her a spot on the MSHSL honor roll. **Up Next** This coming week, Becker travels to Delano for their invitational.







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# After 20 years, a leading relationship has a new name

One of the Monticello area's best real estate teams is getting a brand-new look.

For the past two decades, home buyers and sellers in the Monticello area have known to seek out Bonnie Knutson and Bruce McAlpin for all their real estate needs. The team has had a significant presence in the real estate industry in the northwest metro, where they've helped thousands of buyers and sellers.

And now these two experienced Realtors®, both of Edina Realty, are excited to share that they've decided to officially rename themselves as the Knutson/McAlpin Team, the same real estate group that will continue to represent both buyers and sellers in all facets of the real estate transaction process.

"Bonnie and I have always loved working as a team," said McAlpin, who earned his license in 1998. "This next step felt like the best move for everyone, and represents the hard work we both put in for our clients. They can expect that same level of dedication and service going forward."

McAlpin and Knutson have each been top agents for Edina Realty throughout their entire real estate careers, and each have come to appreciate the platform of support the company offers.

The pair have sold nearly 4,000 homes during their careers, with an all-time record of 463 transactions in 2013. Both are mainstays in Edina Realty's Executive Circle, an honor bestowed every year on the absolute top-ranking agents bearing the Edina Realty brand.

The credentials don't stop there. Among their many other awards, Knutson and McAlpin have been named by the Wall Street Journal to their list of Top 1,000 Real Estate Professionals for five consecutive years, have been named Super Real Estate Agents by Twin Cities Business magazine, have been named Agents of the Year by their peers, and have also won the Realty Alliance Award, given annually in recognition of exceptional performance as one of the leading Real Estate Professionals in North America.

What keeps McAlpin and Knutson so busy and earning so much acclaim? It's their approach to business.

"We strive every single day to achieve excellence," said Knutson, who earned her license in 2003. "That starts for us with taking the time to truly listen to and understand our clients' goals, their concerns and their dreams."

McAlpin and Knutson also benefit from the attention to detail and hard work of their teammates, Kirstie McCauley and Jody Johnson.

McCauley has been a part of the team since 2009, and became a licensed Realtor in 2015. She currently splits her time between assisting her clients and managing all of the behind-the-scenes operations for the team. She's driven by a desire to help others, and it's that dedication to client success that sets her apart.

Johnson has held her real estate license for 14 years. Nothing gets past her keen eye for detail. She's always striving to do what is best for her clients and looking out for their best interests. Although Jody's strengths carry through all areas of real estate, her expertise in new construction really shines.



Knutson and McAlpin recognize that no one agent is an expert at everything and rely on each other's strengths to give their team a well-rounded skillset.

Prior to real estate, McAlpin owned a successful construction company which adds a wealth of knowledge to the team. He's passionate about remaining immersed in the latest developments in the industry.

"This market is always changing," he said. "The more I can understand what's going on, the more prepared I can be on behalf of my clients."

In a perfect complement, Knutson is an expert on the fine details of the real estate transaction process.

"From contract to close, I work hard to make sure every letter of an agreement is met," she said. "I really stake my reputation on great communication, honesty and ethics. If clients can't trust you, there's not much you can truly accomplish."

While most of their clients work primarily with just one of them, they will always have the support of the entire team's expertise. Keeping the individual and personal experience has always been important to the team.

"We want our clients to know that when they work with any one of us, that individual agent will be their contact from that day forward," said Knutson. "Each of us stays in front of the clients we are working with to ensure consistent communication."

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"Edina Realty is the leader in this market in large part because we believe in working with agents like Bruce and Bonnie," said Sharry Schmid, Edina Realty president. "Their consistency, ethics and due diligence are a tremendous addition to our company and I am proud to have them as agents with us."

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**This Week's Calendar Events:**

**Sun. - May 8, 2022:**  
• Mother's Day  
• National Animal Disaster Prepa-  
redness Day  
• National Skilled Nursing Home  
Week (5/8-5/14)  
• National Women's Healthcare  
Week (5/8-5/14)  
• National Etiquette Week (5/8-  
5/14)  
• National Hospital Week (5/8-  
5/14)  
• National Stuttering Awareness  
Week (5/8-5/14)  
• National Police Week (5/11-  
5/17)  
• Moon Phase: First Quarter  
**Mon. - May 9, 2022:**  
• Hmnm  
**Tues. - May 10, 2022:**  
• World Lupus Day  
• National Lipid Day

• National Shrimp Day  
**Wed. - May 11, 2022:**  
• National School Nurse Day  
• Eat What You Want Day  
• National Receptionist Day  
**Thurs. - May 12, 2022:**  
• National Fibromyalgia Aware-  
ness Day  
• Texas Gulf Coast Press Associa-  
tion convention (5/12-5/14)  
**Fri. - May 13, 2022:**  
• National Apple Pie Day  
• National Hummus Day  
• Friday the Thirteenth  
**Sat., May 14, 2022:**  
• World Fair Trade Day  
• Lewis & Clark Expedition: Sets  
Out: Anniversary, 1804

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# Announcements

## Clear Lake/Clearwater – Organizations

### Clear Lake Legion

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

### Clear Lake Lions

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

### Clear 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](mailto:clearvalleybc@gmail.com).

### Clearwater AA/Al-Anon

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

### Clearwater AA Meeting

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

### Clearwater Area Friends of the Library

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

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

### Clearwater American Legion Post 323 & Auxiliary

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

### Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf

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

### Clearwater Narcotics Anonymous

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

### Free Grace Recovery

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

### Lions Club of Clearwater

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

### Young @ Heart

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

## Miscellaneous – Organizations

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

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

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

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

### FREE - Advocates for Independence

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

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

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

### Mental Health Discussion Group

Meets Mon., 6-7pm at Independent Lifestyles, 215 N. Benton Dr., Sauk Rapids. This is a free group, everyone is welcome. Ricky (320) 281-2025.

### Parkinson's Disease Support Group

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

### Rivers of Hope

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

### Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent

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

### Wright County Community Action

You have been affected & are having or are anticipating having difficulty paying your mortgage, WCCA is here to help you navigate your options & keep your home. To speak with a homeownership advisor, call Wright County Community Action at (320) 963-6500 ext. 238 today. Services are unbiased, confidential & free of charge.

## Upcoming Big Lake Events

### Better Together: A Day of Wellness

Bounce back project, promoting health through happiness. Big Lake Football Stadium, May 15, 2-5pm. Special Performers: Koo Koo Kanga Roo at 2:15-3pm. Make & take stations, community resources, food trucks & concessions.

Visit the Bounce Back Project Facebook page or Big Lake Schools webpage for weather related announcements.

## Upcoming Clear Lake Events

### Clear Lake Lions and American Red Cross

Give blood. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. So please come to the blood drive at St. Marcus Church, 8701 Main Ave, Clear Lake, Mon., May 16, 2022, 12:30-6:30pm.

Sponsored by the Clear Lake Lions. Appt/Info: Call Judy 320-743-2108 or [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) & enter Sponsor Code: Clear Lake.

## Upcoming Clearwater Events

### May Young at Heart

Thurs., May 19 at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater, 10:30am with coffee, cards, & conversation with old & new friends. Lunch (suggested donation) will be at 11:30 with a program by Frank Erickson to follow. Frank has quite a story to share; he has written two books, he sings (even on the Grand Ole Opry) & plays many different musical instruments. Please join us to hear "the rest of the story." Please RSVP 320-558-6851 so we can prepare a meal for everyone. We look forward to seeing you.

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NAMEHOLDER(S):  
Name:

**Michelle L Binsfeld**

Address:

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NAMEHOLDER(S):  
Name:

**United States Distilled Products Co.**

Address:

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NAMEHOLDER(S):  
Name:

**United States Distilled Products Co.**

Address:

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## Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No.: 71-PR-22-34  
Case Type: Informal Probate  
In Re: Estate of  
Thomas William Berry,  
Decedent.

Notice of Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Without a Will)

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Probate Registrar. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Kim Wheeler, 2253 200th St E, Clearwater, MN 55320 and Ginger Skille, 6724 85th Ave, Princeton, MN 55371, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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: April 25, 2022  
/s/ Pamela Kreier  
Probate Registrar  
/s/ Patricia Kuka  
Court Administrator  
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# Public Notices

## Big Lake Schools #727 Public Notices

### BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

This represents a summary of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Big Lake Public Schools #727. A complete set of minutes will be on file at the District Office and on our website at [www.biglakeschools.org](http://www.biglakeschools.org) upon Board approval.

- I. CALL TO ORDER  
The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 727, Big Lake Schools, was called to order on April 28, 2022.
- II. ROLL CALL  
All Board members were present.
- III. APPROVE AGENDA  
A motion passed to approve the agenda.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. OPEN FORUM
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA  
A motion passed to approve the following:  
A. PREVIOUS MINUTES  
B. CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS  
C. CREDIT CARD REPORT  
D. PERSONNEL  
E. FINAL READING AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES  
VII. DONATIONS  
A motion passed to approve the donations.
- VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT  
A motion passed to approve the budget revisions and financial report as presented.  
A motion passed to add 1 FTE SLD/DD Teacher at Liberty for 2022-2023.
- IX. APPROVE TO AWARD FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY CONTRACT  
A motion passed to approve entering negotiations with Chartwells as the District's food service management company for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.
- X. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS
- XI. RESOLUTION FOR NON-RENEWAL OF TEACHING CONTRACTS  
A motion passed to approve the non-renewals as presented.
- XII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT  
A motion passed to approve the affidavit as presented
- XIII. FIRST READING OF POLICIES
- XIV. SECOND READING OF POLICIES
- XV. COMMITTEE UPDATES
- XVI. SUMMARY OF SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION  
Chair Reasoner summarized that Superintendent Truebenbach has made good progress on two goals and is working on the third, which may extend into next year
- XVII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
- XVIII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT  
The May 12, 2022 Work Session will be rescheduled to May 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM following the Strategic Planning Meeting in the Middle School Student Center.
- XIX. ADJOURNMENT  
A motion passed to adjourn the meeting.  
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## City Public Notices

### Ordinance No. 253, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.21 SUBDIVISION 14 OF CHAPTER 11 LAND USE REGULATION IN THE CITY OF BECKER ZONING ORDINANCE.

The following official summary of the ordinance referred to has been approved by the City Council of Becker as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the amendments.

Chapter 11, Land Use Regulation

#### Section 11.21 Performance Standards

##### Subd. 14. Fences

This ordinance adds a provision to the fence regulations within the Performance Standards section of the City of Becker Zoning Ordinance. The addition allows for fence heights of six feet (6') on Single Family Residential (R-1) through lot adjacent to specific, high traffic corridors.

A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at City Hall any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

This document hereby is made a part of this ordinance and is attached hereto.

/s/ Mike Doering, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

/s/ Julie Blesi., City Clerk

(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/07/22).

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the Becker City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at approximately 5:00 PM to consider and adopt the proposed assessment for sidewalk snow removal within the City of Becker.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$2,850. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a signed, written objection is filed with the clerk prior to the hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the mayor or clerk of the city within 30 days after adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within 10 days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

/s/ Julie Blesi., City Clerk

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## Township Public Notices

### TOWN OF BECKER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Becker Township Planning Commission will hold a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at a different location - American Legion Post #193, 12155 Hancock Street. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing:

**6:01 p.m. Cole Johnson, applicant, Lane Stewart, Owner, Variance Application.** Applicant and owner have submitted a variance application to allow a variance from driveway standards at 8516 137th Ave SE, Becker, MN.

Anyone interested in this request is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you have questions regarding the requests please contact Lucinda Messman at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN, 763-261-5301. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at P.O. Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by email to [lucinda@beckertownship.org](mailto:lucinda@beckertownship.org) by 4:00 p.m., May 24, 2022.

Lucinda Messman  
Clerk, Becker Township  
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## Sherburne County Recorder Vital Statistics Marriage Application Report April 2022

Justin Michael Habiger of Minneapolis and Chelsea Lynne Warkenthien of Big Lake; Kristen Elizabeth Lade and Kassie Marie Nelson of Elk River; David Watkins Hurley and April Ellen Betts of Saint Cloud; Jeffrey Walter Neuman and Lori Lynn Wilder of Otsego; Katrina Lee Johnson of Rogers and Kurtis Scott Orr of Merrifield; Cassandre Jean Nesteby and Matthew Richard Wagner of Elk River; Zachary Lawrence Lanthier of Zimmerman and Bailey Nicole Eilers of Sauk Rapids; Natalie Denise Weisjahn and Toby Joseph Ripley of Big Lake; Martin A. Nelson Schommer and Carlee Jay Stenslie of Zimmerman; Robin Leslee Jacobson and Brett Daniel Soiland of Zimmerman; Wil-liam Joseph Busonick of Elk River and Ashley Regina Tulow-etzke of Zimmerman; Brett Michael Brown and Tabitha Lynn Flann of Zimmerman; Laurie Lynn Fredrickson and Bruce Donald Herrick of Elk River; Randy Michael Haavisto and Lindsey Nicole Saari of Zimmerman; Jessica Lynn Dolan and Brady Ronald Reese of Rogers; Jake Joseph Dahlheimer and Emily Mary Jo Thedens of Elk River; Christian Curtis Rieck and Christina Sue Grasso of Zimmerman; Timothy James Deppa of Saint Cloud and Carolin Elizabeth Humfeld of

Big Lake; Anton Elias Rytinki of Porvoo, Finland and Lea Jean Huhta of Big Lake; Scott Robert Giese of Saint Michael and Susan Dee Parker of Big Lake; Justin John Quirk and Katelyn Nicole Snaza of Elk River; Mitchell John Demor-



NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Visker and Garrett Dale Scher-ber of Monticello; Melissa Louise Hargadine of Hastings and Bradley Sean Edwards of Elk River; Brandon John Pachyak and Samantha Ann Daniels of Coon Rapids; Max Nehemiah Gleason and Emily Kay Brueckner of Elk River; Nicholas Tyler Shoemaker of Bovey and Erica Lynn Baumann of Big Lake; Linda Theresa Hamilton of Princeton and Robert Michael Saunders of Edina; Craig Allen Moos and Amy Marie O'Neill of Big Lake; Jeffrey Dean Bjorn Rupert and Diane Louise Green of Brooklyn Center; Paul Michael Haskamp and Andrea Jo Kretsche of Big Lake; Dana Lee Kraemer and Jonathan Paul Schaefer of Big Lake; Peter John Whelan and Laura Ann Overson of Anoka; Mark Vincent Koch and Heather Marie Collison of Zimmerman; Travis Emil John Jendro and Dustin Taylor Orr of Zimmerman.

## Why I Love My Local Newspaper

## Senate passes public safety bill

### Submitted article

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

This week, the Senate passed a comprehensive public safety bill. The Senate Republican bill provides critical funding to hold criminals accountable and keep Minnesota's communities safe. It focuses on all aspects of the criminal justice system and courts, including youth intervention, criminal laws, sentencing guidelines, police, prosecutors, public defenders, judges, prisons, and probation.

There are three main objectives in the bill: provide support for law enforcement recruitment and retention; toughen penalties for criminal activity; and increase transparency and accountability in judicial and prosecutorial actions.

Included in this legislation is a bill authored by Kiffmeyer to increase funding for county attorney Trial Court training.

Since the early 1980's, the Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA) has received bi-annual legislative appropriations for prosecutor training. This funding has allowed MCAA to train thousands of prosecutors and provide more than 900 accredited classes.

Under this bill, a \$100,000 grant will be appropriated in fiscal year 2023 for MCCA prosecutorial Trial Court and law enforcement training. This grant funds several annual seminars so new, young prosecutors can learn from experienced county attorneys. The base appropriation for this will then be \$200,000 in each of fiscal years 2024 and 2025 and thereafter.

### Law Enforcement

Included in the bill are provisions to address the central issues currently facing Minnesota's law enforcement officers: recruitment, retention, education and training, and equipment.

The bill includes two provisions already passed by the Senate this year. The first is funding to the Department of Public Safety to develop and conduct an advertising campaign to elevate the law enforcement profession. This campaign will highlight law enforcement as an honorable career and the good work officers do every day to keep our communities safe. The idea was brought forward by law enforcement professionals who are dealing with more openings than applicants across the state. The second provision contains funding for the award-winning Pathways to Policing Program to support non-traditional candidates for law enforcement who already have at least an associate's degree in another discipline.

To retain current law enforcement officers, the bill provides \$3,000 in one-time bonuses to all licensed police officers and an additional incentive of \$7,000 to officers nearing retirement who choose to continue serving.

### Holding Criminals Accountable

Minnesota is experiencing a dangerous increase in violent crime across our state because criminals are not being held accountable for their crimes. To address this, the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee adopted several "tough on crime" provisions into the comprehensive public

lic safety bill that increase penalties for repeat offenders, carjackers, and violent criminals using firearms. There is also enhanced support for the Violent Crime Enforcement Teams (VCET), which have been successful at targeting drugs and guns across the state.

### Accountability

To respond to growing instances of violent criminals becoming repeat offenders and frequent decisions by prosecutors and judges to go easy on criminals, this bill takes several steps to improve transparency for the decisions that lead to early releases and failures to charge to the fullest extent possible.

This bill includes limited funding for nonprofits. There have been recent stories where newly founded nonprofits are unable to prove what their funding is actually going towards. Even more alarmingly, in the past two years, there have been reports about violence interrupters tasked to work with law enforcement to de-escalate situations by non-profits who have themselves violently harmed other individuals. Youth Intervention Programs, a proven system that requires a local match with accountability to the Dept. of Public Safety and legislature, receives an additional \$3 million in the bill.

This bill supports Minnesota's criminal justice system with a \$50 million increase in funding for public defenders. Recent reports of a strike by public defenders indicate the entire defense process is at risk. The majority of people charged with a crime use a public defender and are entitled to a fair and speedy trial with adequate representation for those with low incomes. Historically, public defender salaries have not kept up with the salaries of prosecutors, requiring a nearly 8% increase in funding for public defenders last year and additional investment this year for new employees to lower case loads.

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### GROUSE from page 4

the height of fashion during the Elizabethan times.

This bird is often incorrectly called a partridge by some in the hunting community. There may be some superficial resemblance to partridge, but the grouse are not flock birds like Partridge, they have a different mating system, are much larger and the list goes on and on.

Each spring a male ruffed grouse chooses a fallen log on the forest floor. There doesn't seem to be any one type or size of log the birds choose. I've seen small logs, that are barely large enough to hold the bird, and other logs that are absolutely huge. Some logs are lying flat, while other logs are elevated off the ground. It's not known what goes into the selection of a drumming log.

On his chosen log, the male ruffed grouse will "drum" to attract females. He is not actually drumming or hitting the log or beating his chest like Tarzan. The sound produced comes from the wing beats. Each wing beat moves enough air to create a thumping sound. Each drumming session lasts only 10 to 20 seconds and consists of upwards of 50 wingbeats.

The sound produced by the flapping wings is a low frequency sound that carries well across the forest floor. This is critical because a forest full of trees can really dampen higher frequency sounds. Often you can feel the sound more than hear the sound. It's not uncommon for the male grouse to start drumming at one or two in the morning and will continue all night and well into the morning hours. This can make it challenging to get into my blind and get ready to photograph when the male is on his log all night long.



Approaching my blind, I could hear him drumming a couple times. I had no choice but to get in my blind with the grouse on the log, which would no doubt scare him off. This is not a good option, but I had no choice. When I got close enough to see the blind and log, the grouse wasn't on his log. What a lucky break for me. I quickly got inside the blind and set up all my camera gear and got ready.

In the early morning light, I could see the grouse walking through the woods and then stepped up on the log. He looked one direction then another. He cocked

his head from side to side as if to focus on different parts of the woods. Eventually he settled in and stood on the edge of the log. He struck a position that suggested he was going to drum, then I heard his first wing beat, then the second and the rest in rapid succession. I was able to capture some amazing images and video. What a spectacular species and incredible mating strategy. Until next time...

Stan Tekiela is an author / naturalist and wildlife photographer who travels the US to study and capture images of wildlife. He can be followed on Instagram.com, Facebook.com and Twitter.com. He can be contacted via his web page at NatureSmart.com.

about election integrity and the use of voting machines. He advocated against using the voting machines, as they are out of date, running on Windows 7, and haven't had any security updates. He maintained that the machines, for this reason and others, cannot be trusted. He asked that the city consider not using voting machines, but instead do a hand-count only for the 2022 election. He noted that he, and some of his fellow conserved citizens, held a rally on Tuesday at the government center, and that a video of some of the speakers at this rally would be available online for the public to view.

In Other Business, the Council:

- Heard the annual audit presentation;
- Approved a plat application for Sherco for future expansions;
- Approved changes to Chapter 11 ordinances;
- Moved to replace the garbage enclosure at Pebble Creek, which was destroyed by strong winds in February;
- Called for a public hearing regarding unpaid snow removal charges;
- Created a supplemental letter of agreement for business park water main improvements.

By Katherine Cantin,

Staff Writer

Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com

During Tuesday's meeting, the Becker City Council approved a couple of upgrades to Pebble Creek.

The garbage enclosure located by the door near the kitchens was destroyed by strong winds in February, and needs to be replaced. The clubhouse will also be switching to a new credit card payment processor.

### Open Forum

Brett Collier of Big Lake spoke

## Becker council approves upgrades to Pebble Creek



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 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, Sun. School 9:15am, Wed. AWANA/Youth Group 6:30pm during school year. 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 9:30 am, Sun. School 8:30am, Wed. Confirmation 5:30pm, Senior High Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. 6pm www.faithlutheran-becker.org.  
**Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God**  
 Pastors: Gerry Bass & Sarah, 763-260-6004, 13140 1st St (SW Corner of Becker Furniture World). Services: Sun. Bible Study/Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.  
**Snake River Free Church**  
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**Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church**  
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**Beacon House of Prayer**  
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**• BIG LAKE**  
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**Bethany Bible Church**  
 763-263-2167, 511 Eagle Lake Road. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10am.  
**Bridgeview Assembly of God**  
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**SVEA Hill Covenant Church**  
 Pastor: Don Bellach, 763-263-6322, 16392 235th Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.  
**Cornerstone Baptist Church**  
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 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 Mably, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10am.  
**Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church**  
 Father: Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 440 Lake St N. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm; Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am. Masses held on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month (Masses held on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays in Becker).  
**Riverside Church**  
 Online: www.myrcc.church, 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.

**• SANTIAGO**  
**South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA**  
 Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 8am in Sanctuary Worship, 10am in Sanctuary. Audio broadcast in parking lot for both services.  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School**  
 Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.  
**Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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**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**  
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**Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**  
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**SHED Church - Non-Denomination in Palmer**  
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**St. Marcus Catholic Church**  
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**• DUELM**  
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**• 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/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWYi5vmGw  
**Church of St. Luke**  
 Father: Dennis Backer, 320-558-2124, 17545 Huber Ave NW. Services: Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8am & 10am, Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8am/ Sat. 9am.  
**Tri-County Alliance Church**  
 Pastor: David Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

**• SILVER CREEK**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
 Pastor: Ken Tatkenhorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am  
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**Tues., May 10:** 9am-Coffee, Conversation; **9:15am-500** Card Club today.  
**Wed., May 11:** Open All Day; 5am-Coffee's on; **12Noon-Liberty** Bingo with Kelly-\$\$prizes.  
**Thurs., May 12:** 9am-Coffee, Conversation, Cards.  
**Fri., May 13:** Open all Day; 5am-Coffee's On.

**Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271**  
**BASC Coordinator:**  
**Carol Brunn**  
 Blood Pressure available whenever BASC is open  
 Send activity/class opportunities to:  
[basc.becker@gmail.com](mailto:basc.becker@gmail.com)

### Big Lake Senior Center

The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake St. North.  
 We would love to have you join us for card games, refreshments & conversation.

**For More Information Call:**  
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**(763) 207-8703**

# GRFIA celebrates growth, successful year

By Katherine Cantin,  
 Staff Writer  
 Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com

Faith in Action is a non-profit organization based in Becker which is celebrating the completion of some projects working with students throughout the school year as well as their recent growth.

#### About Faith in Action

Faith in Action works to coordinate volunteers to connect with area seniors. The nonprofit works with a couple hundred volunteers to arrange rides, schedule visits, and complete chores for seniors who need a little

extra assistance. Faith in Action is located next to Grace Lutheran Church, from whom they lease their building, but they work with several area churches, including Becker Baptist Church, E-Free Church, Mary Queen of Peace, Oakwood, and Faith Lutheran, to name just a handful.

The nonprofit has been in operation for 20 years. In March, Faith in Action was excited to hire two new part time positions at the office.

#### Youth Group Project

Faith in Action is currently wrapping up a new project in coordination with

Faith Lutheran. The non-profit worked with 20 youth group students to arrange for the kids to visit and assist local seniors. The students would play board games and chat with the seniors, as well as complete household chores such as washing windows, organizing drawers, raking leaves, and other tasks.

Faith in Action Director Maureen Baty said that the seniors were excited to have the students come to visit, and the nonprofit looks forward to working with Faith Lutheran next school year, as well.

#### Need for Volunteers

“The people we help are the silent needs in the community,” said Baty. “They have always done it all on their own.

Faith in Action volunteers agree that it’s time to return the favor to area seniors who have helped to build the community.

Baty said the number one need right now is for volunteers who can offer rides to seniors for doctors appointments.

Jeremy Baty, transportation coordinator, is sometimes able to coordinate with clinics in order to combine rides for clients. Director

GRFIA STAFF work daily to coordinate assistance for area seniors and work directly with local churches. Pictured left to right are: Gwen King, volunteer coordinator; Jeremy Baty, transportation coordinator/bookkeeper; and Maureen Baty, director. Staff not pictured: Emily Lausen, volunteer coordinator; and Cathy Bergquist, client advocate. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

Maureen Baty said they were fortunate when two clients undergoing treatment for cancer were able to get rides at the same time as the clinics worked with Faith in Action to arrange the times.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer can contact Faith in Action on their website at [GRFIA.org/become-a-volunteer](https://GRFIA.org/become-a-volunteer).

## NEWSPAPERS ARE PREFERRED BY AFFLUENT AUDIENCES

Did you know that newspapers are the preferred choice for affluent audiences to get information?

Participants of a recent study were asked which media platforms they remembered seeing ads in in the past month and how they reacted to them. Despite all the attention that digital media receives, wealthy participants were far more likely to use printed newspapers than any other media channel. This was followed only by online newspapers.