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BECKER CATCHER MAKENNA ZERWAS squeezed the ball after a Hornet batter swung and missed at strike three in Becker's Section win over Big Lake Tuesday. See Mark Kolbinger's story on the big game on page 11. (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

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Sgt. Heather M. Hoglund of Becker was recently promoted to Lt. Commander of the California Highway Patrol. See the story on page 6.

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Newberger hosts Townhall at Pebble Creek

By Bill Morgan
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Several dozen citizens from around the Becker area descended upon Pebble Creek Tuesday evening for a Townhall meeting organized by House District 15B Republican Chairman Jim Newberger. Sen. Andrew Mathews and Rep. Shane Mekeland were the speakers who discussed the topics and answered questions from their constituents.
The Pledge of Allegiance was undertaken as well as an opening prayer by Newberger.
The subjects discussed were the Sherco Power Plant, the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary issue, current and past elections, state taxes, Gov. Walz's executive orders and Critical Race Theory.
Newberger gave an introduction at around 7 p.m. and then introduced former State Rep. Doug Wardlow, who is running to unseat Keith Ellison as Attorney General.
Wardlow ran for the

position of Attorney General in 2018 and lost a contentious race by just 3.5%. Tuesday, Wardlow vowed to continue to fight for lawfulness in the State of Minnesota, identifying numerous ridiculous and failed policies his counterpart supports.
"Law and order needs to be restored," said Wardlow. "I will support law enforcement and will stand by the rule of law."
Wardlow promised the crowd he will fight to protect Minnesota families, stand with law enforcement, stand for job creators, laborers and farmers, stop financial scammers, crack down on sanctuary cities, defend vulnerable adults and the elderly and make Minnesota come first.
Sherco
Mekeland spoke of the recent developments in regards to Xcel Energy's new model indicating they are considering pulling out of Becker under the pressure from the PUC and environmentalists.
"This is a real concern
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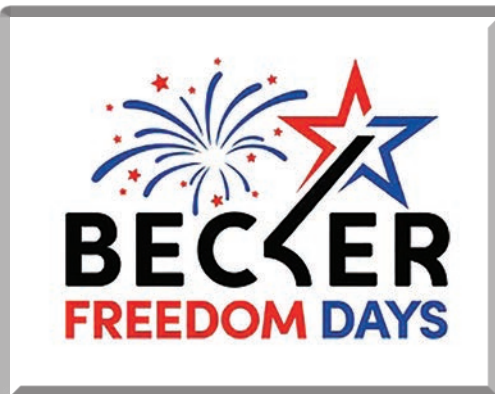
Young Horticulturist



RUBY BUCHER enjoyed getting her hands dirty as she helped her parents (Nathan and Kristi) in the garden at their homestead in Becker township. (Submitted Photo).

FREEDOM DAYS PACKED WITH WEEK-LONG FUN!

By Bill Morgan
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Monday
St. Cloud Financial Credit Union will be featuring Ice Cream Floats from noon until 2 p.m.
Tuesday
Steil Insurance will feature Walking Tacos from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) will host a BBQ chicken lunch with all the fixings at 11:30 a.m. at Becker City Park, with music pro-
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Clearwater holds first Music in the Park concert



AREA RESIDENTS CAME TOGETHER TO ENJOY the first Music in the Park event held at Clearwater's Airborn Tavern. (Photo by Penny Leuthard)

By Penny Leuthard
Contributing Writer
the summer.
Clearwater hosted Music in the Park concerts throughout the summer in the past, however they were discontinued a number of years ago. With interest in bringing back the event rising, the Clear Valley Business Connection (CVBC) group took over the details.
The first concert was held the evening of May 28 at the Airborn Tavern (formerly Eagle Trace Golf Course). Admission was
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Kragero School Opens Doors To Days Gone Past

By Mary Nehring, Contributing Writer
Kragero one room school was open for class for a few days this past week in Sherburne County. Teachers and many students came dressed in period clothing. Children were taught daily lessons including the three "R"'s (reading, writing and arithmetic) by former Kragero students Judy (Erickson) Larsén and Gloria (Erickson) Palmer, who attended the one room school until it consolidated with Becker schools in 1967.
The students also sang old time and patriotic songs, made daily crafts, played games of a bygone era such as The Old Brass Wagon and Red Rover, pumped water near the schoolhouse, washed clothes on a board, made
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vided, and Cock-A-Doodle Zoo. This event is open to the public, and a free will offering will be accepted.

The *Sherburne History Center* will hold an ice cream social from 6-8 p.m. at the history center. They will also host a community art fest during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday.

Wednesday

Sherburne State Bank hosts their annual Customer appreciation lunch and ice cream served from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the lawn at

Sherburne State Bank.

American Family Insurance - Amy Chmielewski will hold a free windshield chip repair day' from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the parking lot of *American Family Insurance*. This event is open to the public and a free will offering will go to Becker Backpack Buddies.

Thursday

National Realty Guild hosts a drive through lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with proceeds going to *Becker Food Shelf*.

Friday

The *Becker Farmer's Market* will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot at *Becker Furniture World*.

A Veterans Monument dedication will occur at city hall at 5 p.m.

Freedom Days 5K Run/Walk will have a start time 6:45 p.m. The Freedom Days 5K will be a unique cross-country style race at *Pebble Creek Golf Club*. Get a chance to get off the pavement and enjoy a race on the grass at this scenic

course. For more information and to register, go to: <https://www.temptickets.com/event/94QVEn>.

The *Lions/Legion* will feature live music from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Legion (Old Fire Hall). Live music fwill be featured rom JJ and the Guys. Hamburgers, brats, and beverages will be for sale.

Saturday

All entertainment and activities will take place at the old Becker Fire Hall in the T-Town area of Becker. The parade starts at 11

a.m.

Family Fun Fest goes from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature games/inflatables, face painting, food & beverage vendors, asse Petting Zoo & Pony Rides, kids DJ, and much more!

The Becker Blast Softball Tournament will take place at the BAC and *Becker High School* Complexes on Friday, June 18, Saturday, June 19, and Sunday, June 20.

The *Becker Dance Team* will have a performance which begins after

the parade at the Hancock Street stage area.

The Block Party starts at 7 p.m. and goes to 10 p.m. ~ featuring *Junk FM* - rock 'n roll cover band playing a wide variety of high energy music from the 80's, 90's, and 00's and current!!

Fireworks begin at around 10 p.m.

Citizens, support your community and get out and enjoy next week's festivities! It'll be a blast!

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Saturday and Sunday, June 19 & 20 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Show sponsored by Becker Lions and the Clear Lake Lions

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Out of all the options, direct mail inserts scored the highest with 81% of adults saying they acted in the past 30 days after seeing an ad. Seven out of 10 respondents also said they regularly perused newspapers and magazines to seek out inserts. Even consumers who considered themselves "non-readers" used newspapers to find and cut out coupons, compare prices, and seek out sales in their local stores.

You're Invited To Our 8th Annual Drive Thru Lunch

Thursday, June 17, 2021
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JUNE 14 - 19, 2021

MONDAY - JUNE 14

12PM - 2PM ST CLOUD FINANCIAL CREDIT
UNION ICE CREAM FLOATS

TUESDAY - JUNE 15

11AM - 2PM
STEIL INSURANCE - WALKING TACOS

11:30AM - BECKER AREA SENIOR CENTER WILL
HOST A BBQ CHICKEN LUNCH AT BECKER CITY
PARK WITH MUSIC & COCK A DOODLE ZOO.
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED

6PM - 8PM
SHERBURNE HISTORY CENTER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SHERBURNE AREA VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE, AT
THE SHERBURNE HISTORY CENTER DURING
REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS
(TUESDAY - SUNDAY)

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16

11:30AM - 2:00PM - SHERBURNE STATE BANK
CUSTOMER APPRECIATION LUNCH AND ICE CREAM
ON THE LAWN AT SHERBURNE STATE BANK

10:00AM - 3:00PM -
AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE -
AMY CHMIELEWSKI AGENCY FREE
WINDSHIELD CHIP REPAIR DAY.
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND A
FREE WILL OFFERING WILL GO TO BECKER
BACKPACK BUDDIES.

THURSDAY - JUNE 17

11:00AM - 1:00PM - NATIONAL REALTY
GUILD DRIVE THROUGH LUNCH.
PROCEEDS GO TO BECKER FOOD SHELF.

FRIDAY - JUNE 18

3:00PM - 6:00PM - BECKER FARMERS MARKET
BECKER FURNITURE WORLD PARKING LOT

5:00PM - VETERANS MONUMENT DEDICATION -
CITY HALL

6:45PM - FREEDOM DAYS 5K RUN - THIS WILL BE A
UNIQUE CROSS-COUNTRY STYLE RACE AT
PEBBLE CREEK GOLF CLUB.

7:00PM - 10:00PM - LIONS/LEGION BAND -
LIVE MUSIC AT THE LEGION (OLD FIRE HALL).
FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM
JJ AND THE GUYS.
HAMBURGERS, BRATS, AND BEVERAGES
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SATURDAY - JUNE 19

PARADE: 11:00AM (LINE UP BEGINS AT 10AM).
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www.beckercommunitycenter.com and
www.beckerfreedomdays.com



Walleye Strategies 101: Early Summer

Submitted By Captain Josh Hagemister, Minnesota Fishing Guide Service

Transition time. May and June in the underwater world of the Minnesota walleye screams “transition time!”. It’s that time of the yearly fishing cycle when various schools of walleyes throughout Minnesota are adapting from their spring locations to their summer locations. And depending on where your next big fishing adventure is scheduled, there can be multiple patterns or strategies to pay attention to in order to be successful.

Now don’t get me wrong, not all of the fish swim out of the shallows that they coveted throughout May and instantly dart for deeper water at the same time-- as some believe. In fact, in most bodies of water, some walleyes never leave the shallows (5-10ft) all summer long—and that’s one of the easiest patterns to fish. That’s a later article, for now we are concerned with the basics of May/June walleye location.

May walleyes are basically eating machines and can be found in depths ranging from 4-30 ft. The more productive depth ranges in general seem to be between 6 and 20 ft.—which is either up on the shallow flats (6-12 ft. centered around pods of bait fish and newly growing weeds only inches tall) close to spawning areas and then lingering out to the first break (drop off) and down potentially to the newly growing weed line—12-20 ft. In either location, food / bait fish is the key to finding walleyes—year round for that matter!

Walleyes need food 24/7/365. So get out the Humminbird side imaging sonar and use it as a radar beam to scan the shallows around your boat for pods (blobs) of bait/minnows as

you idle around the shallow water flats. Find the food and the walleyes will be close by—within yards of the food source. Long line stick baits like Rapalas or Salmos while you are searching/scanning with the boat—preferably by using your trolling motor for stealth. Rippin’ swim baits like the Northland Live Forage series can also help locate “weed



fish” more quickly. Stick to swim baits in the 4” length on a 1/4 oz jig.

When multiple pods of bait fish or walleyes are found (or caught) stop the boat and simply work the area more thoroughly by pitching a small jig 1/16-1/8 oz. green, blue, or glow white Northland Tackle jig tipped with a shiner minnow hooked through the lips fished on clear 6 lb. or 8 lb. monofilament line. Line stretch helps the fish inhale the bait easier than a non-stretch line. Drag the jig along the bottom and slowly work the area you think the school is utilizing. Hold your position with the trolling motor. This is where your anchor feature on the Minnkota trolling motor comes in handy. Do not anchor with a rope anchor or a Talon type anchor until you have caught numerous fish in the same area. Disturbing the bottom can spook the fish! Typically

in May, small schools of walleyes are roaming and will not hang around long anyway—hence why some movement of your bait via trolling or drifting works well on the flats this time of the year.

Concentrate on shallow feeding flats between spawning areas and deeper water (s)—30ft plus. Your search should stop at the first break leading to deeper water. Make sure to use your Humminbird graph or Vexilar flasher to scan the drop off looking for fish—especially as the month of May is blending into June. One last tip—don’t forget about current areas like in-flowing rivers/creeks for some great evening fishing. The walleyes will filter into the shallows as the sun sinks beneath the horizon making for some great shore fishing/wading opportunities that at times a boat angler cannot capitalize on.

The first thing I think of in June in regards to walleye fishing in Minnesota is “multiple patterns” to choose from. Shallow sand/gravel flats, new shallow weed beds (cabbage/coontail), primary breaks/deep weed lines, mid-range flats (13ft-20 ft), and some mid lake structure options as well. These are only some of the obvious options. To keep it simple—focus on the primary deep weed line that is found on the first break line (drop off) out from shore. The first break could be a few hundred yards out from shore or a mile. The further out and the more it stretches into deep water (30ft plus), the better. Use your LakeMaster or Navionics charts to find these areas and then use your sonar to narrow the search find the depth of the weed line (the depth at which the weeds stop grow-

ing and the bottom appears “clean and empty” on your sonar. An average weed line depth in most Minnesota lakes is in between 15-20 ft. deep. Water clarity decides where it will be.

Throughout the month of June, walleyes, as well as almost all gamefish, can be found using this newly formed weed line. Cabbage weeds or a mix of cabbage and coontail weeds seem to be the best for holding a good mix of fish. Big loner walleyes, and schools of eaters can be caught throughout the day using a variety of live bait presentations. Live bait rigs (like Lindy rigs) comprised of a 30”-40” leader, 1/4-1/2oz slip sinker, and a #2 or #4 hook tipped with an active minnow, medium leech or crawler will catch fish. On the jig side of the world, an 1/8 oz jig tipped with a medium sized minnow or medium leech will cover most weed line depths. If you are having problems keeping bottom contact with your bait—try a slower boat speed. For faster trolling speeds, try a 3/4 ounce bottom bouncer and a JB Lures spinner crawler combination—my personal favorite. Always note the depth and boat speed when a fish is caught.

While there are no hard and fast rules in the sport of walleye fishing, there are basic patterns in fish behavior, location, and activity. This quick summary of just a tiny fraction of May/June walleye fishing in Minnesota conveys some consistent basics and should help bring results to your next Minnesota walleye fishing trip. Lotsa Fish! Lotsa Fun! Captain Josh Hagemister, Minnesota Fishing Guide Service, 320-291-0708, 320-732-9919, www.minnesotaguideservice.com www.minnesotaicefish-house- rental.com www.mycampfish.com

Messelt gives summary of county to CL Council

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Clear Lake City Council met Monday evening and the main agenda item was a presentation by Sherburne County Administrator Bruce Messelt, who summarized a variety of information outlining the county’s efforts in the past year.

He noted that new home construction continues to show a strong demand, as last year 455 new homes were built in the county, bringing in over \$1 million in permit revenue.

The values of existing homes also continue to rise dramatically, with homes selling for over the asking price. While this phenomena presents several related issues, he noted that it means it is expected that everyone’s home value will increase next year on their tax statements.

Employment and commuting trends are also being followed closely by the county, and Messelt said that in 2019, approximately 15,000 people commuted into Sherburne for employment, while nearly 40,000 people left each day. However, with the changes in the workforce since the COVID-19 pandemic, there could be different patterns emerging that could impact transportation.

“We want to see if COVID-19 is changing the commuting patterns,” Messelt said.

Messelt also spoke of the 2020 election and the unprecedented number of absentee ballots that the county had to count. In years past, the number of those ballots were easily manageable, but in the 2020 election, over 50% of the ballots in Sherburne were cast as absentee ballots. This caused some processing issues for the county as state law limits how early they can start being counted; therefore, thousands of ballots remained uncounted when the polls closed. This caused confusion, as the MN Secretary



SHERBURNE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BRUCE MESSELT provided an update Monday evening to the Clear Lake City Council. (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

of State website reported totals with “100% of precincts reporting”, although in that agency’s definition, that simply means that there was activity reported and not that the total ballots had been counted.

Messelt said it took the county approximately one and a half days to finish counting the ballots, but he is extremely confident that the totals were accurate. In fact the county has undergone three different audits since the election and they all proved that the voting was accurate.

“In terms of election integrity, it was very well done,” Messelt said, applauding the fine efforts of the county elections staff.

Taxes were also a topic of discussion and he provided a slide that showed that in 2020, a average value for a home in the county was \$268,000 and that homeowner would pay \$97.50 in taxes, 40% of which the county keeps (the rest going to other jurisdictions). Messelt reported that public safety, public health and public works make up the three largest expenditure areas for the county’s budget.

In a final piece of information, Messelt reported that between the CARES Act and state business relief funding, over \$200,000 was allocated to businesses in the Clear Lake zip code.

At the end of his presentation, Messelt took questions and Mayor Tim Goenner asked about the Big Elk Lake proposed park and how its acquisition and development could affect county taxpayers.

Messelt replied that the county has put in a request for Federal and State funding for the project and while no final decisions have been made, the plan is to minimize the impact on local taxpayer dollars.

Responding to a question about intent service and an increase in telecommunications, Messelt stated that the county is moving forward with several projects to increase the availability of broadband, mostly in rural areas. The county recently conducted a broadband study and has plans in place to put conduit in the ground and then will lease the infrastructure to companies who plan to provide the service.

ARPA

The council held a brief discussion about the \$80,513 in ARPA funds it expects to receive. Clerk Kari Mechtel reminded council that they have yet to receive the full set of guidelines about approved expenditures, but she continues to work with City Engineer Keith Yapp to monitor the guidance.

It was noted that the water tower is in need of repairs and a quote from several years ago put the price at over \$300,000. Painting, rehabilitation and re-coating of the inside are all projects that will need to be accomplished at some point in the near future.

Ballpark

In recent months, the city has explored improvements to the amateur baseball field in town. Goenner and Public Works Director Dustin Luhning reported that they worked with one vendor to do a walk-through of the park and that proposed lighting project came back with a price tag of \$225,000, a figure that was way over anything council had spoke about

in the past. There was immediate consensus that the price was prohibitive and council moved past the lighting project to look at quotes for the scoreboard.

Goenner had requested a donation from the Clear Lake Lions and in response, a check for \$10,000 was secured so the council approved a motion to pay the rest of the cost, around \$6,000.

Roof

In the final action of the meeting, the council decided to move ahead with the replacement of the roof on the well house. Currently the building has a flat roof which is expensive to maintain so a decision was made to install a pitched roof made of metal. Luhning was confident that it would fit with the look of the other buildings in the area and would result in less maintenance.

The council will meet next on July 5 at 7 pm at the Clear Lake City Hall.



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Becker) in 1897. There was a need for a school in the area and the schoolhouse was built near the Jens Ellefson farm. The school building was also used as a church for several years. The loan for the school building was \$450, at four percent interest for 10 years. The first teacher who taught at Kragero school (District 47) earned \$100 for the entire school year. That first year, school was only in session for five months.

Local resident Tom Barthel purchased Kragero School from Becker School district in 1995. The school closed in 1967 and at that time, there were 16 students enrolled at Kragero.

Barthel and his wife Gail Wilkinson have worked hard

Parade Weds., June 23, 6:30 pm

Foley Fun Days

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LOCAL CHILDREN EXPERIENCE PIONEER LIFE WITHOUT HAVING TO WALK A MILE. Landon Bouchie, Ellie Pawelk, Jenna Bouchie and Josie Pawelk enjoyed recess at Kragero one room school in Santiago township earlier this week. (Patriot Photo by Mary Nehring).

to keep the school in its original condition and have graciously allowed the historic school to be used for the past

27 summers, with the first authentic one-room school class offered in 1994.

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as environmentalists, including the *Sierra Club*, have demanded the *Sherco* plant stop the transition to natural gas,” said Mekeland. “In other words, they want to get rid of the *Sherco* plant. Fortunately, Sen. Mathews and I and many union groups are fighting to keep this from happening.”

Mathews said he and Mekeland have been involved in numerous meetings with *Xcel Energy* and the *City of Becker* and even though *Xcel* has not “officially” announced they are closing *Sherco* — the models show they are seriously considering it.

“We are fighting for the citizens of this district and pushing back,” Mathews said. “It will ultimately come down to the company making the decision, and we know pulling out of Becker would cause major damage to this area.”

A citizen asked, “what can we do to help?”

Mekeland said to speak up at city meetings, contact the PUC and write letters to the editor of the paper to voice their concerns.

Another citizen asked about *Xcel’s* plan to put in a huge solar farm at the *Sherco* site and Mathews said that expansion project is still expected to go forward.

“*Xcel* seems to be on a path to pull coal energy and go to solar/wind energy,” said Mathews.

Newberger chimed in by saying, “Guess what? You never see an employee parking lot at a solar farm.”

See next week’s *Patriot* for a full story

Mathews.

A guest from the crowd asked Mathews to tell Senate majority leader Paul Gazelka that if the vote fails June 14, to have him (Gazelka) stand on the capitol steps and tell the citizens “to ignore Walz’s orders.”

Mathews said he would pass along the comment to Gazelka.

Another guest asked “why can’t the governor be recalled?”

Mathews said the process to have that done is very difficult and is virtually impossible.

“What we most likely need to do is get involved in local politics, stay alert and learn and get to the polls in the next election to vote him (Walz) out,” said Mathews.

Critical Race Theory

Critical race theory (CRT) is an academic movement of civil rights scholars and activists in the United States who seek to critically examine the law as it intersects with issues of race and to challenge mainstream liberal approaches to racial justice. Critical race theory examines social, cultural and legal issues as they relate to race and racism.

It is loosely unified by two common themes: first, that white supremacy, with its societal or structural racism, exists and maintains power through the law; and second, that transforming the relationship between law and racial power, and also achieving racial emancipation and anti-subordination more broadly, is possible.

Betsy Armstrong of Becker, a Cum laude graduate of George Mason Law



REP. SHANE MEKELAND (L) AND SEN. ANDREW MATHEWS (R) discussed topics and answered questions during Tuesday’s Townhall meeting at Pebble Creek in front of a couple dozen guests. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

on the plans of *Xcel Energy* and the effects it will have on Becker.

2nd Amendment

Jim Bonin of Big Lake spoke about an upcoming meeting with the Sherburne County commissioners and asked people to help attend the rally and any future rallies.

“I’m asking for people to come out to the meeting next week (June 15 at 9 a.m.) at the government center and help put the pressure on the county to consider adopting this policy,” Bonin said.

In late May, approximately 80 residents turned out for a rally in support of the 2nd Amendment and urged the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution in support of their cause.

“If one cannot make it, contact your commissioners by phone or flood their emails with your support,” said Mekeland.

Elections

Mathews addressed the 2018 and 2020 elections and talked about the processes of voting and how things need to change.

“Election law is a simple formula,” he said. “One valid voter, one vote. We need to protect that equation.”

Mathews told the audience he wasn’t sure the state has the apparatus in place to be sure of this simple process. He noted he and several other elected officials are working on a provisional ballot policy where — if a voter arrives at a polling place and they don’t have proper ID or valid proof of residence, they could still vote, but that ballot would be put aside until the voter returned with proper ID.

“We need to move towards ensuring all voters are legal residents,” he said.

Several audience members mentioned the election fraud opinions and asked how people could help put a stop to it.

Mekeland advised people to become election judges — a simple solution to ensuring election integrity.

“We have someone in this room (not named by Mekeland), who was barred from helping to verify ballots right here in the State of Minnesota,” said Mekeland. “We need to have better protections in place.”

A guest shouted out, “It doesn’t make a difference who you vote for — it makes a difference who counts those votes.”

Several other guests asked if the State of Minnesota’s voting machines (Dominion) can be hacked and if so, why isn’t anything being done about it.

Mekeland said the main street media is not their friend and that they can’t get any traction as long as they ignore the idea.

Executive Orders

Mekeland and Mathews told the guests the legislature is going back to St. Paul June 14 and will — again — vote to have Gov. Walz give up his emergency powers now that the pandemic is basically quenched.

“COVID is not over, we know that,” said Mathews. “But the emergency is.”

Mathews said he is pushing to have legislative veto power if the governor continues to try and exercise executive orders.

“That would mean that if an emergency situation arises in the future and the governor issues his executive order, he would have those powers for 30 days and in order to extend those powers, he would need the legislature to approve it,” said



JIM NEWBERGER (R) trekked through the crowd Tuesday, allowing guests to ask questions or make comments during the Townhall meeting at Pebble Creek. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan)

School, member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar and a former Becker School Board member, told the audience that CRT is a Marxist theory and should not be taught in schools.

“Basically, kids are being taught that if you are white, you are bad and if you are bad, you are evil,” she said. “If teachers are teaching that, our schools need to be examined.”

Armstrong ensured listeners she plans to continue to fight for academic standards of various subjects by attending school board meetings and sending comments to the responsible officials at Becker Schools.

Mathews capped off the discussion by quoting Martin Luther King, Jr. “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

Public Safety

Mathews stressed how he feels strongly about having successful law enforcement agencies and reiterated he stands with law enforcement, stands for safe communities and stands with the men and women in blue.

“Do we need police reform? Sure! That’s all good but what we also need is reform of the people who the police are dealing with,” Mathews said.

Taxes

Mekeland and Mathews both vowed they will fight to keep the state’s budget manageable and that not new taxes would surface this legislative session.

“With the surplus and the federal government granting money to the state, I am sure we will prevail with no new taxes this year,” said Mathews.

Abortion

Mekeland and Mathews told the guests Tuesday they will continue to fight for the unborn as long as they are in the positions they are in. Mekeland gave an impassioned speech on an experience he had with his daughter’s doctor and how that resonates in his mind when it comes to the abortion issue.

“I, of course, don’t agree with Roe versus Wade and I think the only way we overturn it is by getting the majority in the house, the senate and a different governor.”

Mathews told of his personal experience involving his younger sister and told the guests, “you will never get a compromised answer from me.”

“I honestly believe that in my lifetime, we will have this thing (abortion) overturned,” he said. “I truly believe that.”

The meeting closed at around 8:30 p.m. with a closing prayer by Mathews.

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Area News

Hoglund promoted to Lt. Commander of CHP

By Bill Morgan
Editor/Staff Writer
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Sgt. Heather M. Hoglund has been promoted to the position of Lt. Commander of the California Highway Patrol, effective July 1, 2021.

Hoglund, raised in Becker and a 1984 graduate of Becker High School, began her career with CHP Dec. 9, 2002, entering the Academy in Sacramento, CA. Upon graduation, she served her "break-in" time in San Jose, then moved on the Central Los Angeles and ultimately to the West Valley office.

As an officer and sergeant, Lt. Hoglund has served in various roles, including Public Information Officer, interacting frequently with local and national media. As of her effective promotion date, she will be the commander of the Conejo Commercial Vehicle Enforcement fa-



HEATHER HOGLUND, a BHS 1984 graduate, was recently promoted to Lt. Commander for the California Highway Patrol. (Submitted Photo)

cility, located in Thousand Oaks, CA.

Heather is the daughter of Mary and Michael Gillham and Ronald and Kathleen Hoglund.

(Editor's Note: The Patriot plans to run a recipe or two each week from locals and their favorite recipe books. If you have one you'd like to share, contact the Patriot at 763-275-0275).

Carrot Cake

- 2 cups flour;
- 2 cups sugar;
- 2 teaspoons baking soda;
- 2 teaspoons baking powder;
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon;
- 1 teaspoon salt;
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable oil;
- 4 eggs;
- 3 cups finely grated carrots;
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts;
- 1/2 cup raisins;
- 3 cups powdered sugar;
- 2-1/2 teaspoons vanilla;
- 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese;
- 1/4 cup butter.

Sift together at least 3-4 times flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Add vegetable oil and eggs; beat well after each addition. Add carrots, nuts and raisins (batter will be thin).



Pour evenly into three greased layer cake pans. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. (To keep layers from sticking to pan, grease and flour the sides only). **Frosting:** Beat together powdered sugar, vanilla, cream cheese and butter (1-2 tablespoons of butter may be added, if needed).

Submitted by
Liz Norgaard

Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

- 2-1/4 cups cake flour;
- 1-1/2 cups sugar;
- 3 teaspoons baking powder;
- 1 teaspoon salt;
- 1/2 cup shortening;
- 2/3 cups milk;
- 1/3 cup pineapple (reserved from pineapple rings);
- 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla;

- 2 eggs;
- 1 can pineapple rings;
- 1 stick butter;
- 1 cup brown sugar;
- Maraschino cherries.

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter in 13x9x2 baking pan; sprinkle brown sugar into pan. Arrange pineapple rings and cherries over brown sugar. Prepare cake batter; mix all ingredients in bowl. Blend for 1/2 minute on low speed; beat for 3 minutes on high speed, scraping bowl. Pour batter over pineapple. Bake for 40-45 minutes. When done, turn upside down after letting sit for a few minutes.

Submitted by
Tim Howard

Rhubarb Crunch Crust

- 1 cup quick oatmeal;
 - 1 cup brown sugar;
 - Pinch of salt;
 - 1 cup flour;
 - 1/2 cup butter
- Filling**
- 4 cups diced rhubarb;
 - 1 cup water;
 - 1 teaspoon almond flavoring;
 - 1/2 cup chopped nuts;
 - 1 cup sugar;
 - 2 tablespoons corn starch;
 - 1 can cherry pie filling mix;
 - Few drops red food coloring.

Mix oatmeal, brown sugar, salt, flour and butter together and press half in the bottom of a 9x13 pan. Dice rhubarb and put on top of crust. Boil sugar, water, corn starch, until thick. Add the food coloring and the almond flavoring. Add the pie filling and spoon over the rhubarb. Sprinkle remaining crust over top. Bake for 45 minutes at 350°.

Submitted by
Kathy Christopherson

Basketball and pickleball courts break ground

Submitted Article

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

Friday, June 4, Becker city staff, members of City Council and civic partners broke ground on a new Community Basketball and Pickleball Court project at the west greenspace of the Becker Community Center.

Approved by city council June 1, this project is slated to bring a marquee, full-court basketball court and two pickleball courts to



the Becker community. All part of a larger campus design that will integrate with the now, under construction, Splash Pad.

Partners in the project are: the City of Becker, Becker Youth Basketball Association, Knife River, Cornerstone Concrete and

A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY was held last Friday to begin construction of a community basketball court and a pickleball court to the west of the community center. Left to right: Robin Dingmann – Becker City Council; Greg Pruszinski – Becker City Administrator; Tracy Bertram – Becker Mayor; Cody Martell – Cornerstone Concrete; Kirsten Voller – Becker Youth Basketball Association; Margaret Smude – Becker Youth Basketball Association; Jeromy Quast – Becker Youth Basketball Association; Dan Baird – Becker HS Girls Basketball Head Coach; Ryan Seavert – Becker Youth Basketball Association; Josh Ihrke – Becker Youth Basketball Association; Bartt Gevens – Recreation Manager at Becker Community Center; Truda Boler – Parks & Recreation Commission Chair; Chris Lisson – Public Works & Parks Assistant Director and Becky Olmscheid – Becker City Council. (Submitted Photo)

the Becker Lion's Club.

The project is scheduled for completion in late July.

85 Years Young!



STUDENTS AT BECKER PRIMARY SCHOOL celebrated Rick Speer's 85th birthday on May 28. Rick was showered with more than 650 birthday cards. Rick and his wife, Nancy, read each card over Memorial weekend. Rick has worked at Becker School District for several years. He currently works as the playground supervisor keeping the students safe. Students and staff wanted to make sure Rick knows how much he means to them. (Submitted Photo)

Celebrating sisters



LIFELONG PALMER AREA RESIDENT TERESE (BALDER) WEIS will celebrate her 94th birthday on July 17, 2021. Terese and her sister Jeanette (who turned 90 on June 1, 2021) celebrated their birthdays recently. The celebration was put on by Jeanette's children and grandchildren at the Foley Park and a number of friends, nieces and nephews attended the celebration. (Submitted Photo).

Morgan Meyer will marry her high school sweetheart Nicholas Radunz on Saturday, June 12th at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church in Big Lake.

Parents are John and Sherry Meyer, the Late Jeff Radunz, and Kathy Radunz and Scott Searcy all of Becker.



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free, food and drinks were available for purchase, and the band, the *Nayman Brothers*, played a variety of genres from folk music to classic rock.

"The event was really nice," said organizer Alyx Johnson. "The music was great, and the food was amazing."

Around 100 people came out to enjoy the evening.

"For being a holiday traveling day we had a great crowd," said Johnson. "A nice variety of people came out, from young families to older couples."

The next *Music in the Park* is tentatively being planned for the end of July at *Sportsman's Park* in Clearwater. The goal is to have two to three performances and then request feedback from the community. Different genres of music will be featured at each concert.

The event was created as a way for local businesses to give back to the community as well as getting the community together outside.

"A big thank you to *Airborn Tavern* and everyone who came out to show their support," said Johnson. "Hopefully we can make this a regular occurrence."

Any business that would like to host a *Music in the Park* event is encouraged to contact her at johnsonmaterials@yahoo.com.

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Editorials/Opinions

Defining Moments

Moments come and go every day. There are certain ones that stand out and stay with you. Moments that impacts your outlook, behavior, heart – your life.

I go back to the high school track, 1973. I was 10 and there was going to be a “Co-ed Track Tryout” in my hometown of Buffalo. I was a sprinter and could run fast. In school, I could keep up and beat some of the boys in my grade. I started practicing.

The day of the tryouts came. I was the only girl there. Mom suggested we could leave but I said, “No, I have worked too hard, I’m going to try.” My name was called and I lined up in the blocks. The boy I was racing against was a grade ahead of me.

The shot rang out and I was off. I was ahead of my opponent. My fists were clinched and I was running for all I was worth. I didn’t realize it, but my head was leaning too far forward and I fell flat on my face. For a nano second, I thought to stay down, but something on the inside rose up and I told myself, I’m not going to quit. I popped up fast as I hit the track and my opponent beat me by a second and a half.

The people in the stands stood up and clapped for me. At the time, I didn’t realize why? I lost the race, but my spirit won. Little did I know this moment would impact how I handle challenges in life and give me insight into my strengths.

Everyone could probably attest the school years were full of defining mo-



By Shelley Berthiaume, Contributing Writer

ments. You learned a lot about people, relationships and of course, school stuff. There were some lessons harder than others, but help to give us wisdom in the days ahead.

High school graduation is a big moment. This is where you take everything you’ve learned and go out into the real world. Your strengths start to surface.

The “first love” is well known by the heart. For some, the first love remains forever. For others like me, there were tears and heart-break all rolled up into one big kick, stomp and crack in those rose-colored glasses - lesson.

As fate would have it, the breakup was for the best, as I found someone better. Getting married is one of the biggest moments in a person’s life. You hope it is for a lifetime, although for some, it does not always work out that way.

Deciding to have children is right up there at the peak. No one can prepare for what is to come, despite the stories. The whole gamut of moments is here; joy, laughter, tears, frustration, challenges and love.

Like most of us, I

have different jobs over the years. There were some that brought a sense of achievement and ones that wreaked havoc on my nervous system. Having dinner at *Windows of the World*, on the 107th floor of the trade center, is near the top of my “Ahh” work moments.

By far, saying goodbye to someone or something is the hardest. Whether we know it is coming or it is thrust upon us, it’s tough and the pain can be unbearable. God...steps in moment.

I had no idea what it would be like with grandchildren. We enjoyed our girls and watching them grow and become successful adults. Our parents doted on the grandchildren but we didn’t realize the big picture until we had our own.

Now, we have a four year old boy and a two year old girl, who completely run with our hearts. These moments add value to life and it is never the same again.

There are so many kinds of moments; it’s hard to grasp them all, but we are always in one. Some will knock you down and some will bring you up. Some you’ll never forget and some you wish you could. Some will take your breath away and some make you breathe harder.

Moments... shape and mold us; it’s the way of life.

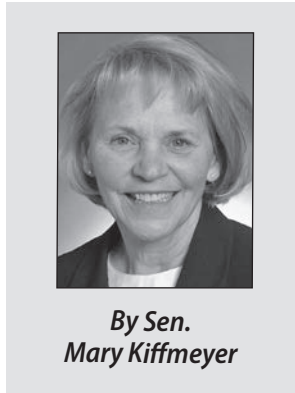
Confident In No Gov’t Shutdown

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

I hope you have been able to enjoy the first few days of summer as it heats up! Personally, I can’t wait to get out on one of our beautiful lakes and enjoy some freedom.

It looks like I’ll have to hold off a bit, because things at the Capitol are still busy as ever! Gov. Walz is expected to call the Legislature back on Mon., June 14 to continue the work on the state budgets.

As the 2021 regular session ended in May, we knew we would have our work cut out for us in order to reach agreement in the two-year budget. As the Chair of the *State Government Finance and Election Policy Committee*, I have been in negotiations with the House for weeks, ensuring good policy and



By Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer

low government spending are some of the top priorities in this budget. While we do disagree on quite a few things, I am fully confident that we can co-operate for the betterment of Minnesota and fund our state without having to shut down the government.

Last week, Senate leaders proposed legislation to end Gov. Walz’s emergency powers, yet again, as they have been in effect for 15 months. The

proposal would allow Walz to continue his oversight of testing and vaccination efforts, while ending outstanding emergency powers and executive orders. Over the past few weeks, we have seen Minnesota return to normal as the mandates have ended and local leaders have been given the freedom to decide what is best for their communities. The emergency is over, Minnesota is recovering, and we can do it all without being under the rule of one man.

As your Senator, know that I remain committed to fighting for your needs at the Capitol in any way I can. I encourage you to reach out to my office with any questions, comments, or concerns. My email is Sen.Mary.Kiffmeyer@Senate.MN or you can call me at 651-296-5565.

TO THE EDITOR:

It appears that two individuals seem to have misunderstood my opposition to “equity” in the Big Lake School system. I am against equity as it is applied within the confines of Critical Race Theory, which I believe I clearly defined in my letter. I am not against assessing individual children and providing them instruction and service tailored to their individual needs. I think that is a given when it comes to excellence in education, but I guess I should have been more specific. Help each individual reach their fullest potential, not categorizing them by race and understanding that individual outcomes are not equal or guaranteed. That’s what the point of my letter was. I would advise everyone who has children within the public school system to start researching the racist, Marxist ideology of Critical Race Theory.

Sincerely,
Holly Swanson
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

How long can Minnesota continue unlimited spending and expect us to pay for it? Welfare in Minnesota averages \$30,479 per recipient, which roughly equals \$15 per hour. This costs each taxpayer \$4,088 per year or about \$2 per hour. By comparison, in neighboring states:

- North Dakota \$19,957, \$10 per hour;
- Iowa \$18275, \$9 per hour;
- Wisconsin \$17,809, \$8.50 per hour;
- South Dakota \$10,678, \$5.50 per hour.

The national average is \$17,127. Minnesota is one of only 12 states to charge an estate tax. We impose a rate of 13-16%, and only Washington and Hawaii are higher. Estimates from 2015-2016 indicate Minnesota lost \$232,500,000 in revenue due to people moving assets out of the state to avoid MN’s rates. The Department of Human Services spent \$3,700,000 on Medicaid to dead people from 2014-2016. Minnesota spent \$100,000,000 over nine years on a computer program (MNLARSA) that they ended up dropping. The Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board loaned a company doing fundraising for the Democrat Party \$250,000 and was not paid back.

When are we going to stop voting for people who think money grows on trees and appointing boards who have no business sense but are good contributors to political candidates?

Barry VanBuren
Clearwater, MN

Vets Signed Blank Check

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by the Congressman Tom Emmer team).

Many of you have heard it said that our veterans “signed a blank check” to this country. When they dedicated themselves to preserving the freedom of the United States, they offered up their comfort, time, and even their lives to defend the United States of America.

Nowhere was this sacrifice more evident than by the actions of the brave heroes that stormed the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944. This event in history is referred to as D-Day, but those brave souls knew it as Operation Overlord. A military operation that spanned months and ended on August 21, 1944. Of the 156,000 Allied troops that stormed the beaches, 73,000 were American with an average age of 20 years old. 20,668 of them never returned home, making the ultimate sacrifice in one of the most consequential operations of the second world war.

Sunday marked the 77th anniversary of D-Day, the start of an operation that General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the crusade in which “we will accept nothing less than full victory.” As history showed, Operation Overlord was successful, and by the end of August 1944, the Allied troops had liberated northern France and set in motion the ultimate defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945. These brave men fought against the purest evil this world has ever seen and offered up their lives for their fellow Americans. For this, they will never be forgotten.

Supporting Our Heroes

Recently, I joined my friend and colleague, Democratic Congressman David Trone, for a bipartisan interview on *Minnesota Military Radio* to discuss



By Congressman Tom Emmer

how we can come together to support service members and veterans in Congress. Congressman Trone serves Maryland’s Sixth Congressional District and is a member of the Veterans’ Affairs Committee, which allowed him to give us some insight into the Committee’s progress so far this Congress.

During this interview, we discussed our shared support for Congressman Trone’s bill, the *Fairly Assessing Service-related Exposure Residual (FASTER) Presumptions Act* which would reform the *Veterans’ Administration’s (VA)* presumptive decision-making process and help veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service access their VA disability benefits much faster.

We also discussed the *Same-Day Accountability Veterans Enhancement (SAVE) Act* which I re-introduced in February to ensure the VA has mechanisms in place to offer same-day physical and mental health treatment to those in need.

Congress can and should come together to provide for those who put their lives on the line for this country. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress on both sides of the aisle to fight for our veterans and service members.

Health Care for Seniors

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County News

DNR providing advice on how to deal with deer ticks

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was composed using information from the Wright County website).

In Minnesota, we're in the middle of deer tick season. From mid-May to mid-July, the smaller nymph stage of deer ticks are feeding and potentially spreading Lyme disease.

Deer ticks, also known as black-legged ticks, are just one of thirteen known tick species in Minnesota. They are most common in the east and central areas of the state and are found in hardwood forests and wooded and brushy areas. Deer ticks are potential carriers of Lyme disease, human anaplasmosis and babesiosis.

The Minnesota Depart-

ment of Natural Resources has provided a list of tips for the prevention of tick bites and tick removal to assist those who will be outdoors over the next two months.

Prevention



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Check and re-check for ticks when you are in tick-infested areas.

1). When in deer tick habitat, walk in the center of the trail to avoid picking up ticks from grass and brush;

2). Wear light colored

clothing so ticks will be more visible;

3). Create a barrier to ticks by tucking pants into socks or boots and tuck long sleeved shirt into pants;

4). Use a repellent con-

taining DEET or permethrin, and carefully follow the directions on the container;

5). After being outdoors in tick habitat, get out of your clothes immediately, do a complete body check, shower and vigor-

ously towel dry. Wash your clothes immediately as to not spread any ticks around your living area;

6). Pets should also be checked for ticks.

Tick removal

The risk of getting a tick-borne disease is small if the tick is removed soon after it becomes attached. Deer ticks must remain attached one to two days to transmit Lyme disease, and about one day for the other diseases.

1). Take precautions when in tick habitat, but don't panic if you find a deer tick on you.

Not all ticks are infected, and prompt tick removal can prevent illness;

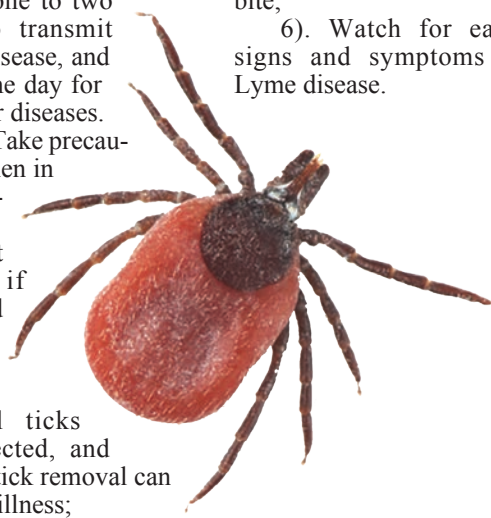
2). Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth;

3). Gently and S-L-O-W-L-Y pull the tick straight outward;

4). To avoid contact with the bacteria, if present, do not squeeze the ticks' body;

5). Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite;

6). Watch for early signs and symptoms of Lyme disease.



PUC advising disconnection consumers

Submitted Article

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

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) urges consumers to take advantage of expanded repayment plan and energy assistance programs to avoid service disconnection.

In March 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic peacetime emergency began, the PUC adopted measures to ensure Minnesotans had reliable power to stay at home safely. After conducting a thorough review of consumer safeguards, including data submitted by the rate-regulated gas and electric utilities, the PUC ordered a gradual return to normal service. This means that rate-regulated utilities began sending disconnection notices on June 1 and can begin disconnecting customers who have unpaid utility bills on August 2.

Utility consumers can avoid being disconnected by:

Applying for the Energy Assistance Program

Consumers who have submitted an application that is pending OR has been approved for the Energy Assistance Program will be protected from utility disconnection for one year, through April 30, 2022. Households with incomes below 60 percent of the state's median income may be eligible, which is about \$65,000 in annual income for a household of four. Only the past three months of income are counted, and recent stimulus payments or pandemic unemployment insurance premiums are not counted.

Minnesotans should apply now to determine if they are income-eligible for the Energy Assistance Program. Request an application or find your local service provider for the Energy Assistance Program here: Online: mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp. By phone: Call 800-657-3710 and press 1.

The Department of Commerce has expanded energy assistance by raising income eligibility and extending the deadline to apply to Sept. 1, 2021.

Requesting a plan to repay what you owe

Consumers with past-due bills can call their utility and request to set up a plan to pay what they owe. Regulated utilities will not charge late fees or penalties for consumers who have entered and are complying with their plan for payment (including one missed payment if a consumer agrees to re-enter their plan).

Calling for help

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Negative credit reporting has permanently ended for the regulated utilities.

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SHC hosts Ice Cream Social and community art

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Sherburne County History Center.)

The Sherburne History Center will host their annual Ice Cream Social and the Sherburne Area Visual Arts Showcase as part of the week of celebrations for Becker Freedom Days the week of June 14 to June 20.

From Tuesday, June 15 to Sunday, June 20, the History Center will display the artwork of a variety of local artists. Tuesday through Friday, from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the art show will be open at the history center.

The fourth year SHC hosted the show, each year a unique variety of artists and artwork is on display. Eleven artists, displaying oil and acrylic paintings or photography and other media, will show their work during the week. The Sherburne Area Visual Arts Showcase is sponsored in part with grants from the Becker Lion Club and the Clear Lake Lions Club.

A second tradition, as part of the Freedom Days

celebration, the History Center will host an ice cream social on Tuesday evening, 15 June, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free ice cream will be given out at the museum. In addition, in the culmination of the spring fund raising for SHC, Executive Director Mike Brubaker has promised to shave his head to thank all of the SHC donors to the annual spring fund drive.

The busy week is all part of the tradition of programs hosted by the Sherburne History Center to help commemorate Becker

Freedom Days.

Sherburne History Center is located at 10775 27th Ave SE in Becker. Its website is www.sherburne-historycenter.org. The Sherburne History Center inspires and fosters a sense of community by providing resources to help people discover the past and gain perspective on the present so they can make informed choices about the future.

Freshwater Algae – Friend or Foe?

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by the Sherburne Soil & Water Conservation District.)

Sometimes it is the smallest of organisms that are the most fascinating.

Algae are the small, single-celled organisms that sometimes turn a lake or pond green or brown in color. There are over 400,000 known varieties of algae, and they can be found in both freshwater and saltwater environments.

Here are some fun facts about algae, courtesy of www.sciencefocus.com:

1). Algae convert carbon dioxide into oxygen, just like trees. They actually create a lot of oxygen; in fact, in a single breath half the oxygen you consume is created by algae;

2). There can be thousands of microscopic algae

cells in a single drop of water;

3). Algae form the base of the food chain, without algae there would be no freshwater fish or sea life;

4). Our brains are dependent on the iodine and Omega-3 oils that algae contain. When we don't eat algae, or animals that consume algae or other iodine/Omega-3 rich plants, we run the risk of thyroid deficiency and lower IQ. Some scientists believe the expansion of the human brain over time was due to access to algae and animals that consume algae;

5). Algae has been used to power cars and US Navy ships, gel your toothpaste, thicken your body lotion, and prevent ice crystals from forming in ice cream.

Algae are clearly very important for our lakes and streams because they feed many insects and small fish

and also help to oxygenate the water and regulate pH and other water chemistry variables. However, when algae increase to a higher degree they can start to degrade the water and create an unappealing lake for us to enjoy.

High amounts of algae are termed an "algae bloom". Algae blooms may last several days to several weeks. They may be widespread across a lake, or because they can move with winds and currents they may be localized to the windward side of the lake. Most algae blooms are unappealing, but not harmful.

However, blue-green algae are able to produce a toxin which is harmful to humans and pets (particularly dogs). Blue-green algae is actually a form of cyanobacteria, but often gets categorized with algae. As the name suggests it has a bright, blueish-green

color and sometimes resembles an oil slick on the water's surface. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) advises that if blue-green algae is suspected, people and animals should be kept out of the water for several days to weeks until the algae has broken down.

As all algae require warm water temperatures and sunlight for growth, lake users should be on the look out for algae blooms (particularly blue-green algae) in the summer months. The websites below are good resources for blue-green algae and Minnesota algae types and options for management:

- <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/blue-green-algae-and-harmful-algal-blooms>;
- https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/aquatic_plants/algae/index.html.

K-9 Grizz officially joins Sheriff's office staff

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sequestered from the Wright County website.)

The Wright County Sheriff's Office would like to congratulate Deputy Michael Loomis and his K-9 partner Grizz for completing their K-9 certifications in Narcotics Detection, Tracking, and General Patrol duties.

The K-9 certification

school hosted by Performance Kennels was held at the Sheriff's Office and included handlers and K-9s from seven other agencies throughout Minnesota and Iowa. Their training started in March and they officially graduated June 4.

Deputy Loomis has been with the Sheriff's Office for approximately four and a half years. Along with his current role as a K-9 handler, Deputy Loomis has also worked

on patrol, as an emergency response team member, and as a firearms instructor with the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Loomis is also a Wright County Sheriff's Office Explorer advisor.

Deputy Grizz was purchased by the Sheriff's Office in February 2021 and not only works with Deputy Loomis on a daily basis but also lives with Deputy Loomis and his family. The bond between the handler and the K-9 is

extremely important and Deputy Loomis and Grizz have shown they have a strong bond and a strong work ethic. Deputy Loomis and Grizz will now be working patrol shifts during the overnight hours and be available for call outs as needed.

Grizz is replacing recently retired K-9 Vader who is now enjoying his retirement with his handler Deputy Joshua Tester.

Minnesota State Parks to offer free admission June 12

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sequestered from the Wright County website.)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) has announced that all 75 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas will offer free admission to everyone on Saturday, June 12.

The DNR offers the

free entrance on four days during the year to cover all of the seasons.

This year those dates were Feb. 13, April 24, June 12 and Nov. 26. To learn more about this promotion, go here: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/free-entrance-days-minnesota-state-parks.html.

Princeton man hit by car in Zimmerman, dies

Submitted Article

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

A young man from Princeton was struck and killed by another Princeton man Monday afternoon in Sherburne County.

Joshua Theodore William Bartlett, 19 of Princeton, walked out of the median into the left lane of

Hwy. 169 and 273rd Ave. in Zimmerman and was struck by a car driven by Brady Alan Puchalla, 19, of Princeton. Puchalla's car, a 2015 Chevy Impala, was traveling northbound on Hwy. 169 when the accident occurred.

Puchalla suffered no injuries while Bartlett died at the scene.



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Becker Sports News

Bulldogs swat Hornets to advance to finals



BECKER LEAD-OFF BATTER KRISTA PAULSON was tended to by Assistant Coach Matt O'Neill after getting hit by a pitch in the first inning of Becker's dominating 12-2 win Tuesday afternoon over the Big Lake Hornets. (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

Tuesday afternoon, the Becker Bulldogs used an offensive onslaught to defeat the #1-seeded Big Lake Hornets, 12-2 in a winner's bracket game held in Waite Park. During the regular season, the two teams split a pair of games, but Tuesday afternoon it wasn't close as the Bulldogs ended the game early via the 10-run rule.

Becker wasted little time jumping out to a lead when Kurstyn Patnode scored in the first inning on an infield single off the bat of Hannah Bartlett. Later in the inning, Kennedy Drehmel would score when Makenna Zerwas was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to make it 2-0. The Hornets escaped further damage due to a base running miscue by the Bulldogs or things might have gotten out of hand before the Hornets came to bat in the bottom of the first inning.

Becker's defense was sharp and pitcher Emma Eickhoff was on target as she put the Hornets down 1-2-3 to bring her team back to bat.

Becker added another run in the top of the second when Ellie Gallus reached on a single, stole second, and scored on a Patnode single.

The lead grew to 5-0 in the third, as Bartlett led off with a single and Zerwas hit a line drive home run to center field to score two.

It was all the Bulldogs would need, even though the Hornets would respond in the bottom of the third when Paige Dickson drew a walk and Izzy Loftus followed with a two-run homer to make the score 5-2.

The teams played a scoreless fourth, and then the Bulldogs opened the game up with four runs in the top of the fifth.

Maddie Sherman led off with a single and scored



BECKER CATCHER MAKENNA ZERWAS squeezed the ball after a Hornet batter swung and missed at strike three. (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

on a Patnode single. Two batters later, Cadence Koste hit a three-run homer to make the score 9-2. Becker would add three more runs in the sixth, including Zerwas' second homer of the game. Eickhoff would shut down the Hornets in the bottom of the sixth and the game would end due to the 10-run rule, 12-2.

Leaders at the plate for the Bulldogs included Zerwas with two home runs, Patnode's 4-for-5 performance, and Eickhoff and Sherman each with three hits.

Eickhoff again got the win, going the distance and allowing two runs on just three hits as she dominated the game from the pitcher's circle. She walked two and struck out five in her six innings of work.

Spartans

Last Thursday, Becker hosted Rocori in a section semifinal and came away victorious, 6-3. The Bulldogs struck first with a run in the bottom of the first inning when Patnode reached on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Bartlett.

Becker added two runs in the bottom of the second on a two out rally, as Gallus and Krista Paulson reached base in front of Patnode who singled to score both runners.

The Spartans answered back in the top of the third with a bases loaded dou-

ble that plated three runs and knotted the score at three.

However, Becker would come right back and retake the lead in the bottom of the inning when Koste led off with a single and eventually scored on an RBI single off the bat of Zerwas. From there, the Bulldogs added to their lead in the bottom of the fifth when they loaded the bases and Zerwas hit another single that would plate two runs and make it 6-3. Emma Eickhoff would make the lead hold up and 6-3 was the final.

Koste had three hits on the night and Zerwas drove in three runs on her two hits. Eickhoff went all seven innings for the win, allowing three runs on five hits. She walked three and struck out an incredible 16 Spartan batters.

With Tuesday's big win over the Hornets, Becker advanced to the section championship Thursday at 4 p.m. in Waite Park. It will be a rematch with Rocori who defeated Big Lake on Tuesday in an elimination game that ended the Hornets' season.

A Becker win would send them back to the state tournament, whereas, if the Spartans win at 4 p.m., a second game will follow with the winner advancing to state.

The *Patriot* will have all the details in next week's edition.

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Bulldog tennis falls to Bemidji

Scheideman/Bengtson duo qualify for state

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog tennis team saw its season come to an end last Wednesday in a closely fought affair against the Bemidji Lumberjacks, 4-3. It turned out to be the semifinal match that determined who qualified for the state tournament, as Bemidji went on to roll over Alexandria for the tournament berth in the section finals.

"We played really well at many spots today, but had trouble finishing points especially in doubles," Coach Hokan Bengtson said. "Bemidji is a well coached team that really played great today — credit to them and their coach for playing a great match."

Becker picked up all three of its wins in the singles matches, as Ryan Bengtson played in the #2 spot and went 1-1 in the first two sets before winning on an injury default.

In the #3 spot, Luke Bordson was efficient in defeating his opponent 6-3,



RYAN BENGTSON AND ELI SCHEIDEMAN qualified for the State Class AA Tennis Championships after finishing second in the Section 8AA tournament. (Submitted Photo).

6-1, while seventh grader Troy Nuest continued his phenominal season with a convincing 6-2, 6-1 win in the #4 spot.

Despite the disappointment of not making it to state, Bengtson was proud of his team and the incredible season they enjoyed.

"We finished the year 19-5 overall, which is the second best record for Becker boys tennis all time," Bengtson said. "In 2017 we were 20-5."

State Bound

Thursday, the Bulldogs brought several individuals and teams to the individual section tournament and came away with a state entrant as the team of Ryan Bengtson and Eli Scheideman finished in second place for a spot in the State Class AA Tennis Tournament. Matches were scheduled to start Thursday in Prior Lake.

"Ryan and Eli played some gritty tennis winning some great points to advance

to the state tournament," Bengtson said. "They ended up being runners up - losing to the team from Alexandria in the finals."

Because the Sophomore sensations had already defeated the third place team, there was no need for a true second match.

In round one, the duo dispatched their Alexandria opponents in a 6-4, 6-2 match which set up a second round slug fest with a Bemidji team. The semifinal match saw Becker fall behind after a 6-7 opening set, but they battled back to win 7-5, 7-6 to get to the finals, where they fell by a pair of 3-6 sets.

Becker's singles participants, Zach Bengtson and Troy Nuest, each also played good tennis on the day. Nuest had a quick exit, losing his first match 1-6, 0-6 to a senior from Bemidji, but held his own as just a seventh grader.

"Troy had a a great season finishing 20-7 on the year as a seventh grader," Bengtson said.

Zach Bengtson just

missed an opportunity at going to state, as he defeated his Moorhead opponent 6-2, 6-0 to open the day. In the semifinals, he defeated Emilio Estevez from St. Cloud Tech 7-5, 6-2. That put him into the finals, where he dropped the match in a pair of 3-6 sets. From there, he faced Brainerd's Patrick Moraghan in the true second match and dropped an incredibly close contest.

Overall, Zach finished the season with a great 19-12 record playing in the #1 spot, meaning he routinely faced the best player from the opposing team.

Overall, Bengtson was pleased with his team's play in Sections and was looking forward to watching the doubles team at state.

"We had an amazing showing at the Section 8AA tennis tournament," Bengtson said.

Look for complete details of the Scheideman/Bengtson state tournament experience in next week's *Patriot*.

Lady Bulldogs head into sections primed

By Bill Morgan
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The Becker Bulldog girls track team took part in a four team meet at Big Lake May 26. Monticello captured first place with a score of 116, Cambridge-Isanti had 96, Becker had 35 and Big Lake had 26.5.

"It was a very windy day which affected times but our athletes competed well," said Becker Coach Trish Kealy.

Regan Hausmann was Becker's top scorer, getting a second place finish in the 300 hurdles (52.92), where she consistently pushes herself every meet. She also placed fifth in the 100 hurdles (18.27) where Sarah Woelfel placed third (18.23).

Cassidy Pleoger placed fourth in the 100M after she tweaked her ankle during the long jump. She also came back to place sixth in the 200 and third in the 4x100 relay along with Abby Atwood, Jessica Gruenes, and Sarah Woelfel.

Lexi Rose took fourth in the 1600 with a time of 5:57.73.

Kayla Gruenes earned a personal best time of 2:43.93 in the 800 and placed third with a gutsy finish. Also in the 800, Katelynn Brower was sixth (2:55.43).

Alea Briggs was third in the 400 with a personal best time of 66.61.

Olivia Babler placed fifth with a time of 13:35.70 in the 3200.

Becker's 4x800 relay team of Lexi Rose, Alea Briggs, Kayla



BECKER'S ALL CONFERENCE AND HONORABLE MENTION ATHLETES includes (Back row) Owen Angel, Tyson Ricker, Lukas Karel and Michael Schmitz. Middle row includes: Cassidy Pleoger, Lexi Rose, Alea Briggs, Regan Hausmann and Sarah Woelfel. Front row includes: Abby Atwood, Kayla Gruenes and Meghan Swanson. (Submitted Photo)

Gruenes and Brooklyn Karel placed second with a time of 10:51.95.

The 4x400 relay team of Rose, Gruenes, Hausmann and Briggs was fourth in 4:37.49.

Evelyn Kreft took home a pair of third place finishes in the shot put (30'4") personal best and earns her a place on Becker's honor roll) and discus (89'9").

Lauren Woelfel placed third in the pole vault equalling her personal best with a mark of 8'6".

At North Branch

The Becker girls had five girls earn All Conference Honors and five more earn Honorable Mention at the M8 Conference meet in North Branch June 2.

"We are proud of the progress our kids have made this year and the team had six season best marks and seven PR performances at this meet," said Kealy.

Becker started off the meet with an all conference performance by their 4 x 800 relay team. The girls placed second to an outstanding team from Monticello.

"Our girls turned in their season best time by cutting 15 seconds off their previous best time and each ran outstanding legs in this race," said Becker's head coach.

The team consisted of Meghan Swanson, who started Becker off with a very strong run and handed off to Kayla Gruenes, who always runs a gutsy race. Becker's third leg was Alea Briggs, who extended the gap between BHS and the third place team. Lexi Rose ran the fastest split of the season to bring home all conference awards for the team. Their time in the race was 10:29.81.

Rose also took home all conference honors in the 1600. She ran her personal best time and had a very strong finish, overtaking three other runners in the final 200 meters to place fourth with a time of 5:40.43. This finish also places Rose on Becker's honor roll for the 1600.

Hausmann ran an outstanding 300 meter hurdle race, running aggressively and attacking each hurdle. She was in a battle for second right up until the finish line where

she got out leaned and finished fourth. Her time was a personal best 50.14 which took two seconds off her previous best and put on Becker's honor roll for the 300 hurdles in sixth position out of 12.

Abby Atwood and Alea Briggs were honorable mention in the 400 meters. Atwood came out of the second heat with a PR time of 66.92 for fifth overall and Briggs ran well in the third heat and placed seventh over all with a time of 67.29.

Gruenes ran an impressive 800 race with a PR time of 2:40.21. She pushed her limits in this race and earned honorable mention for her efforts, placing sixth.

Also bringing home sixth place was Sarah Woelfel in the high jump where she tied her personal best jump of 4'8".

Becker's final honorable mention was earned by Cassidy Pleoger, who despite a poor start, was still able to place seventh in the 100 meters and earn some points for the Bulldogs.

Becker's 4x100 relay team of Paige Maunu, Gruenes, Sarah Woelfel and Pleoger ran a season best time of 54.30. The 4x200 team of Paige Maunu, Anna Briggs, Kylee Morton and Katelynn Brower ran a season best time of 2:02.62.

Becker's 4x400 team placed sixth with a time of 4:38.7. The team consisted of Rose, Gruenes, Hausmann and Alea Briggs.

"These girls were very busy in this meet and finished with a lot of heart," said Kealy.

Becker also had season best marks by Katelynn Brower in the 800 (PR time 2:45.81), Whitney Schug in the 800 (2:48.04), Olivia Babler in the 3200 (13:28.4), Gruenes and Tessa Maruska in the pole vault (both vaulting 7'6") and Skylar Schug in the triple jump (26'6 1/2").

"I'm very proud of the entire team as they dealt with the heat at this beautiful facility in North Branch," said Kealy.

June 9, Becker has their Section 8AA prelims at Sartell- St Stephen and finals Saturday at Fergus Falls.

Five Bulldogs claim All Conference at boys track meet

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

Last Wednesday, the Becker Bulldog boys track team participated in the Mississippi 8 Conference track and field championships held in North Branch.

As a team, the Bulldogs finished in seventh place with 47.5 points, while the Cambridge-Isanti Bluejackets won the title with 187.5. However, just as they have done all year, several Bulldogs individuals showed they were near the top of their event and came away with All Conference honors.

"We placed three different athletes as All Conference in five different events," Head Coach Paul Schmidt said.

In the conference meets, the top four individuals and top two relay teams earn All Conference status, with the fifth through eighth place individuals and third through fourth place relays earning Honorable Mention.

Leading the way for Becker was Tyson Ricker, who won the 3200 meter race and placed second in the 1600 meter to earn All Conference in both races.

"Tyson ran two great races finishing with a personal best in the 1600 with a 4:33.44 and a great time of 10:08.48 in the 3200," Schmidt said. "Tyson ran incredibly smart in both races on a day that had heat indexes in the upper 90's."

Also receiving All Conference in the 1600 was senior Lukas Karel,

who ran a great race as well finishing in 4:44.74.

Rounding out the All Conference awards for the Bulldogs was eighth grader Owen Angell, who tied for third place in the Pole Vault with a height of 11'6".

"Owen also gained All Conference honors in the 300 Intermediate

Hurdles with a season best time of 44.8," Schmidt said. "It is amazing that an eighth grader makes All Conference in one event, not to mention two events."

Michael Schmitz grabbed an honorable mention selection with an eighth place finish in the 110 high hurdles and also had a personal best in the triple jump with a leap of 34'3.5 inches.

Eighth grader Carter Reckelberg made finals in the long jump with a jump of 18'5", but was unable to crack into the top eight for honors.

Becker's 4x200 relay team of Carter Leither, Carter Reckelberg, Ben Howe and Luke MacDonald ran a season best time of 1:41.19 to take sixth place. The 4x800 team of Cade Stommes, Caleb Reckelberg, Mason Becker, and Alex Kinney also finished sixth. Keeping in line with the sixth place finishes was Becker's 4x400 team of Leither, Stommes, Angell and MacDonald who also ran a personal best time of 3:44.74.

The Bulldogs were to compete in section prelims on Wednesday in Sartell and then the section finals in Fergus Falls on Saturday, June 12.

Complete details will be reported on in next week's Patriot.



BECKER'S TYSON RICKER earned All Conference status at the M8 Conference meet last week in North Branch (Submitted Photo).

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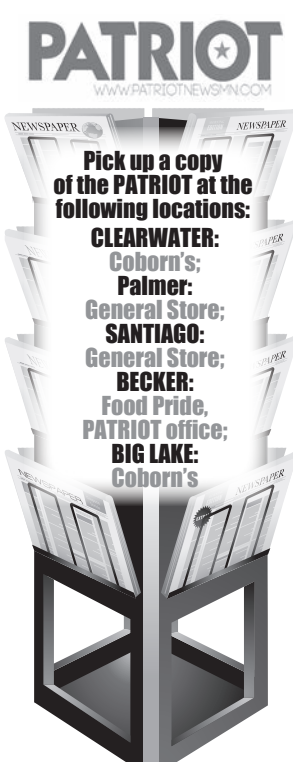
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Volunteers are desperately in need to assist in cleaning up the dining area before and after meals. If kitchen help isn't your thing, volunteers also help in welcoming and registering seniors as they come in for their lunchtime meal. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday from 10:00 - 1:00 pm at the Senior Dining Site in Elk River.
Meals on Wheels Drivers
Consider a hot meal when you are unable to cook for yourself... So important! Delivery drivers are needed to ensure that those in need receive mid-day meals. Drivers needed Mon-Fri. Each route takes about an hour to deliver. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals out of Becker, Big Lake, Elk River and Zimmerman to those waiting in and around each of those communities. Offer to deliver from a community near you once per month, once per week, or even more!
Blood Pressure Recorder with Guardian Angels
Take and record blood pressure, heart rate, blood oxygen level, and weigh of independent seniors. Knowledge of normal levels is required, and CNA, LPN, or RN experience is preferred. Clinics most in critical need of volunteers are in Zimmerman on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9-10:00 am and in Becker on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 9-9:30 am.
If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:
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July - Sherburne County Health & Human Services - Classes are as follows:

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) is for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, recently had a baby, infants and children to their 5th birthday. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to health services/community resources. The service is free, and you or your children may be eligible. For more information, please call 763-765-4116 or 1-800-433-5239, or check out the website <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/hhs/wic.php>. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in the administration of its programs. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.
Immunization Tuesdays
Sherburne County's Immunization Clinic offers free or low cost immunizations for children 18 years of age or younger and uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years and older in Minnesota who meet eligibility guidelines on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4000 or 1-800-433-5239.

Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC at Becker Community Center(BCC)
Mon., June 14: Open all day! Coffee 5am
Tues., June 15: Seniors at City Park all day!
• 11:30 Potluck Birthday lunch & Jim Kirkendall music - all welcome.
• 1:30 Cock-A-Doodle Zoo returns.
Wed., June 16: Senior Center open all day! TODAY "Lunch on the Run" 11:30 - BASC friends meet at Sherburne State Bank for lunch.
Thurs., June 17:
• 9am Coffee, cards, conversation
• 11:30 - Car Pool to Art Show at Sherburne History Center from BCC
Fri., June 18: Open all day! Coffee 5am
Sat., June 19: Freedom Day Parade and BASC Food Booth come for the fun!
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Announcements

Becker American Legion Auxiliary
Meetings are held the second Tues. of every month at the *Becker Legion Hall* (Old Fire Hall), 7pm. Paula Hinds, President (763) 262-6679.

Becker American Legion Post 193
Becker Legion meets the second Tues. of every month at 7pm at *Becker Legion* (old fire hall.)

Becker AA Meeting
Area 35 *Alcoholics Anonymous* meets Thurs. at 8pm at *Church of Mary of the Visitation*, 12100 Sherburne Ave., Becker. Joe (763) 262-0231.

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard, Paper & Aluminum
Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer located near *Becker True Value*. Paper & cardboard recycling location is at the *Becker Community Center*, please remember to flatten the cardboard & absolutely no garbage on the first Sat. of every month. There will be a Scout there to help unload between 9am-12pm. Thanks for your support!

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

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

Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild
Meet 2nd Mon. of month at 7pm. *Becker Baptist Church*. Contact Elizabeth Steckelberg (320) 259-9542.

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

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

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193
Meets the third Tues. of each month at 7 pm at *Becker Legion* (old fire hall). Looking for new members. Commander John Fischbach (320) 249-0579.

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

Big Lake American Legion Post #147
Meets the first Thurs. of the month @ 7 pm. Community Room by the Big Lake Police Station, 790 Minnesota Ave, Big Lake 55309. Please contact Commander Paul Seefeld (612) 801-7731.

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

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

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary
Meets the first Tues. of each month at 6:30pm. in the *Senior Citizen Center* at *Big Lake City Hall*. Please contact Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for membership information.

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

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee
Meets second Tues. of each month

at 11am. Meetings via *Zoom* due to COVID. Contact Recreation & Communication Coordinator Corrie Scott at ccscott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331 for meeting links or questions on the Committee Website: <https://www.biglakemn.org/443/Big-Lake-Bicycle-Advisory-Committee>.

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

Big Lake Day of Prayer
Big Lake meets year round the first Wed. of the month, at 7am for a prayer breakfast at *Big Lake High School* flagpole.

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

Big Lake Lioness
If you are interested in joining an organization dedicated to service within their community, come visit us the second Mon. of every month at the *Lions Park* on CR 5 in Big Lake. Social starts at 6:30pm & the meeting begins at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

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 & conversation. Darlene (763) 263-7134 for information.

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

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.

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

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

Clearwater Legion
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 Area Friends of the Library
Are having a **Summer Kids Book Sale! Fri., June 18, 3-6pm & Sat., June 19, 10-1pm**. All donations go towards supporting the programs, services & facilities of the Clearwater Library.
Contact Mary Torgersen, President of the Clearwater Area Friends of the Library (320) 492-6440 or marytorgersen1@gmail.com.

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

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

Foley Fun Days
Mon., Tues., Wed., June 21-22-23. Parade is Wed., June 23 at 6:30pm. For info call Juanita at (320) 761-1003.

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 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.

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.

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

Home Stretch Workshop
Homebuyer Education: Are YOU Ready for Homeownership? Take a *Zoom* class from the comforts of your own sofa, June 29 & 30, 2021, noon to 4pm.
To register, call *Wright County Community Action (WCCA)* at (320) 963-6500, ext 238. (Class fee of \$30.00 but FREE in June 2021). Once registered and full payment, participates will receive confirmation and a *Zoom* link.

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60
We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at *Saron Lutheran Church*, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.
Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

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.

Palmer Day Volunteer's Needed
This year's Palmer Day is slated to be Sat., Sept. 11, 2021. Palmer Day has been held the Sat. after Labor Day every year the past 21 years with a parade, great food & beer for sale & more at the Park, proceeds are donated to local, non-profit organizations.
Volunteers are needed to keep it going. Email Nancy Lorentz if interested or more info @ nancylorentz@gmail.com.

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. Free & confidential. Phones answered 24/7.

Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events
Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check *Snake River Church FaceBook* page for updates. Annual MidSummer, Sun., July 11, 10:30am followed by potluck & sale.
5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary (612) 219-8648.

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.

Young @ Heart
Starting in July the 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.
We are looking for volunteers to share music or a program. Contact Linda (320) 295-1117 or email: agre5628@aol.com.

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- The Great Lakes State
- Engage in a contest
- Drinks served to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
- Manpower
- Undivided
- Strong, magnetic metal
- People of Tanzania
- Sorts
- Cop car accessory
- Trade
- Sullen and ill-tempered
- Distinctive practices
- Motor vehicles
- Electrodes
- Polish river
- Human feet
- Make very hot
- Toppin and Kenobi are two
- Blackbird
- One point west of due south
- Large beer
- Third stomachs
- Rare Korean family name
- Hectoliter
- Aquatic invertebrate
- Where we live
- Poked holes in
- Partner to ways
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CLUES DOWN

- Expressions of approval
- Replace the interior of
- Not awake
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- Sun up in New York
- Institute legal proceedings against
- Bugs homeowners don't want
- Maltese-Italian composer
- Very long period of time
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- County in New Mexico
- An electrically charged atom
- New Zealand conifer
- Type of brandy
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- Tears down
- Gifts for the poor
- More painful
- Good friend
- Lying in the same plane
- Line in a polygon
- Clouds of gas and dust
- Norse god
- Health care pro
- Close tightly
- One's holdings
- Became less intense
- Wilco frontman
- Woman (French)
- Expresses delight
- TV channel (abbr.)
- Beverage
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- Cleaning accessory
- Dorm worker

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This Week's Calendar Events:

- Sun. - June 13, 2021:**
- First Roller Coaster Opens: Anniversary, 1884
 - Race Unity Day
 - World Pet Memorial Day
 - National Flag Week (6/13-6/19)
- Mon. - June 14, 2021:**
- World Blood Donor Day
 - National Men's Health Week (6/14-6/20)
 - Flag Day
 - Becker Freedom Days Week (6/14-6/19) (Freedom Days Events in Bold)**
 - St. Cloud Financial Credit Union - Ice Cream Floats (noon-2pm)**
- Tues. - June 15, 2021:**
- National Prune Day
 - National Photography Day
 - Steil Insurance - Walking Tacos (11am-2pm)**
 - BASC - 11:30 am at Becker City Park: BBQ chicken lunch, music and Cock-A-Doodle Zoo. Sherburne History Center - Ice Cream Social (6-8pm)**
 - Sherburne History Center - Community Art Fest during regular hours (Tues-Fri)**
- Wed. - June 16, 2021:**
- Space Milestone: Vostok 6 First Woman in Space
 - Sherburne State Bank - Customer Appreciation lunch & ice cream (11:30am-2pm)**
 - American Family Insurance - Becker 'free wind-shield chip repair day (10am-3pm) (Free will offering will go to Becker Backpack Buddies)**
- Thurs. - June 17, 2021:**
- Moon Phase: First Quarter
 - National Nurses Assistants Week (6/17-6/24)
 - National Stewart's Root Beer Day
 - National Eat Your Vegetables Day
 - National Turkey Lover's Day
 - United Nations: World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought
 - Watergate Day: Anniversary, 1972
 - 8th Annual Drive Thru Lunch at Professional Building 12390 Sherburne Ave - \$5, proceeds to Becker Food Shelf. (11am-1pm)**
- Fri. - June 18, 2021:**
- Newport Flower Show (6/18-6/20)
 - National Go Fishing Day
 - International Sushi Day
 - Becker Farmers Market - parking lot of Becker Furniture World (3-6pm)**
 - Veterans Monument dedication at City Hall (5pm)**
 - Freedom Days 5K Run- Peeble Creek Golf Club (6:45pm)**
 - Lions/Legion Band - Old Fire Hall - Live music - JJ & the Guys. Hamburger, brats & beverages for sale (7-10pm)**
 - Becker Blast Softball Tournament at BAC & HS Complex (Fri, Sat, & Sun)**
- Sat. - June 19, 2021:**
- Juneteenth
 - National Martini Day
 - National Watch Day
 - World Sauntering Day
 - Entertainment & activities will take place at the Old Becker Fire Hall unless otherwise stated.**
 - Parade (11am)**
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Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

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• BIG LAKE

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

Bethany Bible Church

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

Bridgeview Assembly of God

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

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

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Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Riverside Church

Online: www.myriversidechurch.com, 763-263-2410, 2014 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.

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

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Pastor: Jim Herzing, 763-262-LIFE, 221 Lake Street North. Services: Sun. Worship 9:45am, Going Deeper Discussion 9am, Wed. Prophetic Prayer - Hearing & Praying God's Heart 7pm.

• SANTIAGO

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor: Daryl Thul, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 9am drive-in Worship, Sanctuary Worship 10am.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School

Pastor: Timothy Zenda, 763-662-2570, 18977 17th St. Services: Sun. School/Bible Class 10:30am, Divine Worship 9am.

Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) - Ronneby

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

Glendorado Evangelical Country Church

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

• CLEAR LAKE

Living Waters Church

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

Trinity Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

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

St. Marcus Catholic Church

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

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church

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

• CLEARWATER

Clearwater United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Bible Church

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

Rejoice Lutheran Church - ELCA

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

Church of St. Luke

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

Tri-County Alliance Church

Pastor: David Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am. Wed. Nights (Sept.-May) - Free Family Meal 5:30pm; Bible Adventure Club, Pre-K-6th Grade Students, 6-7:30pm; Youth Group Grades 6-12, 6-7:30pm.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

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Obituaries

PAUL L BATTERMAN, AGE 78 GRAND RAPIDS, MN (FORMERLY BIG LAKE) JANUARY 5, 1943 – MAY 31, 2021

Paul, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away at age 78 on Monday, May 31, 2021.

Paul was born on January 5, 1943, in Fairmont, MN, to Albert "Ollie" and Alice (Krumholz) Batterman. The family moved from Fairmont to Cass Lake, MN, when Paul was in 10th grade, and ran the *Evergreen Resort* on Little Wolf Lake. Paul graduated from *Cass Lake High School* in 1961 and helped at the resort before moving to Minneapolis to work at *Honeywell*. He entered the *United States Army* in 1964, and after his honorable discharge in 1966, he had a career as an engineer at *Honeywell* and later at *Alliant Techsystems*. On February 12, 1983, he married Nancy (Jeffers) Batterman, and together they raised two daughters, Angelien and Katie, in Big Lake, MN. Paul and Nancy have resided in Grand Rapids since 2004.

An avid outdoorsman, Paul enjoyed fishing, hunting, and regular Boundary Waters canoeing trips with his brothers and other family and friends. He was a member of the *Knights of Columbus* and an active member of *Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church* in Big Lake, and later *St. Augustine Catholic Church* in Cohasset, serving on the church board and in the choir at both locations. Paul was known for his wonderful singing voice—he had a song for any occasion from church hymns to Elvis Presley hits, sang for family weddings, and could often be found singing around the house or for family and friends "just because." He also loved to read and write

poetry and would often recite Shakespeare for the entertainment and edification of his daughters. He will be remembered for his intelligence, his good heart, and his love for his family and those he held dear.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Alice; siblings, Lloyd Batterman, Constance (Harvey) Worden-Roberts, Marjorie (William) Peters, Joyce (Deane) Heller, and Albert "Swede" Batterman; cousins, Florence and LeRoy Jones; brothers-in-law, Harvey Worden, William Roberts, William Peters, Deane Heller, James Creech, Don McMath, and David Ranum; and sisters-in-law Kay McMath and Lynn Jeffers. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughters, Angelien Batterman and Katie (Tom) Kaitechuck; sisters, Claudia (Nelse) Grundvig and Kay (Delbert) Gangelhoff, brother, Allan Batterman; brothers-in-law, Scott (Betty) Jeffers and Larry Jeffers; sisters-in-law, Kara (Jim) Klukas, Sharon (Albert) Batterman, and Sharon (Allan) Batterman; and many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Visitation and Funeral Service was Thursday, June 10, 2021 at *St. Augustine Catholic Church* in Cohasset, MN. Burial was at *Wildwood Cemetery*, Cohasset, MN with Military Honors by the Grand Rapids Area Veterans.

Arrangements are with the *Rowe Funeral Home and Cremation Services* of Grand Rapids, MN. To sign the online guestbook or send condolences visit www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

JASON A. TREPTAU, AGE 47 BECKER, MN AUGUST 26, 1973 – JUNE 6, 2021

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 14, 2021 at Mary of the

Visitation Catholic Church in Becker for Jason A. Treptau, age 47, who passed away Sunday at the *St. Cloud Hospital*. Fr. Michael Kellogg will officiate and burial will be in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at *Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home* in Becker and one hour prior to the services Monday at the church.

Jason was born August 26, 1973 in Golden Valley to Kenneth "Kenny" & Patricia "Patty" (Bermel) Treptau. He married Lisa Simon on August 9, 2003 at *Immaculate Conception Catholic Church* in Becker. Jason lived in Corcoran and Brainerd, and moved to Becker at age 11. In his early years he worked at *Becker Furniture World* and later as a Detail Foreman for *KMH Erectors*, Maple Plain. Jason was a member of *Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church*. He was involved in numerous outdoor organizations and was a member of *Twin Cities Iron Workers*

who always had a smile on his face.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa of Becker; son, Cayden of Becker; mother, Patty of Becker; sister and brothers, Jennifer Edling of St. Cloud, John (Jessica) of Clear Lake and Jacob (Heather) of Becker; nieces and nephews, Madelynn, Montanna, McKenna, Freya, Payton, Avery, Camryn, Cohen and Declan; and great niece, Aniston. Jason was preceded in death by his father, Ken; and stepson, Casey Krogstad.

A special thanks to Dr. Kelly Collins and all the healthcare professionals who have helped Jason throughout his journey.

Obituary, Guest Book, and Video Tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

Local 512. Jason was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, shooting sports, family get togethers, and spending time with his family and friends. He was friendly, outgoing, meticulous, knowledgeable, and organized. Jason was a great artist and teacher

who always had a smile on his face.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa of Becker; son, Cayden of Becker; mother, Patty of Becker; sister and brothers, Jennifer Edling of St. Cloud, John (Jessica) of Clear Lake and Jacob (Heather) of Becker; nieces and nephews, Madelynn, Montanna, McKenna, Freya, Payton, Avery, Camryn, Cohen and Declan; and great niece, Aniston. Jason was preceded in death by his father, Ken; and stepson, Casey Krogstad.

A special thanks to Dr. Kelly Collins and all the healthcare professionals who have helped Jason throughout his journey.

Obituary, Guest Book, and Video Tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

ROGER JEROME HUMBLE, AGE 85 CLEAR LAKE, MN

Roger passed away on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Roger was a veteran of the

US Army. He enjoyed camping and spending time with his family and friends at his lake home.

Roger is preceded in death by son, Michael, infant grandson, Ross; parents, Ted and Florence, brother Clyde and infant sister Patricia. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marilyn; 3 children (Pat, Perry and

Becky); 7 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Thursday, June 10, 2021

will be visitation (10:00 am) and funeral service (11:00 am) at *South Santiago Lutheran Church*, Clear Lake, MN.

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Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: **71-PR-21-41**
Case Type: **Informal Probate**
Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors
In Re Estate of:
THOMAS J MITCHELL,
Decedent (Deceased Person)
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated 2/26/1993 has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:
Name: **Mary Mitchell Lundeen**
Address: **12876 Orono Road, Elk River MN 55330**

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 Es-

tate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-80 I, 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 May 21, 2021.
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Court Administrator
(Published in the *Patriot*: 06/05/21; 06/12/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: **71-PR-21-83**
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of:
Steven L. Winch,
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 7/1/21, at 2:30 pm, a hearing will be held in this Court at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Kathrine A. Thofson, whose address is 532 1st Ave. SE, Wells, MN, 56097 and Richard J. Winch, whose address is 640 7th St. SW, Wells, MN, 56097 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 6/1/21
/s/ Gina, DeVilbissHendry
Court Administrator Deputy
Attorney for Petitioners
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Ltd.
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: **71-PR-21-88**
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of:
James Lenard Clark
a/k/a James L. Clark
a/k/a James Clark,
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 7/22/21, at 2:30 pm, a hearing will be held in this Court at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of

the Decedent dated, July 25, 2017, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Colleen Jewel Sullivan, whose address is 8385 Sunnyside Road, Moundsview, MN, 55112 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 5/24/2021
/s/ Gina, DeVilbissHendry
Court Administrator Deputy
Attorney for Petitioner
Jan C. Larson
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: **71-PR-21-61**
NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In Re: Estate of:
Juanita M. Ewert Also known as Juanita May Ewert,
Decedent.

Notice is given that an Application for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar. The Registrar accepted the application and appointed Jeffery Alan Ewert whose address is 31860- 151st Street NW, Princeton, MN55371 to serve as the personal representative of the decedent's estate.

Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection.

Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters of general administration, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the decedent.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: 6/02/2021
/s/ Patricia A. Kuka
Court Administrator
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.: **71-PR-21-93**
NOTICE AND ORDER OF

HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of:
Jerald Duane Stenberg,
Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 7/22/2021, at 3:10 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Sherburne County Courthouse - Elk River, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Brittney J. Patchen, whose address is 920 Kelsey Ave., Clearwater, MN 55320 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

BY THE COURT
Dated: 6/8/2021
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry,
Court Administrator Deputy
Attorney for: Petitioner
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Certificate of Organizations

Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State
Certificate of Organization
Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 322C

The individual(s) listed below who is (are each) 18 years of age or older, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Organization:

ARTICLE 1 - LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME:
Rudolph's Caring Home LLC
ARTICLE 2 - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT(S), IF ANY AT THAT OFFICE:
Name: **Patrick Lee Rudolph**
Address:
27082 136th ST NW Zimmerman MN 55398 USA
ARTICLE 3 - DURATION:
PERPETUAL
ARTICLE 4 - ORGANIZERS:
Name: **Patrick Lee Rudolph**
Address: **27082 136th ST NW Zimmerman MN 55398 USA**

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.
SIGNED BY: **Patrick Rudolph**

MAILING ADDRESS: **None Provided**
EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **info@rudolphscaring-home.com**

I, Steve Simon, Secretary of State of Minnesota, do certify that: The following business entity has duly complied with the relevant provisions of Minnesota Statutes listed below, and is formed or authorized to do business in Minnesota on and after this date with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions, set forth in that chapter.

The business entity is now legally registered under the laws of Minnesota.

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Sherburne County Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CP 71-642-020 CR 42 from CSAH 1 (S) to CSAH 9
CP 71-670-019 CR 70 from CSAH 3 to 229' East of CSAH 3
CP 71-670-020 CR 70 from CSAH 3 to N Co Line
SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE is hereby given that SEALED Bid Proposal Packages will be received by the Sherburne County Engineer at the office of the undersigned until **1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 23, 2021** for the following project:

The Major Quantities of Work are:
MILL BITUMINOUS SURFACE S Y 85.280
AGGREGATE BASE & SHOULDERING TON 1.680
TYPE SP 9.5 & 12.5 WEARING COURSE MIX TON 16.211
PAVEMENT MARKINGS L F 78.443

Receipt of Bid Proposal: Bids will be received at the Public Works Office, located at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330 until **1:00 PM, Wednesday, June 23, 2021.**

Bid Opening: Proposals will be opened by the County Engineer after the hour set for receiving bids at the Sherburne County Government Center. The bid opening is open to the public and will be held in the Maple Room A conference room at the Sherburne County Government Center; 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River MN 55330. As a courtesy to our bidders, the bid opening may be attended via online through WebEx. Information for accessing the bid opening via WebEx will be provided in the bid proposal package.

Plans & specifications may be examined at the office of the Sherburne County Highway Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330, or at <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php> & follow the Construction Projects & Bids (eGram) link. A user ID & password is required to download the Plans & Specifications. Contact Public Works at 763-765-3300 to obtain.

The cost to download the Plans & Specifications is free.
The cost to obtain a hard copy of the Plans & Specifications is \$50.00 with an additional \$10.00 mailing fee.

TO SUBMIT A BID - A Bid Proposal Package must be purchased. The cost to obtain the Bid Proposal Package is \$10.00. Requests are made to the Sherburne County Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330.

Requests must be accompanied by check, draft, or money order, payable to the Sherburne County Public Works. Bids must be accompanied by a **Certified Check or Bidder's Bond** made payable to the Sherburne County Treasurer as a proposal guarantee for at least **5% of the amount of the bid.**

No bidder may withdraw their bid (which shall include the Certified Check or Bidder's Bond) within 15 days after the scheduled closing for the receipt of bids.

The County Board will consider award of the contract at the July 13, 2021 County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review. It is the County's intent to begin construction the **middle part of August 2021 and completed by middle part of September 2021.**

The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities.

Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 21st day of May 2021.

/s/ Bruce Messelt, Sherburne County, Minnesota

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sherburne County has designed its official website at <http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php>. Official publication of bids, requests for information, and requests for proposals will be done on the official website as an alternative means to disseminate solicitations of transportation construction and maintenance projects. (Published in the *Patriot*: 05/29/21; 06/05/21; 06/12/21).

PUBLIC HEARING
On behalf of the *Sherburne County Board* and its members, we respectfully request to hold a Public Hearing on June 23, 2021 during the regular *Big Lake Township Board* meeting at, or near, 6:00 pm. This will be held at the *Big Lake Township Hall* at 21960 County Road 5, Big Lake, MN 55309. Pursuant to MN Statute 163.11 subd. 5a., the purpose of the hearing is to allow public comments to be heard in regards to the revocation of County Road 79. Accompanying this revocation is the acceptance of ownership by the County of 209th Ave. from County State Aid Highway 15 to the east township limits. (Published in the *Patriot*: 06/12/21).

Abandoned Boat & Trailer Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
ABANDONED BOAT & TRAILER
Grumman Model 16SS
Registrar/License No.: **2196FZ**
Hull ID#: **GBMWO680F888**
Abandoned 1988 Evinrude 30HP
16ft. Spartan Sport Trailer
Should someone claim the boat and trailer, they will owe 10 years of storage at \$175 per year totaling \$1,750.
Contact: Scott (320) 493-2999
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PUBLIC NOTICES, SHERIFF & POLICE ACTIVITY REPORTS are posted on our website:
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KO Storage Lien Auction Notices

KO Storage of Big Lake
18055 198th Ave
Big Lake, MN 55309
(952) 314-7121
SELF STORAGE LIEN AUCTION
Auction Start Time: 06/16/2021 at 10:00 am
Auction End Time: 06/24/2021 at 10:00 am
Location of Auction: www.storage-treasures.com
1 SEPARATE LIEN SALE TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR THE UNIT. OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT BID PRICE.
UNIT:
B148 Mary Beth Luing: vacuum, file cabinet, stools.
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KO Storage of Becker
13255 Bradley Blvd
Becker, MN 55308
(952) 314-7121
SELF STORAGE LIEN AUCTION
Auction Start Time: 06/16/2021 at 10:00 am
Auction End Time: 06/24/2021 at 10:00 am
Location of Auction: www.storage-treasures.com
2 SEPARATE LIEN SALES TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR EACH UNIT. OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT BID PRICE.
UNITS:
BB01 Mark And Darcy Dalberg: household goods.
W030 Darrick Hamacher: household goods.
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City Public Notices

CITY OF BECKER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City of Becker Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021 at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing at this meeting:

Approximately 6:00 p.m.: Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit Application for a smoothie shop on a property located in the City of Becker. Applicants, Luke and Blair Popham, have submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit for the property located at 12172 Hancock Street SE and identified as PID #60-402-0815 in order to operate a smoothie shop from the above-described property in the City of Becker.

Following the above public hearing: Preliminary and Final Plat Applications of LTTM Properties. Owner and applicant, LTTM Properties, LLC, has submitted applications for Preliminary and Final Plats for a single-lot plat, with the intention of dedicating road right-of-way to the City. The property is located at 12911 1st St SE identified as PID #60-325-3000.

Following the above public hearings: Chapter 11 T-Town Zoning Code Amendments to the City of Becker Land Use Regulation (Zoning) ordinance. Edits proposed include Community Commercial Zoning District language changes in Chapter 11 Section 11.40 Subdivisions 2 and 4.

Following the above public hearings: City of Becker Comprehensive Plan. Public Hearing to adopt Becker 2040 - Shaping a Better Becker.

Anyone interested in this issue is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to Mary Roe at P.O. Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to mroe@ci.becker.mn.us by 4:30 p.m. June 28, 2021.
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