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**THANK YOU GOD FOR THE RAIN!** Kingston Gonzalez and his mom Victoria (not shown) enjoyed God's creation and much needed rain a couple weeks ago in Becker. (Submitted photo.)

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## JENSEN/BIRK LEADING THE WAY WITH CENTRAL MN VOTERS

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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Democratic Gov. Tim Walz and Republican challenger Scott Jensen scored easy victories in their primaries Tuesday, setting the stage for their fall matchup in Minnesota's marquee race for governor.

### Governor Race

Scott Jensen and Matt Birk (GOP) took 89.31% of the votes for the Republican challenger while Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan (DFL) took 96.53% of the vote for Democrats.

At Becker City Hall, 299 votes were cast for Governor with the team of Jensen/Birk, garnering 211 of those votes. For Becker Twp., 410 votes were cast for Governor with Jensen/Birk receiving

302 of those votes. For Big Lake Precinct 1, 217 votes were cast with Jensen/Birk receiving 131 votes. At BL Precinct 2, 185 votes were cast with 119 going to Jensen/Birk. At BL Precinct 3, 293 votes were cast with Jensen/Birk receiving 164 of those votes. At Big Lake Twp. 1, 250 votes were cast with Jensen/Birk receiving 162 of those votes. At Big Lake Twp. 2, Jensen/Birk received

199 votes of the 269 cast. At Big Lake Twp. 3, 133 votes were cast with 86 going to Jensen/Birk.

At Orrock Twp, 271 votes came in with Jensen/Birk garnering 207.

At Clear Lake City, 81 votes came in with 48 going towards Jensen/Birk. At Clear Lake Twp., 401 votes were cast with 236 going

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## 200 athletes compete in Big Lake Triathlon

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer

It was a miserable day for spectators, but the constant rain didn't stop about 200 athletes from competing in the Big Lake Triathlon Saturday at Lakeside Park.

In a steady, sometimes downpouring rain, the competitors gathered on the beach at Lakeside Park just before 8 a.m. to start the triathlon. The first leg was the swim, to be followed by a bike ride and then the run.

There were two different categories: the Sprint Division was a 0.33-mile swim, 14.45-mile bike ride and a 3.1-mile run.

The Olympic Division was a 0.9-mile swim, 24.83-mile bike ride and a 6.2-mile run.

But less than three minutes before the official start, with thunder rumbling in the distance, an announcement came over the loudspeaker, delaying the



THE FIRST WAVE OF ATHLETES plunged into Big Lake to start the Big Lake Triathlon Saturday at Lakeside Park. Just over 200 competitors took part in the event. (Photo by Ken Francis.)

start for another 30 minutes due to possible lightning in the area.

Everyone left the beach and headed back to

their preferred spots to wait for the start.

About 15 minutes later, a second announcement sent the athletes back

to the beach to get ready for the start.

This time it was for real, and all the competitors in the first wave scrambled

through the sand and dove in to the lake for the start.

That scenario was repeated in four-minute time intervals until all the athletes were in the water, swimming a wide semi-circle around buoys towards a point further north on the beach where their bikes were located.

Josh Mork of Lino Lakes was the first competitor out of the water in the Olympic Division in 22:38. Preston Youngdahl of Plymouth, who was two minutes behind Mork after the swim, overtook him during the bike race and went into first place with a time of 1:05:11. Youngdahl then completed the 6.2-mile run in 39:50, taking the overall championship by just under three minutes over Mork in 2:11:27. It was a repeat for Youngdahl, who won last year in 2:08:35.

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## IAM Hosts Summer Field Tour in Becker

Submitted Article

The Irrigation Association of Minnesota hosted more than 60 people at its annual summer field tour in Becker last week, in partnership with R.D. Offutt Farms (RDO) and University of Minnesota Extension.

State legislators and agency representatives, congressional staff members and public officials, IAM and industry members attended the event. The first stop was at an RDO field in Clearwater, equipped with a top-of-the-line center pivot irrigation system.

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SASQUATCH SIGHTING IN PALMER. Briggs Lake General Store consistently posts entertaining signs, as do other Palmer businesses including Palmer House and Briggs Lake Nursery. These photos are from a couple weeks back when gas prices were higher. (Photos by Mary Nehring.)



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# Becker Council moving forward with Avalon Estates

By Katherine Cantin,  
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During last week’s Becker City Council meeting, several motions in regards to the new housing development by Avalon Homes passed, including:

- A re-zoning of the area;
- Approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) for construction of the development, and;
- Establishment of a preliminary and final plat.

Council discussed some issues that were raised by residents of the area regarding traffic, especially on the street by the schools, which can be difficult to navigate during dropoff and pickup times. The council said they may have to make changes to the plan as it comes together to mitigate traffic issues.

**Committee Reports**

Parks and recreation commission recently met to discuss designing a new skate park and relocating the community gardens to Pleasant Valley.

Golf Committee reviewed their budget and

finances for the year so far. Other committee items were represented in council business.

**C-HWY Ordinance**

Council approved a change to the ordinance to the C-HWY zone (commercial area along Hwy. 10.) This will effect lot requirements in this area.

The city engineer noted that the C-HWY area did not have a storm-water management system in place, which, although not an issue for each lot individually, could lead to flooding on the roads. The director of public works said flooding was highly unlikely, however, and council proceeded with the approval of the ordinance changes.

**Drought Response**

This summer and last summer have been dry, so city staff has been looking into ways the city can conserve water and preserve city infrastructure.

Council approved a motion to change the city grass ordinance so homeowners may now allow grass to grow to eight inches rather than six inches. Studies have shown

that longer grass is more resistant to dry conditions.

**In Other Business, the Council:**

- Approved a CUP for Xcel to work on transmission lines on Sherburne Ave. S.;
- Approved an auditing services contract with Abdo through 2026.



## Haven Twp. voters to get updated precinct cards

Submitted Article

(Editor’s Note: The following article was supplied to the Patriot by the Sherburne County Auditor/Treasurer).

As part of the decennial census and re-districting process, State of Minnesota legislative boundary changes required Sherburne County and Haven Township to create a new Precinct 2.

Unfortunately, Precinct names were inadvertently switched between the two Haven Township precincts when the County processed and mailed the recent redistricting address change verification cards.

This error was identified on July 27, and corrected precinct verification cards were mailed to all voters in Haven Township on July 28.

The information has been corrected in the State Voter Registration System and is correct in voting rosters.

Sherburne County apologizes for this error and thanks all residents for their understanding and assistance in completing the decennial census and redistricting process

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**Golf Tournament**  
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**Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry**

**Business after Hours**  
August 18 from 5-6:30 pm  
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**Clear Valley BUSINESS CONNECTIONS**

**Music in the Park**  
Singleton Street - Bluegrass  
Thurs., Aug. 25  
Eldorado Park, Clearwater

**Membership Meeting**  
New Teachers Welcome  
Aug. 24 - Noon

**Block Party**  
Aug 20 - McPete’s  
10am-1:30 pm

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## Fun activities at Big Lake Block Party fair Aug 20



ADULTS & KIDS TRIED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES from getting too wet at last year’s Big Lake Block Party. This year they again will have a chance to toss balloons at each other sponsored by The Wave Youth Center during the last hour at the Aug 20 event at McPete’s. (Submitted Photos).

Submitted Article

(Editor’s Note: The following article was submitted by the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce).

“We want to encourage every family to attend our Big Lake Block Party,” says Committee Chair and Gold Sponsor Dr. Kristi McAlpin from Big Lake Area Veterinary Hospital.

“You can bowl, play mini-golf, Plinko, frisbee golf, toss games and pick a prize from fish bowl from 10-1:30 p.m. on Sat., Aug 20 at one of our Platinum Sponsors, McPete’s Entertainment Center. New this year is free haircuts by Bronze Sponsor El Teca Barber Shop!”

Bronze Sponsor Big Lake Lions is sponsoring a dunk tank. Scouts are sponsoring a BB Gun Range. Ambassadors will offer face painting. Ambulance, police and classic vehicles will be available. Check out the classic cars in the parking lot. Big Lake Robotics along with Bronze Sponsors Evolution Tae Kwon Do and Starz Dance Studio will provide entertainment. The Wave Youth Center will provide water

balloon dodgeball at 1 p.m. so youth are encouraged to dress appropriately.

The first 100 youth will receive a backpack from our Silver Sponsor Majestic Creations, filled with great items from Chamber members. Youth can also register to win one of the 13 bikes or scooter/skateboard combos that will be given away!

Platinum Sponsor Coborn’s will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, fixings and ice cream for a small fee. Big Lake Spud Fest is also a Platinum Sponsor.

Other Gold Sponsors include Big Lake Police Department, Connexus Energy, Kwik Trip, Minnco Credit Union and Sherburne State Bank.

Additional Silver Sponsors are Casey’s, Loch Jewelry, Lupulin Brewing, The Bank of Elk River and Xcel Energy.

Additional Bronze Sponsors include Big Lake Lions, EDG & Associates, FedEx Ground, and Michelle Backlund, CPA.

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A YOUTH TRIES TOSSING THE BALL IN THE FISH BOWL at the Big Lake Area Veterinary Hospital booth from two years ago. Join this year’s Big Lake Block Party on August 20 from 10-2 pm at McPete’s Entertainment Center.

Best” Lumber, Big Lake Police Department-Drive Safely, Big Lake Spud Fest, CentraCare Health, Cherrywood Advanced Living, Connexus Energy, Driscoll Accounting, Great River Spine & Sport, Kwik Trip, Minnco Credit Union, MN Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, and Sherburne State Bank.

Community Sponsors are Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary, Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon and Park Dental.

Registration fee is just \$5 per youth three years old

and older and adults. Families can avoid time standing in the registration line by prepaying on the August Events Calendar at [biglakechamber.com](http://biglakechamber.com).

“We invite everyone to come out and bring their kids, grandkids, neighbor kids!” concluded McAlpin. “It’s going to be a great day!”

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RDO REGIONAL MANAGER TOM HEYN demonstrates how he can control an irrigator from his phone. (Submitted Photos).

Tom Heyn, RDO Regional Manager, joined Trisha Mitzel, Prospera Territory Manager, to demonstrate irrigation features at the RDO field.

Heyn said Aqua Trac provides soil moisture data, the Valley Scheduling program recommends where, when and how much to irrigate and new camera technology collects and analyzes all kinds of data – right down to detecting Colorado potato beetles or other problematic issues that could affect potato plants.

“We can monitor and operate our irrigators from our smart phones and adjust as needed with changing weather conditions,” Heyn said. “All in all, new irrigation technology is allowing us to make smarter decisions to precisely water and care for our crop.”

Next up was a stop at the University of Minnesota Sand Plain Research Farm, where Dr. Vasudha Sharma presented research studies on precision irrigation and nitrogen management for enhancing water and nitrogen use efficiency. In the study’s third year, the project aims at building research and extension capacity to provide science-based data on the integrated precision irrigation and nitrogen solutions.

“This research could help to increase on-farm profitability and reduce the environmental impact of irrigated agriculture in Minnesota,” Dr. Sharma said.

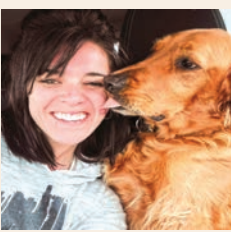
Finally, participants headed back to the RDO Becker Farm for lunch and heard an update on statewide agricultural issues from Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen, as well as economics behind irrigated agriculture from Rett Landers, Strategic Sourcing Manager from Chaska-based Michaels Foods. Members from Central Lakes College brought the AgCentric Trailer and a new irrigation model for participants to experience.

Jake Wildman, IAM President, said the event went well and he heard positive feedback.

“As irrigators, it’s important to share our story so policy makers and members of the public better understand how precise technology has become,” Wildman said. “Between last year’s drought and this year’s increasingly dry summer, irrigation is more critical than ever as Minnesota farmers are meeting the country’s food production needs.”



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# Humboldt Station belts out tunes for huge crowd

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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Hundreds of Big Lakers descended upon Lakeside Park last Thursday to hear the debut concert of Humboldt Station featuring former mayor Mike Wallen. The concert was held as part of the weekly Music in the Park event the city puts on throughout the summer for area residents and guests.

The park quickly filled up with chairs, blankets and picnic tables as Humboldt Station began warmups on the tractor-trailer stage near the parking lot. Food trucks also set up business as well as a beer tent where Lupulin Brewing craft beers were on sale for thirsty customers. Yummy food and drink items were supplied by Gouda Q, Mac's Mini's, Mister Lemonade and Grampa Steve's Kettle Corn.

Recreation and Communication Coordinator Corrie Scott did the introductions of the band and also read aloud a list of the



*HUMBOLDT STATION belted out 70's, 80's and 90's Rock and Country tunes to the delight of the concert-goers last Thursday. The band includes Todd Wick on keyboards, Emily Wallen on vocals, Joe Boelke on drums, Mike Wallen on bass and Jon Peterson on lead guitar. (Patriot Photo by Bill Morgan).*

sponsors and supporters of the Music in the Park event.

Big Lake's Music in the Park concert series is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this year! This free concert series is held on select Thursday evenings during the months of June

thru August and features a wide variety of live music and local food trucks. The concerts are held at Big Lake's scenic Lakeside Park located right off of Hwy. 10. Concessions and free parking start at 5 p.m. and music goes from 7-8:30

p.m.

The final Music in the Park was held Aug. 11 with the feature artist being Cate Fierro, who was planning to perform songs dedicated to the memory of Amy Winehouse.

# Deputy involved shooting in Otsego

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was derived in part from a press release by the Wright County Sheriff's Office).

On Aug. 7 at approximately 12:52 a.m., deputies from the Wright County Sheriff's Office responded to the 12000 block of 72nd Court NE in the city of Otsego. Reports indicated a man was having mental health challenges and had threatened physical harm to his family and himself.

Upon arrival, law enforcement staff spoke with the man, who agreed to go to the hospital for an evaluation. While awaiting the arrival of the ambulance, the man ran into the kitchen and grabbed a knife. He fled the home and ran into the neighborhood. Squads set up a perimeter and requested additional support from the Minnesota State Patrol helicopter.

A short time later, the man confronted deputies in a neighboring backyard. Two deputies attempted to TASE the subject but they were not successful. While in close proximity to the deputies, he physically threatened them with the knife. Two deputies discharged their firearms, striking the subject.

Law enforcement personnel immediately attempted life saving measures until paramedics arrived. The subject was transported to North Memorial Hospital where he died a short time later.



*JORDYN HANSEN OF OTSEGO was shot and killed by Wright County deputies after threatening them with a knife Aug. 7. (Facebook Photo).*

The man killed was identified by family as Jordyn Hansen.

Deputies involved in this incident have been placed on administrative leave. This is standard operating procedure in an officer involved shooting.

A neighbor, who wished to remain anonymous, said she witnessed the shooting. She said she heard deputies yell, "taser" followed by the sound of tasers being deployed. She then heard deputies telling him to drop the knife followed by the sound of multiple gunshots. When she approached the scene, she saw a deputy trying to resuscitate the man.

Hansen's aunt and uncle Sara and John Wroblewski released this statement:

"Jordyn Hansen is our nephew. He was full of life and compassion and possibilities for his future.

We're heartbroken at this situation. He moved into our home a few months ago after completing treatment for mental health issues - we believe it was his best chance at a full recovery away from his previous lifestyle which triggered mental health crisis."

"We contacted law enforcement after midnight on Saturday night to let them know we felt Jordyn was having a mental health episode and we needed him to be removed from our home to get some help. Jordyn had communicated threats to family outside our home but didn't make any threats to us, but there were signs of volatility when we were with Jordyn prior to police arriving and we made officers aware of this."

"We believe there were multiple opportunities inside our home for officers to peacefully restrain and contain Jordyn knowing that this was a mental health call and the situation was unpredictable and could change in a moments notice. The officers allowed Jordyn to be escorted through our home unrestrained which is how he obtained a weapon (knife). We believe the outcome would have been different if officers had handled this differently inside our home. We have many questions for law enforcement that we are still awaiting answers on."

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has been called in to investigate this incident.

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## Vehicle speed discussion dominates Palmer Twp. Meeting

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

The Palmer Twp. Board met Monday evening and discussed the issue of speeding on roadways, and what possible solutions could temper the propensity of drivers to exceed the posted speed limits.

Sherburne County Sheriff's Office Commander Ben Zawacki was at the meeting to present statistics from the last month and he noted 123 total calls for July, which was nearly identical to 2021 statistics (122 calls). Zawacki also noted that traffic stops (48) were twice as common as a year ago, when 24 contacts were made by law enforcement.

According to the Commander, speed was an issue brought up by several residents when he attended the Night to Unite events last week and traffic enforcement has been receiving extra attention from the deputies during the summer.

In some cases, deputies issue citations and in other instances, written warnings are given to the drivers.

The board and resi-

dents in attendance agreed that the increased visibility is an important deterrent to continued issues.

Chair Mike Ganz asked about the costs of the portable speed signs that are used across the county, noting that it seemed to help the speeding issue when the trailer was located in Palmer last month. Zawacki stated that he will gather more information for next month's meeting and in the meantime, he will instruct deputies to keep up their enforcement efforts.

### Pothole-a-Palooza

According to Ganz, the township has applied 12 tons of pothole hot mix this year in an effort to fill the shock-busting divots that are common on Minnesota roads. This work is usually done in-house, meaning that the supervisors do the work and keep the repairs as affordable as possible.

The board also discussed the heightened costs of road re-construction, suggesting that they decided to forego any major projects this year because of the sky-high costs of fuel and oil.

Several residents inquired about what could be

done to repair the roads and keep up with the overall maintenance costs.

In the past, the board stated that between \$300,000 to \$500,000 has been spent yearly on roads, but the state and counties receive much of the transportation tax monies, leaving very little for the townships.

Ganz identified two options – increasing the levy and doing homeowner assessments – but both were deemed unpalatable by most residents.

The board also noted that ironically, when new roads are paved, the average speed also increases dramatically on the fresh asphalt, thus exacerbating that previous issue.

The board is working on several engineering studies and road project cost projections, as they are preparing to do more maintenance work in the future.

Meanwhile, ditches have been mowed and many Chinese Elm, an invasive tree species, have been sprayed.

### In Other Business, the Board:

- Approved positive comments for a side yard

setback variance for Katie Harty and a road setback for Steven and Pamela Richardson;

• Heard from Fire Chief Ron Koren regarding last month's 24 calls for service for the CLFD, including nine in Palmer (eight medicals and one fire);

• Heard from Supervisor Steve Demeules that the Briggs Lake Chain Association will have its annual meeting at 10 a.m. August 13 to elect board members and approve its budget, while the Three Lakes Improvement District (TLID) will have its meeting on August 20, also at 10 a.m. to elect directors and preview 2023 lake projects. Both meetings will also feature guest speakers;

• Unanimously approved adding two cameras to the security system around the Town Hall;

• Heard from Sherburne County District 4 candidate Gary Gray who commented on township road maintenance issues, as well as energy policy and the Public Utilities Commission.




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## Chmielewski Agency donates to Legion



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## Local crime author visits SHC

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

Christine Husom, an author from Wright County, recently visited the Sherburne History Center for a book signing. Husom is an author of murder/mystery novels based on real crimes from Minnesota and the midwest. She has also served with the Wright County Sheriff's Office.

### Inspiration to Write

Husom said her inspiration to write came after a mysterious death in her own life. Her father had been hospitalized, but was doing well and was due to be released the next day. He had been given an Ambien to help him sleep. He was later discovered outside the hospital, having drowned in a stormwater pond. Hospital staff assumed he had, under effect of the drug, removed his IV, walked out through the emergency room, and, unfortunately, fell into the stormwater pond outside.

Husom thought it was strange that her father didn't trigger any alarms as he left the hospital, and in fact the alarms worked correctly when tested the next day. Her father also had served many years as a judge, and had received death threats before from criminals he sent to prison.

Husom, in her own words, obsessed over her father's early death. In this she found inspiration for her first book, in which the villain, distraught over her son's suicide in prison, kills those in the justice system, staging apparent suicides, to get back at those she blamed for her son's death.

### Writing Career

Husom started writing her first book, *Murder in Winnebago County*, in 1998. She finished the book in 2007 (after putting it aside for several years.) She tried looking for a publisher, but had little luck. Husom's daughter later told her about a writing contest through Gather. Husom entered the contest but was not a finalist.

Husom finally met her first publisher. A man approached her asking if she would trust him to publish her book, as he was starting a brand-new publishing company. Husom agreed, and her published six books with his company.

However, the man tried to grow his company too quickly and started to lose control of things. After some time of not getting her royalty checks, Husom decided to go with another publisher, Penguin/Random House, and regained the rights to her first six books.

Husom is a member of the Twin Cities Sisters in Crime, which is a writing guild that supports (mainly) women in crime writing (although about a third of the group is comprised of men, who are also welcome.) Through the guild, Husom connected with Penguin (before they merged with Random House) and was commissioned to write a "cozy mystery" series set in a snow globe shop. So she started working on her second series of books, the *Snow Globe Shop Mysteries*.

In all, Husom has now published a dozen books, and continues to work on more.

### Law Enforcement

Husom had been

working as a corrections officer until her father's death in 1997. After his death, Husom quit in order to care for her mother, who suffered from Alzheimer's. She later went back to school to study law enforcement and joined the St. Paul Police Dept. However, Husom was injured during her police academy training, and so was released from the department. She had torn her bicep tendon, which took a long time to heal.

After healing up, Husom was hired as an officer with the Wright County Sheriff's Office. By this time, however, Husom had small grandkids, and this made it difficult for her to serve as an officer. She quit within a year of being hired, and although she had hoped to eventually get into investigations, it wasn't meant to be.

### Books

All of Husom's books are available to purchase on Amazon or other places. Links can be found at *ChristineHusom.com*. All of her books are also available as ebooks.

### Sherburne History Center

The book signing was put on by Sherburne History Center. Another local author, M.M. Sudie, will make an appearance in September. History center director, Mike Brubaker, encourages history center patrons to be on the lookout for news about the upcoming event.





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CHRISTINE HUSOM, a writer from Wright County, visited the Sherburne History Center Tuesday for a book signing. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)



# Editorials/Opinions

## The Old Neighborhood

A few months ago during a Zoom meeting with some members of my family, one of my brothers told me that he had found video walking tours of old neighborhoods in Jersey City on YouTube.

I hadn't been back to my old home in years, and even then I spent very little time there. I never got the chance to walk around all the old places I knew growing up.

Every so often I get homesick and get the urge to go back and see some of the places where I spent my childhood. So I started searching through some of the videos to see how detailed they were and exactly which streets the tour encompassed.

The first video was entitled "Walking Downtown Jersey City," which was where I spent more than 25 years of my life. It was a nice walking tour, but it wasn't what I was looking for.

Since I moved away from Jersey City in 2000, there has been monumental growth in the city, especially along the waterfront in the Downtown area. That first video focused on all the new stuff - high-rise luxury condominiums, expensive restaurants, exclusive retail shops and shopping malls. None of that was there when I left, and it had little meaning to someone like me who spent so many years in the older historic neighborhood.

I tried another video. It was pretty much the same thing. A lot of the video kept going back to views of the New York skyline. For some reason, whoever shot the first two videos was more interested in what a tourist might want to see while visiting the city for the first time.

Not me. I wanted to see the places I remembered.

The third video was better. It was a tour of Grove St. and Newark Ave. - an area that many people consider the heart of Downtown. It still had some of the stores I remembered, and the buildings were mostly the same - except for the absence of graffiti. Things were a lot cleaner since the area had gotten so popular with New Yorkers - thanks to the Path Station at the center of the intersection. That's the location of the train that takes people from Jersey City to Manhattan.



By Ken Francis  
Contributing Writer

But even that video was missing what I really wanted to see - my neighborhood around Third St., Jersey Ave. and Erie St. That's about six blocks away from Grove St. and Newark Ave., and unfortunately for me, not many visitors would be interested in that block.

There were no major businesses or famous buildings there. No tourist attractions. It was just brick multi-story row houses, a couple of tall trees and my grammar school - St. Mary's. It's also the street where I lived from first grade until I was in my twenties.

That's the place I remember best. The neighborhood kids would play touch football, stickball and a game called bottle-caps right in the street. Or we'd sit on someone's stoop and play Stratego, checkers, rummy, poker or hearts for fun. Most of my closest friends lived on the same block or less than two blocks away.

I knew there was little chance that someone would walk down my old block and make a video.

But someone did.

The video started out showing some of the businesses on Newark Ave., but instead of heading towards the newer waterfront area, it turned onto Jersey Ave. and headed into the old residential neighborhoods.

It went past the old furniture store on the corner of First St., past the former Bosco's Bar that my father frequented. A moment later it passed by what used to be a parking lot on Second Street where we played stickball against the kids in the next neighborhood. That lot was no longer empty. There were newer town houses in the same spot.

The video took a turn onto Second St. and headed east. It went past the schoolyard next to St. Boniface Church, the only

place with basketball hoops in the neighborhood. Right after that it passed the house where the Mackey family lived. (Lots of kids grew up there.)

At the next corner was St. Mary's Church where I went to church and was an altar boy for a few years. And across Erie St. was historic Grace Church. Next to that church was a little building that once housed Chow's Candy Store. That was one of the places the kids would buy a soda or packs of baseball cards for a nickel.

There were lots of those types of stores in the neighborhood - Jim's on Jersey Ave. and Third St., and the "Spanish Store," on Erie St. near the former Public School #2. It was owned by a schoolmate's father, and we used to buy chocolate-covered marshmallow cookies there, a rubber ball for stickball - and baseball cards.

There was Hermie's on Grove St. He also sold baseball cards, but the neighborhood was a bit rougher, so I never went there alone.

The video continued down Erie St., then turned up Third St., the block where I grew up. Whoever was doing the video did the right thing. They kept stopping and turning the camera to take in both sides of the street.

All the buildings were the same. And as it passed each one, the names of the kids on the block who I grew up with came into memory: Paulie and Thomas Petruski, Hector Miranda, Ronald Karpowicz, Greg and Michael Kemelek, Walter Bauer and the three Muniz brothers - Nathan, Danny and David.

Then it went by our old house next to the big old brick church. I paused the video and looked at the place that still has the fondest memories for me. It's where my parents, my four brothers and two sisters spent a big part of our lives.

It still looks the same.

I know chances are none of the people I grew up with are still in the neighborhood. But it felt wonderful to take that trip through the neighborhood.

And now with the whole thing on video, I know I can take a walk down Memory Lane anytime I feel like it.

five or more Justices in recent history. A few Justices, however, have done so in concurring and dissenting opinions but those opinions are not precedents in future cases. Further, several Supreme Court cases tried to use the Ninth Amendment in their rulings, but it was ultimately necessary to pair the Ninth Amendment with other amendments.

For example, the Court cited the First, Fifth, Ninth, and Tenth amendments in its *United Public Workers v. Mitchell* (1947) decision. Through these amendments, the Court held that the Hatch Act - a federal law that limits certain political activities of federal employees - does not unconstitutionally restrict the rights of federal government employees.

In my next update, I will write about the Tenth Amendment in the Bill of Rights. The Tenth Amendment is like the Ninth in that it relates to the power not enumerated in the text of the Constitution and says that they are retained by the states or to the people.

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By Sen.  
Mary Kiffmeyer

deliberation and committee work, Madison's idea for protecting unenumerated rights was eventually placed among the first ten amendments that we now know as the Bill of Rights.

While we know much about the history of the Ninth Amendment, its meaning today is subject to many varying interpretations by judges and scholars alike. Some argue that the Ninth Amendment protects "collective rights" of the people. For example, the Declaration of Independence refers to the collective rights of the people to alter or abolish a destructive form of government. Other scholars have written that enumerated and unenumerated rights should be afforded equal protection. This means that restrictions on an individual's liberty by a law is presumed invalid unless the legislature can justify the restriction as both necessary and proper.

Federal and state courts have cited the Ninth Amendment numerous times. Yet, the Supreme Court has not definitively interpreted the rights held by the Ninth Amendment in a majority opinion of

## Letters To The Editor

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

### TO THE EDITOR:

For a newspaper named the *Patriot*, your silence is deafening! You have printed nothing about the January 6, 2021 insurrection at our nation's capitol. After public hearings and months of testimony, it is now crystal clear how former president Donald Trump lied, disregard the will of the public, and violated his oath of his office. There is not a shred of evidence to back up any claims of Trump's "Big Lie." The House Select Committee hearings laid out in painstaking detail the progression of failed attempts to discredit and overturn the election, and ultimately attempt to overturn it by force. The *Patriot*, a valued source of local news and events, has the right and freedom to disseminate whatever news and opinions it may espouse. However, the *Patriot* is missing the opportunity to be truly patriotic by avoiding any coverage of the facts behind the insurrection. Rights and responsibilities go hand in hand. With upcoming midterm elections and 2024 presidential election, I encourage the *Patriot* to inform its readers of the facts, and seriousness, of January 6th and the "Big Lie," and the impact they have on the future of our republic. That should be the responsibility of all newspapers.

**Kenzie Phelps**  
Clear Lake, MN

## Farmfest 2022

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

While August is usually spent away from Washington, it looks like the House will be back in session this week to vote on the latest iteration of the Biden Administration's proposed spending bill, the so-called "Inflation Reduction Act." This bill passed through the Senate this weekend without a single Republican vote, and for good reason: the legislation includes tax hikes during a recession, spending to equip the IRS with 87,000 new agents, and over \$350 billion in "Green New Deal" initiatives.

Instead of reining in federal spending and empowering small businesses, this legislation significantly expands the size and scope of the federal government and will only make inflation worse.

### Jackie Walorski

Before we talk about the week ahead, I would like to take a moment to recognize the loss of a close friend and colleague. Last week, Representative Jackie Walorski and two members of her team were killed in an accident while working in her home state of Indiana.

Jackie was a great advocate for the people of Indiana's Second Congressional District, and I will cherish the time that we spent together in the House



By Congressman  
Tom Emmer

of Representatives. She will be truly missed.

### Attending Farmfest

Every year, I look forward to Farmfest, one of Minnesota's best events. Like Machinery Hill, which you might remember from our state fair in years past, Farmfest is a dedicated day to celebrate and showcase Minnesota's ag community.

We had a great time at the 2022 Farmfest last week. It was great to spend time with farmers and producers discussing the issues impacting the industry, like rising input costs, encroaching foreign actors and the future of our ag workforce.

We also had the opportunity to speak with some of Minnesota's leading ag media networks. You can listen to my conversation with Ag News 890, and read about some of our work to secure American farmland here.

### YWL Program

Last week, we held the second session of our Young Women's Leader-

ship Program (YWLP) at Professional Counseling Services in Delano. This mental health-focused event brought together women leaders from across the mental health field and high school-aged girls from the Sixth District.

The program provided an opportunity for participants to hear about the types of continuing education they might need for a career in mental health, which areas of the industry are still lacking in female representation, and how to achieve a work-life balance in such a demanding role.

We're grateful to all our panelists for the day, including Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota, Dr. Lois Schlutter, owner of Schlutter & Associates LLC, Northern Integrated Health, Inc., and Professional Counseling Centers, Sara Johnstone, M.A., Ph.D., and Julia Messenger, School Social Worker in the Anoka-Hennepin School District for offering their expertise to the 2022 YWLP Class.

### Mental Health

Approximately 50 million Americans are battling a mental illness—roughly one in five. Mental health concerns are common, and while they are nothing to be ashamed of, it is essential that we provide care to those in need.



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# Area News

## VOTE from page 1

towards Jensen/Birk.

At Haven Twp. 1, 18 votes were cast with 15 going to Jensen/Birk. For Haven Twp. 2, 367 votes were cast with 219 going to Jensen/Birk.

At Palmer Twp., Jensen/Birk grabbed 333 of the 524 votes cast.

### Secretary of State

For Secretary of State, incumbent Steve Simon took 72.52% of the votes for the DFL, while Kim Crockett took 63.15% of the vote for the GOP.

At Becker City Hall, Kim Crockett took in 123 of the 284 votes cast for secretary of state. For Becker Twp, 385 votes were cast with Crockett receiving 155 votes. For Big Lake Precinct 1, 203 votes were cast with Jensen/Birk getting 83 votes. At BL Precinct 2, 174 votes were cast with Crockett receiving 69. At BL Precinct 3, 266 votes were cast with Crockett receiving 113. At Big Lake Twp. 1, Crockett pulled in

117 of the 239 votes to top all contenders. At BL Twp. 2, Crockett took 148 of the 253 votes cast. At BL Twp. 3, Crockett took 61 of the 128 votes cast.

At Orrock Twp., Crockett received the most votes at 130 out of 249 cast.

At Clear Lake City, 74 votes were cast with 28 going to Schultz. For CI Twp., 352 votes were cast with Erik van Mechelen getting the most votes with 125.

At Haven Twp. 1, 15 votes were cast with van Mechelen getting nine of those votes. At Haven Twp. 2, 324 votes were cast with van Mechelen receiving 111.

At Palmer Twp., Crockett received the most votes at 193 out of 467 cast.

### Attorney General

For Attorney General, incumbent Keith Ellison took 89.35% of the vote on the Democratic side while Jim Schultz took 52.51% for the Republicans.

At Becker City Hall,

Schultz reeled in 129 votes out of 267 votes cast for Attorney General. At Becker Twp., Schultz received 154 of the 395 votes cast. At Big Lake Precinct 1, 213 votes were cast with 78 going to Schultz. At BL Precinct 2, 176 votes were cast with 67 being awarded to Schultz. At BL Precinct 3, 274 votes came in with 98 going to Schultz. At Big Lake Twp. 1, 242 votes were cast with Schultz receiving the most at 96. At Big Lake Twp. 2, Schultz took 133 of the 260 votes cast. At BL Twp. 3, Schultz took 53 of the 131 votes cast to lead all contenders.

At Orrock Twp., Schultz pulled in 115 of the 256 votes to lead the way.

At Clear Lake City, 77 votes were cast with Schultz receiving 26. At CL Twp., 370 votes were cast with 124 going to Schultz.

At Haven Twp. 1, Schultz received 13 of the 17 votes cast. At Haven Twp. 2,



JESSICA AND AARON HEMPEL brought their children, Addalea and Daxton, along when they came to vote at the Clearwater Twp. Hall. A total of 147 out of 1,034 township residents came out Tuesday night to make their voice heard. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

Schultz received 135 of the 333 votes.

At Palmer Twp., Schultz took home 185 votes of the 486 cast.

### Sherburne County Commissioner Dist. 4

For Sherburne County Commissioner District 4, Gary Gray received 864 votes (34.84%) to runners up Lefty Kleis (20.65%), Kari Watkins (17.78%), Carol Lewis (17.30%) and Eric Meyer (9.44%). Clear Lake City residents cast 84 votes for the commissioner seat with Gray garnering 36 votes to outlast his contenders.

Clear Lake Twp. appears to be the variance for Gray's victory as he garnered 262 votes from that precinct compared to just 70 for Kleis. At Clear Lake City, of the 84 votes cast, 36 went to Gray.

## Local food truck owner brings the heat in Clear Lake



CLEAR LAKE RESIDENT ROB DUNLAP recently opened Buddy's Burritos and Bowls food truck, which features intriguing flavors of sauces and salsas. He is also able to spice things up for customers, with a mystery pepper offering. (Photo by Mark Kolbinger.)

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

Food trucks have become increasingly popular over the past few years, with innovative cuisine being offered not only at festivals and events, but also as another dining option in cities across Minnesota.

Add Clear Lake to that list with the establishment of Buddy's Burritos and Bowls, which officially opened July 24.

For two weekends in a row, Clear Lake area resident Rob Dunlap operated his food truck near the O'Brothers Wine and Spirits store, offering his specialty fare for the local residents and Hwy. 10 commuters.

"I have heard nothing but great things from the customers," Dunlap says.

"People really enjoy having another option."

By design, Buddy's offers a small menu that is easily customizable for each patron. With nearly 25 years of experience in the restaurant industry, Dunlap enjoys the fast pace of the job, as well as his ability to be creative with his offerings.

"I focus on doing a few things and doing them well... we offer burritos, burrito bowls and taco in a bag," Dunlap says. "What is nice about how I am set up is everyone gets to build their meal to their exact specifications."

For proteins, Buddy's offers steak, chicken and taco seasoned ground beef, and Dunlap feels he is set apart with his custom blended flavors. He is also not afraid to bring the "heat"

with his food.

"What I feel makes our menu unique is the home made sauces and salsas," Dunlap says. "And I love to cater to the needs of people who like things spicy so I have a rotating 'mystery pepper' that people can add to their meal."

For the really adventurous palate, Dunlap offers another option.

"For a crazy amount of heat, I have a ghost pepper seasoning," he says.

Dunlap says about 15 years ago, he and some friends used to talk about running a food truck, but it wasn't something he took too seriously. Then, in 2020, COVID-19 came along and with it, the restaurant industry was seriously disrupted.

"Back in 2020 when so many things were being shut down and restricted, so many changes came about in the restaurant industry," Dunlap says. "I felt like there was a definite need for more dining options. I decided I had the right skill set to provide a quality product to customers, served fast."

In addition to pop up events, Buddy's also has bookings on the schedule in the near future, including dates at local breweries such as Back Shed and Lupulin. Dunlap also has been hired for a late night wedding reception and will be at the Ledge Amphitheater in Waite Park for the Brett Eldridge concert September 10.

Dunlap is hoping for additional partnerships with other local businesses in the near future.

"We have been setting up at local businesses in Clear Lake and would love to expand to other neighboring cities," he says. "The businesses get some extra foot traffic from the customers we bring in and vice versa."

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**LEMONADE STAND ON THE LAKE:** Sage and Cade Kuphal set up shop on Briggs Lake near Palmer last week and treated customers to ice cold lemonade and treats. (Submitted photo.)

## Annual Three of a Kind event once again breaks fundraising record

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

With 135 kickstands going up at noon on July 16, Three of a Kind's 11th annual motorcycle run and fundraiser to raise money for the Eagles Healing Nest in Sauk Rapids was off and running.

The event began at the Silver Bullet Saddle Club Clearwater Rodeo grounds the evening before, with lawn games and a bean bag tournament, won by the team of David and Corey. Emily Williams entertained the group with music from 6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday's motorcycle run began at Clearwater Corners for registration and lunch and concluded back at the rodeo grounds, where an ice cream truck was on hand to help cool off attendees of all ages. A silent auction and live auction were both held, featuring items donated from a large group of businesses, organizations, and individuals.

During the event Quilts of Valor were awarded to veterans Janet Gohman, Scott Searcy, and posthu-



**AFTER THE BIKE RUN,** Quilts of Valor were awarded to Janet Gohman, Scott Searcy, and posthumously to Scott's brother Byron Searcy. (Submitted photo.)

mously to Scott's brother Byron Searcy.

In a happy first for Three of a Kind's event, Mike and Jen Thompson were married at the rodeo grounds after the motorcycle run. The couple had actually met at the annual event a few years back and

had gotten engaged after last year's ride.

At 8:00 p.m. the band Pandemic took the stage to entertain the crowd through the evening.

For those looking for refreshments, the Clearwater Legion and Clearwater Lions sold cold beverages

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**DAVID AND COREY** were the winners of Friday night's bean bag tournament. (Submitted photo.)

while the Clearwater Sons of the American Legion was on hand selling food both evenings.

The mission of the non-profit organization Three of a Kind is to bring family, friends, and the surrounding community together to raise money for the Eagle's

Healing Nest in honor of Matt Steffens, Brett Johnson, and Jeff Colbenson.

All proceeds of Three of a Kind's annual fundraiser are donated to the Eagle's Healing Nest in Sauk Center and used for three scholarships to recipients at Monticello High School.

## Sign making at the Clearwater Library

By Penny Leuthard, Contributing Writer

Library patrons of all ages stopped by to make their own handmade sign at the Mobile Sign Shop event recently held at the Clearwater Public Library.

To craft their signs, participants first created their own unique design by drawing on a blank wooden sign, which acted as a template. The designs were then carved out with a router and returned to the artists, who then painted them for a finishing touch.

Mobile Sign Shop was a Legacy event.



**SANDY GERBER** helps her 4-year old daughter Adeline paint the sign she made of her name. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)



**PATRONS OF ALL AGES** stopped by the Clearwater Library recently to create their own personal signs. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)



# Sports/Area News

## Four or Five Knocks

I spent the entire month of June on a boat watching the sunrise and sunset. I do this because I am leading wildlife photography tours, to capture images of Loons. I am so fortunate to be outside, surrounded by nature for such a sustained amount of time. I see and hear so many cool birds and animals. Most of them are fairly common critters that are easy to see and even easier to hear.

But if you stop and take the time to listen, and know what you are listening for, you can sometimes hear a rare or uncommon bird. So, every day on the boat I would listen, even if my group of photographers are talking. I still have an ear open to hear something unusual.

And of course, I hear it. A faint knocking sound. Low enough pitched to make it blend into the other natural noises, but distinct enough to stand out if you know what you're listening for. A series of four or five knocks. Occasionally, if the participants are quiet and I point out the faint knocking sound, they all smile when they realize they heard it. Now that we are tuned in, we stay silent a little longer and listen again. When we hear it again, the smiles return in acknowledgement that they heard it. The knocking sound always comes from the deepest, thickest part of the cattail marshes which only adds to the mystery.

The knocking sound comes from a very secretive bird that in the springtime can be heard but rarely seen. It is the Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*). The Least Bittern is one of the smallest herons in the world, as you can deduce from its common name "least" and definitely the smallest heron in North America. Its species name "exilis" is Latin for "little or slender" which again refers to the diminutive size of the bird.

This bird stands only 11-12 inches tall, with much of that being its legs. It lives in thick stands of cattails and



By **Naturist**  
**Stan Tekiela**

walks around near the base of the cattail plants using its very long toes to grab ahold of the stalks of cattails and keep it from walking in the water. They only weigh about 2.5 to 3.5



ounces (not pounds) so they walk around like they are floating on air.

So, for every time I am out on the boat with a group of photographers, we hear the bird. Occasionally we get very lucky, and we see one of the Least Bitterns fly. They will fly from one stand of cattails to another and if you are quick, you can catch a glimpse of the bird flying. I try to point it out each time it happens because it's a bird that most people have never heard of, let alone see.

So, one day while we were enjoying the morning sunlight and capturing some images of the other birds, I had told the group about the elusive Least Bittern. Explained how we rarely see them and only occasionally do we see them fly. I also mention how these are not

common birds and by their own behavior make them even harder to observe.

While I am doing all of this, just a few yards away, a female Yellow-headed Blackbird started squawking and fighting with something just inside the thick stand of cattails. As we turn to look at all the commotion, we see a Least Bittern flying out of the cattails with a very upset Yellow-headed Blackbird in hot pursuit.

The Least Bittern flew directly towards my boat and landed right out in the open on a floating mat of cattails just 6 or 8 feet away. We were all stunned and temporarily frozen. Knowing this is not something that happens every day, I grabbed my camera and just like one of those action movies, I dove "in slow motion" towards the front of the boat where I could get a good angle to capture some images. I could hear myself telling everyone "again in slow motion" to shoot, shoot, shoot!!!

When I landed on the deck of the boat and lined up my camera, I was able to capture about six images, which means since my camera takes 20 images per second, the bird only stood still for about .3 of a second before flying back into the thick stand of cattails.

You can imagine just how happy we were to have such an encounter. Everyone was checking the backs of their cameras to see if they got the shot, and everyone had huge smiles knowing they captured the elusive Least Bittern. Until next time...

*Stan Tekiela is an author / naturalist and wildlife photographer who travels the U.S. to study and capture images of the wildlife. He can be followed on Instagram.com, facebook.com and twitter.com. He can be contacted via his web page at naturesmart.com.*

## Buy Me Some Peanuts and Cracker Jacks...



**THE CLEARWATER RIVER CATS 15U TEAM** won the 14/15A Gopher State Baseball League Tier 2 Championship. The River Cats are part of CLAYBA (Clear Lake Area Youth Baseball Association). The Cats played in the GSBL 14/15A Division 1 with season standings of nine wins and five losses. CLAYBA is a great association and has baseball levels from T-ball, Coach pitch, 9U, 10/11U, 12/13U, 14/15U, and have older teams as well. (Submitted photo.)



**THE 10/11U CLEAR LAKE LAKERS** had a great season earning a Second place win in the Quad City Willie Mays Tournament that CLAYBA (Clear Lake Youth Baseball Association) hosts at Clearview Elementary. CLAYBA's website is [www.CLAYBA.com](http://www.CLAYBA.com). (Submitted photo.)



**DUE NORTH CAR WASH** recently held its ribbon cutting ceremony as it officially joined the Becker Chamber of Commerce. Due North is located off of Hwy. 25 in Monticello, and features a state of the art wash and vacuums. Pictured here (left to right) are Ron Mumm, Cory Kampschroer (owner of Due North), Eleza Sebesta, Tony Rusher, Jessica Kylo, Eric Hanson, Amity Felton, and Amy Chmielewski. (Submitted photo.)

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### RACE from page 1

Whitney Moore of Chanhassen was the top female finisher in the Olympic Division in 2:41.55. She completed the swim in 32:06, which put her in eighth place at the time. She biked to a time of 1:22.33, second fastest for the women. Then she ran 6.2 miles in 43:54, almost 3:30 faster than her nearest competitor. Her combined time was more than five minutes faster than second place winner Elizabeth Warren of Minneapolis.

John Kallemeyn was the top hometown finisher in the Olympic Division. The Big Laker took 10th overall in 2:38.49.

There were 67 total finishers in the division, 50 men and 17 women.

In the Sprint Division, Big Lake Hornet distance runner Owen Layton took the title. The 16-year old finished in 1:09.12, beating second-place Sean Pickle, 17, of St. Cloud by almost three minutes.

Layton had to make up a big time deficit after the swim, where he finished 25th in 12:21. He did well in the bike ride with the second-fastest time of 39 minutes. Then he smashed the competition in the 3.1-mile run, finishing in 16:30, passing Pickle along the way.

Bette Rowley of Burnsville was the top female finisher in the Sprint Division in a time of 1:14.47. That was sixth overall among all the 134 athletes in the division. Rowley was eighth after the swim (10:44). She had the best time for the women in the bike ride at 39:15, then went 22:46 in the run to hold off Tate Diehl of Apple Valley by almost four minutes.

Prizes were awarded to the top finishers in each of 12 different age groups.

The Big Lake Triathlon is the final segment of a three-part competition. Triathlons at Sturgis Lake in Buffalo and Warner Lake in Clearwater were held in June.

Complete results for all three triathlons can be found at [mtcresults.com](http://mtcresults.com).

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**CONSTRUCTION ZONE IN BECKER.** Work crews were busy resurfacing Bank St. in Becker over the last few weeks. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



## Sports/Area News

# Becker BASS sends 10 teams to championships

By Mark Kolbinger,  
Contributing Writer

An incredible 20 student anglers with the Becker BASS team have qualified for the State Tournament of Champions (TOC), to be held on Lake Vermilion Sunday, August 21. Those ten teams will be vying against the top student anglers from around the state for over \$50,000 in scholarships.

"This is the most the team has sent since its inception in 2017," Head Coach Dusty Wright said.

In order to qualify for the tournaments, the two person teams must place in the top 10% of a qualifying Student Angler Tournament Trail (SATT) Tournament.

According to Wright, in 2022 there were five qualifying events, with each event having between 120 and 180 competing boats.

For the SATT tournaments, all fish are caught, measured, photographed and immediately released. Fans can follow the action with live updated results on the Reel Livewell App the day of the event.

"We have parents, grandparents, and everyone watching and cheering on their anglers on tournament day," Wright said. "I know my mom doesn't get anything done on those days!"

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THE BECKER BASS TEAM will be heading to the state championships later this month. Here, the team is pictured at a recent competition. (Submitted photo.)

sales and sponsors and Wright said the team and coaches are incredibly appreciative of those participating companies.

Lund Boats is one such major sponsor, helping the team purchase jerseys and donating a boat each year to the SATT for the raffle.

"We are so Thankful for Lund and the Student Angler Tournament Trail to provide these opportunities right here in our state," Wright said. "The fishing industry, DNR, and everyone in Minnesota have been so supportive and the growth in the High School Fishing has been incredible."

The Becker Bass Team continues to be wildly popular among Becker stu-

dents, as this summer, 83 high schoolers are fishing on the team. Last Sunday, they finished the regular season tournament trail with a first and second place finish while fishing on the Mississippi River (Pools 4/5 - Lake Pepin).

"A total of just over 120 boats competed in the tournament," Wright said. "Congratulations to Mason and Maddie Doucette with a first place finish with over 28 pounds for a seven fish bag limit, while finishing in second place were Cooper Wright & Eli Scheideman."

Just two weeks prior to that, Tanner Paumen and Mason Nevala took first place on Mille Lacs Lake with over 30 pounds

and a 4.32 pound small-mouth bass average.

"The excitement around the bass team is contagious," Wright said. "We have been extremely blessed with an incredible volunteer base, sponsors, and supportive community."

The following teams will be competing in the TOC: Brayden Koenig/Braden Graning, Aiden Holm/Reid McCalla, Max Super/Devin McKenzie, Bruce Kraemer/Logan Ahlbrecht, Mason Doucette/Maddie Doucette, Mason Nevala/Tanner Paumen, Max Keeler/Nick Lemperes, Sam Hyttsten/Jacob Simonson, Cooper Wright/Eli Scheideman, and Parker Meyer/Scotty Bowles.

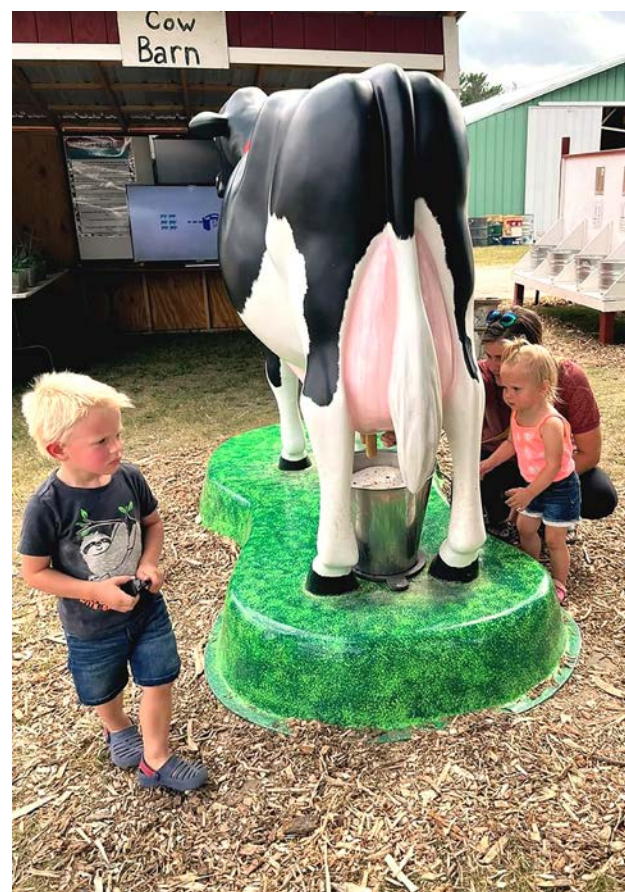
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## Fun at Benton County Fair



COUNTY FAIR FUN. Top photo: Nolan and Autumn Wipper, of Becker, pictured with their mom, Haley Wipper, checking out the cow barn display at Benton County Fair on opening day. (Submitted photo.)

## Becker/BL CC coaches celebrated



TRISH REIMER-KEALY (L) and TODD TRUTNA (R) received awards as coaches of the year for their respective high schools. Kealy is the Becker Girls CC coach in Class AA and Trutna is the Big Lake Class AA boys state coach. (Submitted Photo.)

By Bill Morgan, Staff Writer  
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Becker and Big Lake High School's Cross Country coaches were named 2021 Coaches of the Year by the MSHSL.

"I was honored to receive the Class AA Girls State Coach of the Year award," said Becker Head Coach Trish Reimer-Kealy.

Todd Trutna of Big Lake received the Class AA Boys State Coach of the Year.

"I'm very honored and humbled to receive this from our peers," Kealy said. "Becker girls are great athletes and wonderful people. They are why we do what we do and deserve so much credit, their sportsmanship

is unmatched as well."

The Becker girls were the M-8 Conference and the Section 5AA champions and placed sixth in the MSHSL State meet.

Todd Trutna has been the head coach at Big Lake since taking over for long time BL coach John Bruns a couple of years ago.

"Mr. Trutna always does a great job and is a great role model for his athletes," said Kealy.

This year, Trutna's boys won the M-8 conference, the Section 5AA championship and beat out Monticello for the State MSHSL Championship.

## Correction: Photos attributed incorrectly



BLAZING HEAT. Local firefighters from Clear Lake and Becker worked to put out a field fire just north of Palmer off of County Road 48 Tuesday. The wind made the task daunting. (Photos by Scott Ampe.)

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	5			9				
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	9			4			8	6
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7	4	8	6	9	8	1	9	2
9	8	2	1	4	8	9	6	7
9	6	7	8	1	4	9	2	8
8	1	4	9	2	9	6	7	8
8	2	9	8	7	6	4	1	9
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**Wed., Aug. 17:** 6pm-Denim Yarn Class. Registration required. See library for details.  
**Thurs., Aug. 18:** 9am-Cards/Conversation.  
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•Canada: Yukon Discovery Day  
**Tues. - Aug. 16, 2022:**  
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•National Tell a Joke Day  
•National Roller Coaster Day  
**Wed. - Aug. 17, 2022:**  
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•Black Cat Appreciation Day  
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# Announcements

## Becker - Organizations

### Becker American Legion Auxiliary

The auxiliary meets the second Tues. of the month at 7pm. For info please contact Paula Hinds (President) at (763) 262-6679 or see John Riebel or Nellie Simpson at Becker True Value.

### Becker American Legion Post 193

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

### Becker AA Meeting

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

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

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

### Becker Evangelical Ministries

Every Wed., 6-7:30pm at Becker Middle School. GYM 45 - growing young men. HIS KIDZ - K-3rd grade. G.I.R.L.S. GROUP - 4th & 5th grade girls.

Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125 or register online at [www.beckerfreechurch.org](http://www.beckerfreechurch.org) (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

### Becker Food Shelf

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

### Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Guild

Meet 2nd Mon. of month at 7pm. Becker Baptist Church. Contact Elizabeth Steckelberg (763) 691-3852 or email: [beckerlions@gmail.com](mailto:beckerlions@gmail.com).

### Becker Lions Club

Meetings are held the second Mon. each month at 7pm at Becker City Park. Emma Cook (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 Bill's Family Foods. We are no longer collecting used cell phones or printer cartridges. If you have any questions please contact Lion Dale Seavert at (320) 290-5342 (phone or text) or by email at [djseavert@gmail.com](mailto:djseavert@gmail.com).

### Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

### Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

The monthly meetings are held 6 pm the

third Thurs. of the month at Becker City Hall. (320) 980-2752 or see the state website at [www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org](http://www.beyondtheyellowribbon.org).

### Compassion Connection

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### Dementia Support Group

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

### Great River Faith in Action

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We are looking for volunteers to help elderly or disabled people in our community. Especially volunteer drivers. FIA also has a Furniture for Families Program that assists struggling families with basic furniture needs when they have no other place to turn. Call (763) 263-4277 or [www.grfia.org](http://www.grfia.org).

### Snake River Free Mission Church

Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30pm. Check Snake River Church FaceBook page for updates. 5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E on CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary (612) 219-8648.

### Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

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

## Big Lake - Organizations

### Big Lake Ambassador

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

### Big Lake American Legion Post #147

Meets the first Thurs. of the month @ 7 pm. 29 Lake Street, Big Lake 55309. Please contact Commander Paul Seefeld (612) 801-7731.

### Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

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

### Big Lake Al-Anon

Meetings held Mon., 7pm at Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church - Big Lake Annex, "lawn chairs outdoors when weather permits."

Newcomers encouraged - we are a very welcoming group! Laurie (763) 218-5330.

### The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

Meets the first Tues. Mar.-Dec. at 6:30pm. in the Senior Citizen Center at Big Lake City Hall. Please contact Kathy at (763) 263-6093 for information.

### Big Lake / Becker Mops

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

### Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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

### Big Lake Community Food Shelf

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

### Big Lake Day of Prayer

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

### The Big Lake Lions

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

### LC of Big Lake Lioness

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

### Big Lake Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

### Big Lake Women of Today

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

### God's Grub Community Meal

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

### Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 65

If you or anyone you know is 65 or under & have been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, you are welcome to attend our group. We meet the third Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.

Specific topics will be scheduled along with open forum. Family/Friends are welcome! Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

### Moms in Prayer

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

## Becker Upcoming Events

### Becker Alumni Luncheon

#### Annual Event

Becker Pebble Creek Golf Course, Thurs., Sept. 8, 2022, 11:15am. Please invite a classmate. If any questions contact Audrey Orton (320) 743-2636.

## Clear Lake Upcoming Events

### Blood Drive

St. Marcus Church, 8701 Main Ave., Clear Lake. Mon., Aug. 8, 2022, 1-6pm. Appt/Info: Call Judy (320) 743-2108 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) enter Sponsor Code: Clear Lake. Hosted by the Clear Lake Lions.

## Clearwater Upcoming Events

### Clearwater Library

Free book event. Sat., Sept. 17, during regular library hours (10am-1pm) sponsored by the Clearwater Friends of the Library. All books are free.

### Young @ Heart

Thurs., Aug. 18, at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 1155 County Rd #75 in Clearwater, 10:30am with cards, coffee, & conversation with friends old & new, lunch at 11:30am & a program will follow at 12 noon. This month's program will feature two full time RV'ers from MN Airstream Park located in Clear Lake.

Please reserve your meal (free will offering requested) by calling Rejoice at 320-558-6851 or [rejoice@rejoicelutheranchurch.org](mailto:rejoice@rejoicelutheranchurch.org) to tell us you're coming; this will assure a meal for everyone.

## Glendorado Upcoming Events

### 1st Annual Craft Sale, Etc...

Glendorado Lutheran Church. Craft Sale/Flea Market/Garage Sale/Bake Sale. Aug., 20, 2022, 8am-3pm. Something for everyone, bring a friend.

Looking for crafters space available, call Linda (320) 290-7851 or Anita (763) 218-0368. Glendorado Lutheran Church, 1100 186th Ave NE, Princeton.

# Public Notices

## Foreclosures

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

#### FORECLOSURE SALE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the mortgage dated September 2, 2005, executed by Jennifer Labine and Jason Labine, wife and husband, as mortgagors, to TCF National Bank, a national banking association, now known as The Huntington National Bank, Successor by Merger to TCF National Bank, as mortgagee, recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Sherburne County, Minnesota, on September 16, 2005, as Document No. 599649, which mortgage conveyed and mortgaged the following described property, situated in the County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, which property has a street address of 761 Brom Lane, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309, and property identification number 654390540:

Lot 8, Block 5, Sleepy Hollow North, Sherburne County, Minnesota

That the original principal amount secured by said mortgage was \$182,423.30; that there has been compliance with any condition precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by said mortgage and foreclosure of said mortgage required by said mortgage, any note secured thereby, or any statute; that no action or proceeding to recover the debt remaining secured by said mortgage is pending, or any part thereof; that there is claimed to be due upon said mortgage and is due thereon at the date of this notice, the sum of \$175,772.74 in principal and interest.

That as a result of the aforesaid default, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by the sale of the above described premises with appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota, at the Sheriff's office in the Sherburne County Government Center, Suite 100, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, on August 30, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, to pay the amount then due on said mortgage, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorneys' fees as allowed by law, in accordance with the provisions of said mortgage. The time allowed by law for redemption by the mortgagors, their personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION OF THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SEC-

TION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2023, unless the foreclosure is postponed pursuant to Minn. Stat. §580.07, or the redemption period is reduced to five (5) weeks under Minn. Stat. §582.032.

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

DATED: July 7, 2022  
The Huntington National Bank, Successor by Merger to TCF National Bank FOLEY & MANSFIELD, P.L.L.P. By: Wyatt S. Partridge  
Atty. No. 0391272  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 1200  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401  
(Published in the Patriot: 07/09/22; 07/16/22; 07/23/22; 07/30/22; 08/06/22; 08/13/22.)

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case Type: Foreclosure  
Court File No. 71-CV-21-280**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER JUDGMENT AND DECREE**  
Star Bank,  
Plaintiff,  
v.

Robert Anderson (aka Robert W.J. Anderson, aka Robert Waldon Johnson Anderson, aka Robert Waldon Anderson, aka Robert W. Anderson, aka John Robert Anderson, aka Robert John Anderson, and aka John Robert Waldon Anderson), Marcia Anderson (aka Marcia M. Anderson, aka Marcia Marie Anderson, aka Marsha Anderson, and aka Marcia C. Anderson), Aaron Anderson (aka Aaron Rodney Alderson), Michelle Anderson (aka Michelle M. Anderson), the Estate of Bernice Anderson (aka Bernice F. Anderson and aka Bernice Frieda Anderson), Franklin Anderson (aka Franklin C. Anderson), Brenda Anderson (aka Brenda J. Anderson), DLL Finance LLC, AgQuest Financial Services, Inc., Commodity Credit Corporation, Corporation Service Company, CNH Industrial Capital America LLC (aka CNH Capital America LLC), Falcon Leasing, Falcon National Bank, Sheffield Financial, Trust Bank, Branch Banking and Trust Company, First State Bank of Bigfork, Hermann Federal Credit Union, United States Internal Revenue Service, CGB Agri Financial Services, Inc., Centricity Credit Union, Accounts Receivable Services, LLC (aka Accounts Receivables Services), Snap-on Credit LLC, TD Auto Finance, LLC f/k/a Chrysler Financial, State of Minnesota Department of Revenue, Admirals Bank, SHERBURNE/ANOKA/HENNEPIN FSA, Central Min-

nesota Credit Union, Proctor Federal Credit Union AGCO Finance LLC, Northland Capital Financial Services, LLC, Western Equipment Finance, Inc., Agrifit Credit Acceptance LLC, Members Cooperative Credit Union, FBN Finance, LLC, Woodlands National Bank, Spire Credit Union, Brainard Savings and Loan Association, John Doe, Mary Roe, ABC Partnership, and XYZ Corporation, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of an Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law, And Order for Judgment and Judgment (the "Judgment") entered in the above-entitled action on or about April 15, 2022, of which a certified copy has been delivered to me directing the sale of the premises, hereinafter described, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due said Plaintiff in the above entitled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Judgment, the undersigned Sheriff of Sherburne County will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on the 16th day of August, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sherburne County Sheriff's office, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Suite 100, Elk River, MN 55330-4668, in the said County and State, the premises and real estate described in said Judgment, legally described as:

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 34, Range 28, except the South 33 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 8, Sherburne County, Minnesota.

Subject to an easement as set forth in Document No. 782228, described as Parcel 83, Sherburne County Highway Right of Way Plat No. 50.

All contained in the County of Sherburne, State of Minnesota (Property ID No: 05-108-3400).

### REDEMPTION NOTICE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION OF THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. Dated: June 29, 2022  
Joel Brott  
SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF

By: /s/ Jeff Ruhland  
Deputy Sheriff  
THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY:  
MJB LAW FIRM, PLLC  
Attorneys for Judgment Creditor  
7925 Stone Creek Drive, Suite 120A  
Chanhassen, MN 55317  
PHONE (952) 567-0664  
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## Probates

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE  
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No.: 71-PR-22-91**

**Estate of  
John George Fruth  
aka John G. Fruth  
and John Fruth,  
Decedent.**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INTESTATE)**

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

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Joseph M. Fruth, whose address is 330 Van Buren Avenue North, Hopkins, Minnesota, 55343, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: July 28, 2022  
/s/ Pamela Kreier  
Registrar  
Dated: July 28, 2022  
/s/ Patricia Kuka  
Court Administrator  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Jennifer A. Rutz  
Hellmuth & Johnson, PLLC  
8050 West 78th Street  
Edina, MN 55439  
Attorney License No: 0395780  
Telephone: (952) 941-4005  
FAX: (952) 941-2337  
Email: [jruz@hjlawfirm.com](mailto:jruz@hjlawfirm.com)  
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## GEL Scholarship Fund Now Accepting Applications

The GEL Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications for one male and one female \$500 scholarship.

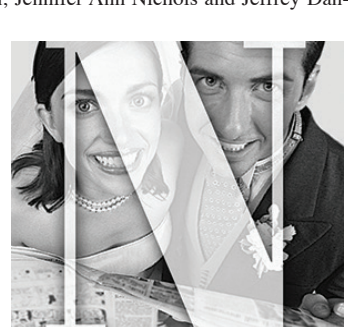
These scholarships are available to college students who have completed their freshman year, who are participating in college sanctioned sports and have graduated from Becker High School.

Please submit name, phone number, address, parents names, high school information, photos of the student in sports and future college goals to: Anita Lindbom, 11263 Prairie Village Lane, Becker, MN 55308. Deadline to submit application is Aug. 15, 2021. Winners will be notified by mail by August, 22, 2021.

The GEL Scholarships are awarded in memory of Gordon (Jerry Ellsworth Lindbom's great love of sports and generous spirit.

## Sherburne County Recorder Vital Statistics Marriage Application Report June 2022

Kevin Daniel Carr and Iviee Marie Yager of Elk River; Chad Edward Udem and Jennifer Lynn Holden of Big Lake; Aaron Jon Pipenhagen and Cassandra Ann Tetrick of Big Lake; James Daniel Fischer and Sydney Larae Mueller of Saint Cloud; Kaitlin Nichole Otto and Alyssa Eleanor Gysberg of Rice; Tucker Rian Kmechik and Erin Noel Swaggert of Elk River; Suniko Paola Kavaja-ra-Barrios and Cody Duane Nylin of Becker; Matthew William Franks and Alexa Lynn Olson of Plentywood, MT; Danielle Nicole Muellner and Cashea Brooke Meyer of Big Lake; Doris Ann Hemmesch and John Richard Tvedt of Big Lake; Leah Ann Norberg and Grayson Christopher Le-dar of Big Lake; Taylor Lee Mattson and Madison Nicole Minikus of Otsego; Sydney Ellen Phil-lips and Justin David Linderholm of Elk River; Azia Ren'e Dupont and Adam Jacob Fedie of Zimmerman; Jeremiah Thomas Baken and Stacy Anne Stegora of Elk River; Scott Christopher O'brien Jr. and Dana Rae Flickinger of Zimmerman; Jennifer Ann Nichols and Jeffrey Daniel Carter of Becker; Evan Wayne Lenz and Jessica Rae Cannon of Princeton; Tess Anna Hatfield and Weston Everett Smith of Big Lake; Samuel James Noland and Hollyann Victoria Carlson of Becker; Jordyn Johanna Brown and Kyle James Kreuger of Big Lake; Luke Richard Ehoff and Vanessa Renee Tenney of Otsego; Teconblah Terry Yarpah and Rochester Aubrey Watkins of Zimmerman; Yekaterina Nikolayevna Borg and Anthony Dennis Gail of Big Lake; Jessica Anne Fullerton Stenberg of Big Lake and Anthony Ray Sester of Rogers; Adam Abraham Fischer and Elizabeth Marie Studniski of Elk River; Chad Micheal Henderson and Tonya Rose-Ryan Labrec of Elk River; Anthony Raymond Brown of Boy River and Katherine Frances Buckley of Big Lake; Alex Greenwell Voigt and Amanda Nicole Bailey of Elk River; Ronald Kevin Fitzsimmons and Leanne Denise Medved of Elk River; Jeffrey Michael Jacobs and Kaylee Marie Marchand of Otsego; Michael John Butz and Kelsey Corrine Behrens of Big Lake; Mason Gene Loegering and Jaiden Rose Lund of Otsego; Chase Michael Klotz and Maci Lee Salvevold of Becker; Jack Thom-as Hart and Jeana Nicole Tomlinson of Elk River; Matthew Alan Rymer and Nicole Raeann Re-mington of Zimmerman; Shawn Timothy Gerdes of Breezy Point and Kathryn Elizabeth David of Rogers; Christine Marie Spitznberger and Derrek Carl Olson of Zimmerman; Jeremiah Joseph Dailey and Stephanie Marie Bowman of Princeton; Nicholas Robert Johnson and Megan Eliza-beth Favorite of Big Lake; Collin Joseph Szabla and Zoe Madalyn Boehmer of Big Lake; Amy Meichelle Peickert and Randy Allan Nelson of Elk River; Leah Michelle Gline and Bryan Curtis Herbst of Elk River; Chad David Gustafson and Paige Olivia Verkinnes of Big Lake; Andrew Earl Osborn and Destinee Marie Wolfson of Big Lake; Colton Scott Olson and Tristina Marie Aguirre of Big Lake; Ryan Joseph Brambrink and Rudy Elizabeth Meyer of Clearwater; Ariann Marie Poppitz and Tracy Elizabeth Ore of Saint Cloud; Caitlin Alexandra Hoffman and Brandon Leonard Jensen of Big Lake; Ashley Fern Jensen and Patrick Nolan Valentine of Big Lake; Pamela Ann Schendel and Steven Michael Tomczyk of Zimmerman; William Joseph Rutherford II and Stacy Marie Loveland of Zimmerman; Robert Carl Nordin and Margaret Elizabeth Becwar of Otsego; Alexander Brock Smith and Jennifer Lynn Kaldor of Otsego; Carlos Arturo Pena Vil-lanueva and Laura Arellanes-Cano of Big Lake; William John Larson and Yvette Thea Martin of Big Lake; Laura Ann Bihre and Marcus Bryan Orock of Otsego; Cheryl Mae Krotz of Elk River and Steven Daniel Bates of Zimmerman; Georgia Louise Stenberg of Saint Louis Park and Mitchell Christopher Weege of Elk River; Patrick David Wilke Jr. and Alexis Marie Nelson of Big Lake; Shawn Matthew Paine and Victoria Kathryn Braun of Elk River.





# Public Notices

## Becker Public Schools #726 Notices

**SECTION 00 11 13 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
**TITLE:** **Becker Public Schools High School Multi-Purpose Field**  
**LOCATION OF WORK:** **Becker High School**  
12000 Hancock St  
Becker, MN 55308  
**OWNER:** **Becker Public Schools**  
12000 Hancock Street  
Becker, MN 55308  
763-261-4914  
**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:** **ICS**  
1139 Franklin Ave Suite 1  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
612-412-1492  
Contact: Josh Utsch  
[josh.utsch@ics-builds.com](mailto:josh.utsch@ics-builds.com)  
**CIVIL ENGINEER:** **Bolton and Menk, Inc.**  
7575 Golden Valley Road, Suite 200  
Minneapolis, MN 55427  
507-794-5541

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of remodeling of existing high school stadium, including site demolition, modification of stormwater system, removal of natural turf field, site excavation, placement of free draining, aggregate material, subsurface drainage system, finish grading, installation of artificial turf installation, installation of concrete pad for bleachers, installation of retaining walls and installation of miscellaneous athletic equipment.

### BID DATE AND LOCATION:

Sealed Bids will be received at **Becker Public Schools District Office: 12000 2nd St SE, Becker, MN 55308** then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received and stamped-in prior to **2 p.m. local time on September 1st, 2022**. Bids submitted after the allotted time will be discarded, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

### EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:

Bidders may view drawings and specifications for the project at the office of the Construction Manager.

For Electronic access to the bidding documents, please contact Kris Shattuck at 612-808-9855. ICS can also provide locations of Builders Exchanges holding plans for contractors to access. Bidders are responsible for any and all costs associated with the production of plans and specifications for their use.

### BIDDING REQUIREMENTS:

Each Bidder must comply with the following requirements to re-assure acknowledgment and recognition of their Bids:

Bids must be accompanied by Bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the base Bid

submitted, made payable to the owner, as guarantee that Bidder will, if awarded, enter into contract in accordance with contract documents and submitted Bid.

Bids are to include sales and use taxes.  
Submit Bid on the prescribed form, which is furnished with the specification, with full name and address of the Bidder.

Completely fill in all blank spaces on the Bid Form, in ink or type-writer, in both words and figures.

Sign in longhand, executed by a principal duly authorized to enter into an agreement. If a Bidder is a co-partnership, then signatures on the Bid shall be by an authorized member of the firm, with names and addresses of each member of partnership.

Base Bid and all alternate Bids shall be stated both in writing and in figures. In all cases, written and numerical figures must agree; otherwise at Owner's option, it shall be cause for rejection of Bid. Complete form without alterations.

Submit alternate prices (Bids) for either increasing or decreasing the costs, as called for on Bid form and Description of Alternates. Submit a Bid for all alternates.

Owner may make such investigations as they deem necessary to determine the ability, competency, and responsibility of the Bidder to perform the work. Any Bidder shall furnish to Owner all such information and data for this purpose, as the Owner may request. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such Bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the Work contemplated therein. The competence and responsibility of Bidder will be considered in making an award, including, but not limited to: (1) proof of financial responsibility, (2) quality of similar work, (3) amount of experience with similar projects, (4) facilities, personnel and equipment, (5) reputation for performance, and (6) the ability to complete the work within specified time. Owner reserves the right to reject any Bid where there is reasonable doubt as to the qualifications of the Bidder.

Owner reserves the right to: (1) accept Bidder's Base Bid only, (2) accept any one or more of bidder's Alternate Bids, in any order regardless of the order in which they were listed, (3) reject all Bids, (4) award contract based on their investigation of Bidders, as well as acceptance of alternates, all of which the Owner deems to be in their best interest, (5) waive informalities or minor irregularities in Bids and waive minor irregularities or discrepancies in Bidding procedure.

Upon award of Contract, Contractor shall provide AIA A312 Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of Contract Sum in accordance with General Conditions and Amendments to General Conditions.

### BIDDING DOCUMENTS & SITE REVIEW:

Each Bidder (including subcontract Bidder where appropriate) is ADVISED to visit the site and to fully inform themselves and record their

own investigations as to the extent of the Work, the extent of the work performed by other contractors under other construction packages, conditions under which the Work is to be performed, existing buildings and streets, conditions of the area, existing utilities and other features, type of soil, available facilities and difficulties that may be encountered in connection therewith, and other relevant items which will affect their Bid or the Work.

Prior to submitting a Bid, each Bidder is required to examine all of the bidding requirements, all Contract Documents, all drawings, and specifications for the Project (including those primarily for other Sub-contracts). Contractors shall become thoroughly familiar with the scope of the Project and all factors and items of work which will affect their Bid or the Work, whether shown or specified in documents primarily for Work of others or Work of this Contract.

No extras will be allowed to the Contractor as a result of misunderstanding of the extent of scope of the Work as a result of their failure to study and record their own findings. Submission of a Bid shall be proof that such examinations have been made and that Bidder has recorded their own investigation and has become thoroughly familiar with all contract documents (including all addenda). The failure or omissions of any Bidder to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid. Nor shall it be the responsibility of ICS or its counterparts to ensure you have read all documentation. This is the sole responsibility of the Bidder and it's Sub-Contractor(s).

### PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A Pre-Bid conference will be held at **9 am on August 10th, 2022 at the High School Football Field Concessions Stand located at 12500 2nd Street SE, Becker, MN 55308**. If Bidders want to visit the physical site, a site review will take place immediately following the Pre-Bid conference. No extras will be allowed because of the Bidder's misinterpretation as to the amount of work involved, Bidder's own error, negligence, or failure to examine the site.

### START DATE:

Work will begin after receipt of the signed contract from the Owner. The anticipated award date is September 13th, 2022. Pre-construction and submittal work related to the project is to commence immediately after receipt of the signed contract. The onsite work will begin on the premises May 3rd, 2023.

### SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPLETION DATE:

The owner requires all work to be substantially complete by September 8th, 2023.

### END OF SECTION 00 11 13

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## City Public Notices

**Ordinance No. 255, 2nd Series Summary**  
**AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 11.12, SUBDIVISION 8, (31) REZONING PROPERTY FROM PUBLIC (PUB) TO RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY(R-3)**  
The following official summary of the ordinance referred to has been approved by the City Council of Becker as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the amendments.  
Chapter 11, Land Use Regulation (Zoning)  
**Section 11.12 Amendments**  
Subd. 8. Zoning District Boundary  
This ordinance adds a zoning district boundary change to Subdivision 8.  
A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at City Hall any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
This document hereby is a part of this ordinance and is attached hereto.  
/s/ Tracy Bertram, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 08/13/22.)

**Ordinance No. 257, 2nd Series Summary**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7.08 SUBDIVISION 3 OF CHAPTER 7 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS GENERALLY IN THE CITY OF BECKER CITY CODE**  
The following official summary of the ordinance referred to has been approved by the City Council of Becker as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the amendments.  
Chapter 7, Streets and Sidewalks Generally  
**Section 7.08 Regulation of Grass, Weeds and Trees.**  
Subd. 3. Duty of Property Owners to Cut Grass and Weeds from City Right-of-Way or Boulevard.  
This ordinance revision changes the failure to comply height of grass or weeds from 6 inches to 8 inches.  
A printed copy of the entire ordinance is available for inspection by any person at City Hall any Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
This document hereby is made a part of this ordinance and is attached hereto.  
/s/ Tracy Bertram, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
/s/ Julie Blesi, City Clerk  
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**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, August 29th, 2022, at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue, Becker, Minnesota. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing at this meeting:  
**Approximately 6:00 p.m. – Conditional Use Permit for Becker Public School Campus Additions and Renovations**  
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](mailto:mroe@ci.becker.mn.us) by 4:30 p.m. August 29th, 2022.  
Thank you.  
Mary Roe  
City Planner  
(Published in the *Patriot*: 08/13/22.)

## TLID Public Notices

**THREE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT [TLID]**  
**Annual Meeting August 20, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Palmer Township Hall**  
The Three Lake Improvement District [TLID] will hold its annual meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 20, 2022, at the Palmer Township Hall. All property owners on Rush, Julia, Briggs and the Bayou, all members of the TLID are invited to attend. The meeting agenda will include the discussion and adoption of 2023 projects, approval of the 2023 budget, election of TLID directors and any other business that may come before the TLID.  
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Becker Baptist Church

Pastors: Nathan Bucher (Senior), Kevin Drehmel (Youth) & Amy Drehmel (Dir. of Child/Fam. Ministry), 763-261-4202, 11951 Hancock St. Services: Sun. Worship/Children 10:30am, Sun. School 9:15am, Wed. AWANA/ Youth Group 6:30pm during school year. www.beckerbaptist.org.

Becker Evangelical Free Church

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

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers & Vicar Molly Wills, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 8:30am, Wed. Confirmation 5:30pm, Senior High Youth Group 1st & 3rd Wed. 6pm www.faithlutheran-becker.org.

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God

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

Snake River Free Church

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

Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church

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

Beacon House of Prayer

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

Free Grace United

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• BIG LAKE

Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

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

Bethany Bible Church

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

Bridgeview Assembly of God

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SVEA Hill Covenant Church

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Cornerstone Baptist Church

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Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Riverside Church

Online: www.myrcc.church, 763-263-2410, 20314 County Road 14. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm.

Saron Lutheran Church

Pastor: Kyle Sidlo, 763-263-2209, 311 Lake St. S. Services: Sun. Worship

9:30am, indoors or livestream.

• SANTIAGO

South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor: Courtney Young, 763-662-2048, 14675 37th St. Services: Sun. 9am.

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

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

Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) – Ronneby

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

Glendorado Evangelical Country Church

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

• CLEAR LAKE

Living Waters Church

320-699-0876, 7830 Church St. Services: Sun. Worship 10am, Starting in Sept. Wed. night Kids Club at 6:30pm.

Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

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St. Marcus Catholic Church

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

• DUELM

St. Lawrence Church

Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-968-7502, 10915 Duelm Road NE. Services: Sun. Mass 10am, Tues. Mass 8am.

• CLEARWATER

Clearwater United Methodist Church

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

Freedom Bible Church

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

Rejoice Luthran Church – ELCA

Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. School that begins in Worship 9:30am. Livestream worship at Rejoice's Youtube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsJGuBda4orT9TWYti5vmGw

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

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• SILVER CREEK

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Silver Creek Community Church

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Ewing wins White Ribbon at national competition

Submitted Article

Local resident Judith Ewing of Big Lake, won a White Ribbon in the annual “National Norwegian-American Folk Art Exhibition” at Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School.

The competition was held the last week of July.

This judged exhibition is made possible thanks to generous support of the Vesterheim Annual Fund from Decorah Bank & Trust; the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs; and the National Endowment for the Arts.

It was on display from July 2-30.

Ewing won an award in the rosemaling category for a large trunk, painted in the Hallingdal-style. Rosemaling was developed in Norway about 200 years ago and was revived by Norwegian Americans during the 1930s. Most rosemalers paint in a style specific to one of the different areas of Norway, and each style has very distinct characteristics.

“My rosemaling beginning was encouraged by my teacher Winnie Frigenshaw who had a big heart and shared all she mastered and encouraged her students to learn from many teachers,” Ewing said. “Winnie said that if you come home learning one new thing then the class was worth the money you spent. Since Winnie’s passing, I’ve been driven to master the art of rosemaling.”

The exhibition also in-

JUDITH EWING'S large trunk, painted in the Hallingdal-style took home a white ribbon at the National Norwegian-American Folk Art Exhibition in Decorah, Iowa. (Submitted Photo).

cluded knifemaking, metalworking, woodworking, and weaving categories. Vesterheim, which has some of the most outstanding examples of decorative and folk art in the nation, established the rosemaling exhibition in 1967 and added weaving, woodworking, knifemaking, and metalworking in later years.

Each year, judges award Blue, Red, and White Ribbons representing points that accumulate over successive exhibitions toward a Vesterheim Gold Medal. Judges also present Honorable Mention and Best of Show Awards and the public votes for People’s Choice Awards.

Judges this year for rosemaling were Sallie DeReus, Gold Medal rosemaler from Leighton, Iowa; Trudy Peach, Gold Medal rosemaler from Buffalo, Minnesota; and Rachelle Branum, art educator from Decorah, Iowa.

Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-Ameri-

can Museum and Folk Art School, welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to engage in the conversation of the American immigrant journey through the lens of the Norwegian-American experience. Vesterheim offers innovative and interactive exhibits, classes, and programs, both at the dynamic campus and park in scenic Decorah, Iowa, and online at vesterheim.org and Vesterheim social media.

For more information on exhibits, classes, programs, tours, membership opportunities, and ways to donate and volunteer, connect at vesterheim.org, (563) 382-9681, and Vesterheim, 502 W. Water St., P.O. Box 379, Decorah, IA, 52101-0379.

St. Cloud man sentenced for murder

Submitted Article

Ricco Dejon Tyson was sentenced Aug. 4th to 240 months (20 years) in prison for the murder of Tyler Ecklund. Tyson had previously entered a guilty plea to second-degree murder in Sherburne County District Court.

“I am hopeful that with the sentencing now complete, that some measure of closure is afforded to the family of Mr. Ecklund,” said Sherburne County Attorney Kathleen Heaney.

The investigation into Ecklund’s death was conducted by Sherburne County Sheriff’s Office, St. Cloud Police Department, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and other law enforcement agencies. The case was prosecuted by the Sherburne County Attorney’s Office.

**Back Story**

Ricco Dejon Tyson, 43, was charged with second-degree murder and first-and second-degree manslaughter earlier this spring in the death of Tyler Ecklund, who was found dead in a vacant lot in the 1000 block of 55th Avenue Southeast in St. Cloud on the evening of Nov. 14.

According to an autopsy, Ecklund died of a gunshot wound to the head.

According to a criminal complaint filed Dec. 11 in Sherburne County court, a woman told police Nov. 17 that she had let Ecklund use both her vehicle and her cell phone, according to the complaint. She told police she had not seen Ecklund in “about a week.”

On Nov. 18, Central Minnesota Violent Offenders Task Force members executed a narcotics search warrant at the residence of

RICCO DEJON TYSON, 43, was sentenced to 20 years in the killing of Tyler Ecklund in St. Cloud. (Jail Photo).

the woman who lent Ecklund her car. Police arrested her and three other adults. According to the criminal complaint, VOTF officers also found what they believed to be blood on a garage floor.

According to the criminal complaint, law enforcement learned that on Nov. 14, Tyson had sold an audio speaker box at a pawn shop in the Twin Cities area, according to the complaint. Investigators found “what appeared to be tinted vehicle glass” inside the box, and upon bringing it to the Sherburne County Sheriff’s Office, discovered an “unknown, red-like material” on carpeting inside the box.

Police obtained surveillance video from the pawn shop that showed Tyson entering the store with the box and leaving in a vehicle which police believed to be the St. Cloud woman’s missing vehicle.

The missing vehicle was cited for a parking violation in Minneapolis on Nov. 18 across an alley from “a residence law enforcement knows is asso-

ciated with the defendant,” according to the complaint. Police saw a person matching Tyson’s description outside the residence Nov. 30.

On Dec. 9, law enforcement arrested Tyson on another matter, according to the complaint. Tyson told police he knew Ecklund and occasionally stayed at the St. Cloud residence police had searched.

According to the complaint, Tyson told police he had been in a St. Cloud parking lot and called for people to bring him gas, as his vehicle had run out, according to the complaint. He told police that Ecklund and the St. Cloud woman met him in the woman’s vehicle, and that he had entered the rear passenger-side door.

Tyson told police he and Ecklund began arguing inside the vehicle, according to the complaint. Tyson stated he took a handgun out of his pocket and struck Ecklund twice in the head. Tyson “claimed as he struck [Ecklund] with the handgun a third time, it fired.”

Tyson told police he brought the vehicle back to the St. Cloud residence to “clean the blood from the vehicle,” according to the complaint. He also stated to police that he threw a cell phone in Ecklund’s possession away and disposed of the handgun in the Mississippi River, according to the court records.

Authorities said Tyson was identified as the person they believe shot Ecklund through a joint investigation by the Sherburne County Sheriff’s Office, St. Cloud police and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.