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CHECK OUT THE PATRIOT'S Spring Sports Preview for all the teams from Becker and Big Lake who are breaking out the bats, clubs, rackets, running shoes and sticks for 2021! The previews start on page 10. (Submitted Photo).

Inside

BECKER SPORTS The Lady Bulldog basketball team advanced to the state title game with a win in the semifinals against Hill Murray Tuesday. See the story on page 16.

RECIPES The Patriot will be running weekly recipes from local chefs, cooks and food preparers. See yummy recipes on page 7.

BIG LAKE NEWS The BL Chamber of Commerce held their monthly meeting at the Buff. See the story on page 2.

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THE BECKER LADY BULLDOGS saluted and waved to their fans and Hill Murray players after capturing a semifinal win over the Pioneers Tuesday night by a score of 84-51. The win catapulted the Bulldogs to the state title game against Marshall Friday night. See Mark Kolbinger's story on the quarterfinal and semifinal games on page 16, then check back next week for results of the championship contest! (Photo

Splash Pad project moves forward, hesitantly

By Katherine Cantin Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com

In response to requests from the community, the Becker Parks & Rec dept. has been looking into installing a splash pad in the green lot next to the Becker Community Center (BCC). Josh Kuha, Rec & Leisure director, said the project would take 10 weeks to complete once approved, and the ribbon cutting ceremony could possibly take place during the city's Freedom Days celebration. Kuha highlighted the many benefits the splash pad would have, including needing little maintenance and staffing, and serving



A RENDERING OF THE UPCOMING SPLASH PAD gives an idea of how the park will look next to the Becker Community

young families in the area (one third of Becker residents are children under the age of 18) with an activity that was free and safe.

Originally, \$150,000 was budgeted for this project, but Kuha asked the council to approve nearly \$175,000 be allocated to the project. Mayor Tracy Bertram was not a fan of the increase. She said that, normally, she would prefer to use money to improve amenities in the city, rather than create new ones. The BCC has still not recovered from the hit it took from COVID-19, and she thought this was not the right time to be spending

money on a new splash pad. SPLASH to page 5

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Coborn's announces new store to open in Buffalo Director Dead At 58

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sent to the Patriot as a press release).

Coborn's, Inc. is excited to announce that the City of Buffalo has approved a development plan anchored by a Coborn's

Marketplace grocery store and proposed by Rice Companies along the Hwy. 55 and 25 corridor.

With its continued growth and expansion in neighboring communities,

Coborn's, Inc. saw this as an opportunity to re-enter the Buffalo market. This store will become the 60th grocery store and the 29th Coborn's supermarket in the company's portfolio. The company

recently completed updates at its Coborn's Marketplace locations in Hastings. Foley, Big Lake and Princeton and has several other locations currently being updated. Its newest store recently celebrated its grand-opening in Otsego along the fast-growing I-94 corridor between Rogers

store will include enhanced services, an expanded assortment of products and décor to provide a unique shopping experience for its customers. Store features will include a full-service Caribou Coffee, as well as a drive-thru pharmacy, curbside pick-up service and a fuel center. Construction

> will begin in mid-April with a store opening target date of November, 2021.

T h e location in Buffalo marks the latest updates in the

company's ever-evolving formats to best-serve its guests. Chris Coborn, the company's chairman, president and CEO said, "When

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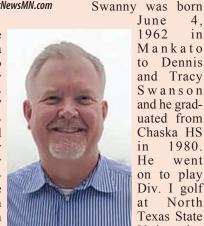
Swanny, Minnco

Editor/Staff Writer Reporter.Bill@PatriotNewsMN.com

While playing game he so thoroughly loved, Jonathan "Swanny" Swanson collapsed and died unexpectantly last Saturday while play-ing golf at the Chaska Town Course, in

Chaska, MN. Swanson, the Director of Minnco Credit Union in Big Lake and Cambridge, was

also the leader of the 501(C)(3) Minnco Foundation, a member of the BNI, Cambridge Lions and many others. He and his wife resided



SON (SWANNY) died of cardiac Business De- arrest last weekend while playvelopment at ing golf with lifelong friends in Chaska. Swanson worked for MinnCo Credit Unions in Big Lake and Cambridge. (Photo from Facebook)

> at Purple Hawk Country Club in Cambridge and remained there for 18 years.

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and Elk River, MN.

The Buffalo super-

market will showcase the

next-generation of Cob-

orn's offerings with much

of the store dedicated to

fresh departments. The

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Big Lake Becker News

Chamber meeting held at The Buff

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(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the Big Lake Chamber).

The *Big Lake Chamber of Commerce* held their March membership meeting last week and two presenters spoke in regards to business and residential development as well as the upcoming *Big Lake Community Fair*.

Big Lake City Administrator Clay Wilfahrt reported increased business and residential development to the chamber members in attendance at The Buff last Wednesday. Permits for businesses were 67% higher in January and February of this year compared to last year and single home permits are up 10 times from last year.

Big Lake School Superintendent Tim Truebenbach reported on the *Big Lake Community Fair*, which is scheduled for Sat., May 8 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the High School. All proceeds are going to BLHS scholarships. Anyone wishing to have a booth can contact the chamber office at 763-263-7800.



Big Lake School Superintendent Tim Truebenbach reported on the Big Lake Community Fair, which is scheduled for Sat., May 8 from 10-1 pm at the High School. (Submitted Photo).



BIG LAKE CITY ADMINISTRATOR CLAY WILFAHRT reported increased business and residential development to the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce & Industry members at their March 30th Membership Meeting at The Buff. (Submitted Photo).







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Suspect charged with possession of narcotics

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Police Dept.).

(Editor's Note: The fol-

On Feb. 4, at approxi-

lowing article was sent to

the Patriot by the Big Lake

mately 3:56 p.m., Big Lake

Officer Tim Mikelson was

dispatched to a local busi-

ness regarding a suspected

narcotics complaint. Officer

Mikelson met with an em-

ployee who reported that

(Editor's Note: The following information was supplied to the Patriot via media release by the BPD).

On March 9 at approximately 12:16 a.m., a Becker Police Officer conducted a traffic stop at Hwy. 10/137th Ave for an equipment violation. During the investigation, the driver of the vehicle was found to have a suspended driver's license and a warrant for



at approximately 3:45 p.m.

she had located a small,

plastic baggie containing

what she believed to be nar-

cotics near the sofa in the

front lobby. The employee

stated she reviewed video

surveillance and observed a

female customer drop a bag

as she was walking away

from the sofa and towards

the reception desk. Officer

Mikelson observed that the

bag seen on video matched

his arrest from Hennepin County.

the bag provided by the em-

watched the video and im-

mediately identified the

female who dropped the

bag as Jasmine Cruz-Mon-

tana, 28 of Big Lake. Of-

ficers attempted to locate

Cruz-Montana to speak

with her regarding the inci-

dent but were unable to lo-

cate her. Officer Mikelson

conducted a field test on the

Officer Todd Siebert

While speaking with the driver, the man was also found to be under the influence of an unknown substance. In addition, a handgun was observed in plain view near the driver. A further check on the driver indicated that he was prohibited from possessing a firearm.

DARREN ALLEN WARD of Forest Lake in Sherburne County Jail Photo) During a search of the vehicle, officers discovered 4.5 grams of methamphetamines and numerous items of drug paraphernalia. Officers also found 40.1 grams of marijuana in the vehicle.

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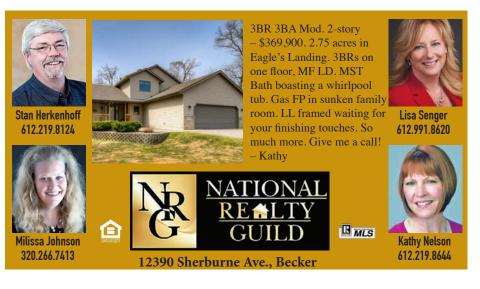
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grams.

The driver, Darren Allen Ward, 33 of Forest Lake, was arrested following the investigation of the stop on the charges listed above. He was transported to the Sherburne County Jail pending the charges.

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CW City Council discusses SA's director of services contract

By Penny Leuthard Contributing Writer

The Clearwater City Council discussed a number of items during their March meeting, including the Sewer Authority director contract, mosquito control, and parks.

Sewer Authority

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Sewer Authority's director of services contract. The contract is currently held with the city, with City Administrator Annita Smythe performing the necessary duties.

Some members of the Sewer Authority believe the amount paid is too high, believing the position doesn't require as many hours as in the current contract. A motion was made to decrease the amount paid by \$4,000.

City Mayor and Sewer Authority Board Member Andrea Wheeler-Lawrence said she isn't in favor of the decrease or having an outside entity run it.

Smythe told the council she feels part of the issue is that the position's salary is tied to the salary of the city's city administrator, resulting in Clear Lake not having a say in the matter. A flat fee amount with a threeto-five-year contract was suggested, with council members asking Smythe to research how much is spent in other communi-

The council will discuss their counteroffer in April.

Mosquito Control

A discussion was held regarding mosquito control for the upcoming 2021 season. Member Lindsey Luhmann discussed research she had conducted before being elected to the council regarding products used for the service, and stated she

a "softer" chemistry and labeled for use over organic crops. When used correctly, both are safe products, and both are equally effective.

The board requested a



felt Merus 3.0, an organic spray, is less toxic than the spray that's been used in

A representative from the mosquito control company explained both products and said Merus 3.0 is comparison quote and fact sheets for both products. The item was tabled to the council's April meeting.

Parks

After discussion, a motion carried allowing the park board to purchase new hockey boards up to \$11,000. The council is in favor of not installing wood boards again, however ones constructed of other materials are much more expensive. Members are looking into available used boards.

The council also discussed the new Memorial Park and requests from the community's amateur adult and youth baseball teams.

Other Business

A motion carried approving the Herbalife Nutrition rezoning request on Walnut Street from I1 light industrial to C4 general commercial.

A motion carried to go out for an RFP for waste services; the city's previous contract is expired. The company the contract was originally with was sold and split into two pieces, causing problems with ser-

The council approved the fire department's request to begin meeting in the council chambers again as long as safety protocols are followed.

City Hall will continue to be closed except for by appointment. City rentals closure and suspension of utility bill late fees will also continue.

The Clearwater City Council will next meet on April 12 at 7 p.m.

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CL City Council discusses ball park improvements

Bv Mark Kolbinaer **Contributing Writer**

Baseball field improvements were the main topic of discussion at Monday's Clear Lake City Council meeting, with lights and a scoreboard upgrade dominating the lineup.

Clear Lake Laker amateur baseball team member Mike Golombiecki appeared before council to introduce himself, as he takes over the managerial duties after eight years on the team. He explained the operations of the team, as well as fundraising efforts and other duties that go into fielding a successful amateur baseball "town team".

"I wanted to come here so everyone knows who I am," Golombiecki explained.

He went on to note that the current scoreboard is inoperable and plans were in place several years ago to put up a different one that had been donated to the park. However, the donated scoreboard is out of repair and has many issues, including wiring problems, that would make the installation cost prohibitive.

He and Public Works Director Dustin Luhning have been communicating about the scoreboard and brainstorming possible ideas for replacement.

Another issue he pointed out is that the dugouts are in need of some fencing to protect the players from foul balls that can pose a safety hazard when they come zipping into the dugout at a high rate of speed.

Council member Stefany Janish noted that there are many youngsters in the area that are really interested in baseball and would also benefit from ballpark improvements.

"I'd be happy to work with you on getting more community involvement," Janish said. "We need to do some branding and I'm your gal for that.'

Mayor Tim Goenner explained that when the ball park was redesigned several years ago, the necessary electrical infrastructure was added in order to accommodate lights. The

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city currently has the poles, meaning it would just be the wiring and the lights themselves to give the park the ability to host night games and the crowds that would likely follow.

Council discussion focused on their belief that a lighted, high quality ball field would be a benefit to the city as a whole, providing entertainment as well as a local source of pride. Golombiecki was ap-

preciative of the support and mentioned how having a lighted field would allow the team to compete for potentially hosting a MBA Regional tournament in the future. A Friday evening regional matchup can attract as many as 1,200 fans which would benefit the entire city.

"All the work Dustin [Luhning] did last year was amazing," Golombiecki said. "We have started to investigate the costs of the scoreboard and lights and are willing to do what we can as a team to help out."

Council expressed an interest in working with the team and directed Luhning to gather more information about the possible improvements and report back at the May meeting. Mayor Goenner will also speak with the Clear Lake Lions club to see if they have an interest in being part of a potential project.

Zoning

Council held a public hearing regarding a variance for State Street resident John Knoebel, who has plans to remove two older sheds and replace them with one larger structure. The structure would be three feet closer to the property line, but mostly expanded towards his own house. Knoebel was present to share his plans, but no one else from the public spoke regarding the issue. The variance request passed unanimously and will be attached to the building per-

Sheriff's Report

Sgt. Luke McLean of the Sheriff's Office reported on the monthly calls for service, noting that there was a large increase in the number of security checks performed by deputies. This has been in response to an increase in the number of calls regarding storage unit thefts and burglaries. He reported that Stearns County had seen a large increase in the number of similar issues and it was spilling over a bit into the northwestern part of Sherburne County. Unemployment fraud claims also continue to be prevalent throughout Minnesota.

Mayor Goenner asked McLean to check into what can be done about the issue of dynamic (jake) braking that has been reported recently, along both Highway 10 and 24. The city currently addresses the issue through a noise ordinance, but additional signage might be required to empower deputies to issue citations. McLean assured the Council that the issue will be patrolled, while Luhning will explore additional signage and Goenner will contact MNDot.

Vacancy

The city continues to work towards the appointment of a citizen to take the open council seat and had scheduled interviews before the meeting. However, one of the prospective candidates did not show up for her scheduled time and consensus was to check with her regarding the absence before filling the vacancy.

In Other

Business, Council:

- Approved the hiring of a seasonal worker for Public Works;
- Accepted a quote for water meter installation and replacement. Affected residents will be contacted and will schedule their own appointment with the company to have their equip-
- ment replaced; Reached consensus on having Clerk Kari Mechtel utilize a consent agenda in putting together each month's agenda in order to increase efficiency;
- · Heard from Goenner that he is helping Clear Lake Township with the exploration of a quiet zone for County Road 57, as he has previous experience with similar projects.

The City Council will next meet on May 3 at 7

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

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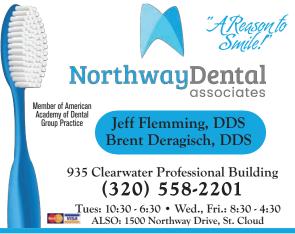
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NEWSPAPERS HAVE A GREATER REACH

Although some businesses and advertisers believe newspapers are dead, as they transfer their efforts to digital marketing, newspapers continue to offer more reach than any other medium. A recent study showed that nearly 105 million people read the newspaper in print or online during the week nationally. It also showed that more than 110 million adults read the Sunday newspaper as part of their routine.







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Sherburne County expected to receive nearly \$19 million from ARPA

By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

The Sherburne Board of Commissioners met Tuesday and learned that the county will receive nearly \$19 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Assistant Administrator Dan Weber led the commissioners through a discussion detailing the current knowledge available in regard to how the money can be utilized, although more Federal guidance is expected in the coming weeks.

Weber noted that the first half of the payment is expected to arrive in a matter of weeks, while the second half will come in the spring of 2022. The final date for expenditure of the funds is December 31, 2024.

Some uses will be similar to what was accomplished with the CARES Act funding, while funds will also be targeted towards sewer and water projects, as well as investments in broadband. The county is al-

ready moving forward with plans to install fiber optic cable in cooperation with a variety of vendors. Because many

governmental units across America are expected to be doing this, the county wants to have plans ready as there is expected to be a shortage of materials and companies to help do the installation.

Weber spoke about the success of the county's Business Relief Fund and the best ways to provide support over the next several years. An outside firm had been hired to help in the administration of the fund for the CARES funds and commissioners spoke of the possibility of hiring a temporary positing to help coordinate a similar fund over the next several years. Weber also indicated

some needs in the area of cyber security, as some staff are expected to continue to work remotely for a variety of reasons.

A final issue was brought forward by Commissioner Tim Dolan, who would like to see some kind of meeting or communication with the local units of government within the county to help assess and prioritize their needs. For example, townships are not expected to be eligible for any ARPA funding, therefore the county could help to bridge the gap with items specific to townships.

Workforce Update

Human Resources Director Tammy Bigelow updated the commissioners on the expiration of the work from home executive order and how the county has navigated the issue over the past year.

Pre-covid, the county had 18% of their workforce doing some level of remote work (14% being HHS employees) and currently that number is 36 percent. Even after the pandemic is over, department heads expect nearly a third of employees to do at least some work from home (a hybrid model).

Bigelow noted that in some cases, worker productivity has been higher than pre-pandemic levels and the county has added several tools to help management assess overall pro-

In other words, the work is still being accomplished and measured.

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The commissioners reached consensus with staff's recommendation that June 1 will be a date when remote workers who were doing so as a result of the executive order will return to the office on a full time basis. Those staff wishing to be vaccinated will have had the opportunity by that time and it allows for an orderly transition in areas such as IT and maintenance to prepare for the workers.

Commissioner Tim Dolan felt that the plan made sense logistically, while Commissioner Lisa Fobbe added that she felt the county had done an amazing job being as safe and open as possible. For example, there are some counties that have yet to reopen their buildings. Bigelow said staff was

comfortable that the workers would be returning to a safe work environment because of the safety measures put in place at the government center.

GRRL Update

The commissioners received an update on the Great River Regional Library's efforts during the pandemic, as the consortium has three branches in the county.

Elk River is the home to the second largest branch in the system, while Becker and Big Lake also have public libraries.

GRRL reported an 18% increase in digital library usage during the pandemic and they were also able to extend wifi access to some areas outside of their buildings to assist with distance learning efforts in some communities.

Other services offered include curbside pickup, as well as print options for people who were working at home and didn't have their own printers.

As of now, the GRRL also houses 26,000 digital titles and has worked diligently to expand access to more digital materials.

County 52

Although the Highway 169 interchange in the Elk River area continues to the the county's number one transportation priority, they are also actively working with the City of Becker on

the County Road 52 and Highways 10 and 25 realignment which would benefit the Becker industrial park.

To that end, the commissioners approved a contract with SR Consulting group to create a plan to address the design of that roadway area. The expenses will be 100% reimbursed through a Community Energy Transition Grant and because \$200,000 was obtained, the plans will be 60% complete in the planning stage — a

much higher level of planning than was originally expected based on the finances. This should help to put the project on a quicker timeline than is usually expected.

Gov't Center Exhibit The board unanimously approved the hosting of the Green Card Voices Exhibit at the government center. This project is a result of the work of the Empathy and Equity Committee that was formed approximately one year ago and will address issues of racial equity and awareness. Usually there is a \$1,000 fee to host the exhibit for one month, but Sherburne was offered a chance to host it free of charge. The exhibit, which will feature 18 first generation immigrant stories, will be scheduled for display once the government center is reopened to more foot

In Other Business, the Commissioners:

- Approved the authorization to submit a community living grant to help address homelessness in the county;
- Reviewed COVID data from the past year, including the county's emergency declaration, COVID variant activity in the area, as well as current vaccination efforts;
- · Approved several subdivision zoning plans;
- · Discussed updating the current broadband survey to take inventory of current availability within the county.

Wright Co. makes surprising inclusion to service animal policy

By Penny Leuthard Contributing Writer

Among numerous other agenda items, Wright Co. employees and board members have recently had discussions on and made decisions regarding a new service animal policy and an emergency moratorium on solar farms.

Service Animals

There's now potential that a miniature horse may one day be seen walking down the halls of a Wright

Co. building. Wright Co. administration staff conducted a review of the county's personnel policies and determined that the county should have a policy that addresses service animals in order to bring the county in compliance with state and federal anti-discrimination laws, such as the Americans with Disabili-

Following this de-

cision, the new Section 517 "Service Animals in County Buildings" outlines the policy, definitions, enforcement procedures, and violations. The policy states that no animals are allowed in county buildings (with the exception of the Wright Co. Fairgrounds) unless they are service animals.

Only two animals were determined to be acceptable as service animals – dogs and miniature horses.

The surprising inclusion of miniature horses is explained in the definition of service animals from state and federal policies, which state, "A miniature horse may also qualify as a service animal under certain conditions set forth below. All other species of animal, wild or domestic, trained or untrained, do not qualify as service animals."

The conditions referenced by the definition that allow miniature horses to qualify as service animals

(1) A miniature horse has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a dis-

(2) The public facility can accommodate the miniature horse accounting for its type, size, and weight.

(3) The handler maintains sufficient control of the miniature horse.

(4) The miniature

horse is housebroken. (5) The presence of

the miniature horse does not compromise legitimate safety requirements that are necessary for safe opera-

The entire policy can be seen on the county's website at co.wright.mn.us.

Solar Farms

Like many counties and townships in the area, Wright Co. has named a moratorium on the con-

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The other council members also seemed hesitant. However council member Mike Doering, who had seen the project come together, was convinced that it would be a great asset to the city and that the council should move forward. After Doering made a motion to move forward, council members Rick Hendrickson and Robin Dingmann decided to also approve the motion. Becky Olmscheid was absent, and so did not vote, and Bertram had the sole dissenting vote.

Annual Police Report Chief Brent Baloun presented the 2020 annual police report. The department had an eventful year with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Northern Metals Recycling fire, the civil unrest over the summer, and the political rally in October. Baloun said he is hoping to fill his second in command position sometime soon.

The complete police report, including statistical information for the department, is available to view on the BPD webpage, at

ci.Becker.mn.us/232/Annual-Reports.

Baloun finished his report by thanking the officers and reserve officers who put in a lot of hours last year. Doering said he thought Baloun and his department did a great job.

KC Danes Home Breeding Business

Following up on a recent public hearing, the council made a final motion regarding the KC Danes conditional use permit (CUP). The applicant, Kelli Rahn, wished to start a dog breeding business in her home at 11525 Parkview Dr., a property adjacent to the golf course.

Several of Rahn's neighbors and friends shared their support or objection to the CUP. In the end, the council decided to reject the application, since Rahn had violated city policy by having more than three dogs on her property and her neighbors were concerned about the noise and the smell that would come with having many dogs on the property.

New Bank Account The council authorized finance director Connie Robinson to open a new bank account for the city. This was an action required by the state for the money received by the bonding bill. The city was also required to match \$786,100 of the funds in the account.

Protesting

The council adopted a new city ordinance stating protesting would not be allowed in residential areas. This is a result of events last year in which citizens of another city protested outside the home of their police chief. Baloun thought it would be prudent to adopt a law disallowing protests in residential neighborhoods.

He stressed that this was not a law meant to take away the rights of individuals to protest, but rather to keep residential areas safe for those who lived there. Council member Hendrickson was very supportive of this ordinance adoption.

"My rights stop once they infringe on your rights," he said, explaining the rationale behind the new ordinance.

Severe weather awareness week, April 12-16

Submitted Article

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

Each year, Wright County Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Emergency Managem e n t in collaboration with the National Weather Service sponsors Severe Weather

nesota. This year, it will be conducted April 12-16. Weather Severe Awareness Week is designed to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to

avoid them. It also serves as

Awareness Week in Min-

a time for individuals, family and businesses to create and practice an emergency plan as well as building or refreshing an emergency preparedness kit.

As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, there w i 11

t w o annual statewide tornado drills, which are scheduled for Thurs., April 15. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second-shift workers and families. The two drills are scheduled for approximately 1 p.m. and 6

The annual Severe Weather Awareness Week is conducted because, on average, Minnesota has 28 tornado touchdowns per year. In 2018, there were 44 confirmed tornadoes. In 2010, the all-time modern record was set with a whopping 113 tornado touch-downs.

Each day of Severe Weather Awareness Week will focus on a different weather topic:

Monday, April 12 -Alerts and Warnings;

Tuesday, April 13 -Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail;

Wednesday, April 14 Floods;

Thursday, April 15 Tornados and Tornado

Friday, April 16 - Extreme Heat.





New Location!

This year Lynden Township will be conducting its Cleanup Day on April 24th from 8-11 a.m. at the Clearwater Township Hall (south of Clearwater on Hwy 24).

Open to all Lynden Township residents; you must be in line by 11 a.m.

Only cash or check will be accepted as payment. One free pickup size load of garbage is allowed per household (IDs will be checked), see fees below. Garbage loads larger than pickup size will be charged extra, so plan accordingly. Call or text Supervisor Tom Plaggerman at 320-266-1561 with questions. Please refer to the township website, as prices are subject to change.

Pickup size load of garbage Free Garbage load larger than pickup size \$20 Passenger vehicle sized tire or smaller \$5 each Commercial tires \$20 each Large/Tractor tires \$60 each **Appliances** \$20 each \$25 each TV/Electronics Scrap Metal Free No household garbage, shingles, paint, oil, concrete blocks, or brush will be accepted.



Kiffmeyer highlights elections, government waste, and cybersecurity in Omnibus Bill

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sent to the Patriot by Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer's office.

The Senate State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee passed their omnibus budget bill on Wednesday, focusing on good governance, eliminating waste, and promoting fair and free elections. This bill contains comprehensive funding for the two-year state government budget, which highlights the implementation of government efficiencies to rein in spending while continuing to function at its highest capacity. Improvements to election security will significantly increase integrity and transparency in Minnesota elections.

Minnesota is one of only three states in the nation that do not provide provisional ballots on Election Day. These ballots are for individuals who have not registered and would not otherwise be able to register same-day due to lack of identification, but still want to vote. Individuals deemed by the courts, Secretary of State, or Department of

Public Safety as challenged voters would also be included in the group to use provisional ballots. The voter is allowed to register and cast a ballot but given one week to prove eligibility in order for their vote to be counted.

Provisional ballots are a safe, easy measure, broadly accepted across the nation, to ensure each vote is treated equally and counted in a timely manner. A 2018 audit of Minnesota's voter registration highlighted provisional ballots as a simple measure to prevent voter fraud. Perhaps most importantly, provisional ballots still allow eligible voters to register and vote on election day and their ballots receive the same protections as those who were registered ahead of time. Provisional ballots also prevent ineligible individuals, such as those serving a felony sentence, non-U.S. citizens, or those who do not meet residency requirements, from participating in the election and marginalizing their neigh-

bor's ballots. "I want all Minnesotans to be encouraged to participate each election

cycle, regardless of party," Senator Mary Kiffmeyer (R-Big Lake), Chair of the State Government Com-"and the way to do that is

tions in Minnesota. areas in the budget that have been misused, underused, or have become more efficient. It is important to continuously audit the government to ensure Minnesotans' tax dollars are being well-spent. This section of the bill includes several provisions to fund the state government without going over budget, such

state employees based on the state's population;

mittee, said Wednesday, to make voting easily accessible while maintaining the extremely important integrity of our elections. Studies show that individuals from each party have concerns about the security of tactics like 'vouching' at the polls because there is almost no way to track that. Commonsense measures like this are key to providing fair, free, and open elec-This budget is also focused on eliminating government bloat by finding

• Limit the number of

Reduced funding to

to protect Minnesotans in

agencies for positions that

are unfilled after 180 days; Equitable geographic distribution of state employee layoffs;

• Sale of the unused state-owned COVID morgue in St. Paul.

"Over the last year, Minnesotans have cut their own budgets to adjust to COVID, found efficiencies to make ends meet, and sacrificed much of their individual freedom for the health of their communities. It is absolutely necessary that the government tighten its belt to the best of its ability to remove some of that burden off the shoulders of our constituents. This budget does not cut funding from departments, but instead implements efficiencies and passes the savings onto Minnesotans,' Kiffmeyer said.

The State Government budget also includes key protections for cybersecurity, including the establishment of a Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity. This commission would prepare the state for potential cyberattacks while ensuring the state is taking the necessary steps

the future. The Minnesota Senate has been working for several years to ramp up cybersecurity measures after having dealt with several hacks to State Government departments such as the Department of Human Services. Aside from being easily hacked, many of these online services have simply failed from the point of implementation dating back to 2013 with the launch of MNsure. It is the role of the government to ensure their public services are safe for the public to use. Having consistent breaches in some of the largest state departments shows that the system is failing and the time to update it is now.

"The goal of this budget is to place a velvet glove of protection over Minnesotans. Whether that be through keeping your personal information safe on the web, saving you from tax-dollar waste, or ensuring your vote is counted fairly, the Minnesota Senate is committed to efficient and fair operations," Kiffmeyer said.

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struction and development of solar farms in the county.

A study group has been created to look at the county's solar farm ordinance and see where it could be improved. Because of the time involved, the recent moratorium may be kept in place for up to a year, although the goal is to complete the updating of the ordinance by fall.

'The idea is to get a cross section of people involved or impacted in the solar farm process to go over the ordinance to find out what works and what needs to be tweaked or changed," said Wright Co. Commissioner Darek Vetsch. "The plan was to have a similar group that was brought together by the first solar ordinance, including planning commission members, township representatives, citizens, and those involved in the solar industry. The goal is to have representation from as many different parts of the county as possible." Solar farms are con-

tinuing to grow throughout Minnesota; Wright Co. implemented their first ordinance regarding solar farms four years ago.

And what a chariot race! Whew — there was so much excitement, dread. terror, horror and anticipation all rolled up into one, 10-minute visually spectacular vista!

I tell you, even with the razor blade hubs of Messala's chariot, the four horse teams running at full speed, the jockeying for first place — some of the most anxious moments for me was when the little "ambulance" guys trekked onto the track to pick up a trampled charioteer, then scrambled to make it back to safety before the horde of chariots and horses rounded the corner. Even the crowd at the arena enjoyed that part of the race as they oohed and ahhed each time the medical team barely escaped death

There are a lot of parallels in this movie to modern times as world domination is being sought by the mighty Romans and no one is to stand in their way. They use force, threats and physical torture to get all they want and when those tactics don't work, they try and silence them by imprisonment or banishment.

Charlton Heston, as Judah Ben-Hur, represents the people, a peaceful citizenry in ancient Israel. After choosing patriotism for his people and his country over his feigned friendship with Messala, Ben-Hur is sent packing his homeland to get him as far away from his childhood friend and removed as an obstacle to Rome.

When Messala arrives, the two men are happy to see each other again but soon their political differences put them in different sides of the ongoing war between their people. Hmmmm, interesting.



By Bill Morgan, **Staff Writer**

Why was Judah exiled? He was accused of trying to kill the Roman governor when roof tiles from his home accidentally fell near the Roman leader. Accused and sentenced for something he didn't do...interesting.

That is when Judah has his first encounter with God. On his treacherous and lonely walk (despite being bound to other "slaves") through the lands he grew up in, Judah meets Jesus at the very start of Christ's ministry. It's incredible how Judah is also there at the very end of Christ's life on His walk to the cross. At this first encounter with Jesus, Judah is denied even the smallest drops of cool, refreshing water from the wells by the Roman guards. As the others quench their throats, Judah is left standing in the dry sand.

The next thing he knows, a man of quiet dignity approaches and offers him a cup-ful of water — and the Romans yield to Jesus as Judah savors the heavenly gift. Little did he know, but Jesus was offering him living water that would make him thirst no more.

"On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. -Jn. 7:37-38.

For three years, Judah serves as a slave in the belly of a ship as he nurses his grudge against Rome. That is, until fate provides him with an opportunity to return

to his homeland (note the "three years" and how that runs parallel with Jesus' ministry).

Later in the movie when Judah returns to Israel, Ben-Hur and Esther are walking through northern Israel when they come upon a man gathering people to Him on a hillside near a lake. Judah shrugs it off and continues his walk, missing out on a grand opportunity to hear some of Jesus' most profound sermon. Esther joins the mob on the hill and through this experience, her life is changed, going from a timid, obedient woman-slave to a bold, courageous cru-

Judah's quest on his return to Israel is to find out what had happened to his mother and sister who also had been targeted for silence by the Romans — so much so that the guards at the prison didn't even know for sure if Ben-Hur's family was dead or alive in the deep recesses of the jail.

When Judah finally discovers his family has been expelled from society to a leper camp, he follows Esther to catch a glimpse of them as his heart yearns to see them, to hold them.

Sorta like the coronavirus, huh? Leprosy in those days caused families and loved ones to be separated for fear of infecting others. It was only later on did Judah and Esther summon the courage to overcome their fears and approach their loved ones and embrace them. Fear can do a lot of damage to families and

Judah's emotional and spiritual conversion under the heavy shadows of tyranny, injustice and hate demonstrates the redeeming power of Jesus Christ. Judah witnesses compassion and forgiveness as Christ calls out from the cross in a dying declaration.

Ben-Hur is a film that well over 50 years later still packs a punch!

Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to voice support for Ketti Green in the upcoming Special Election for City Council! What sets Ketti apart is her experience. She has been on the Planning Commission for 14 years. She is a founding member of Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, and a couple of years ago she was the Big Lake volunteer of the year. Talk about dedication! Having experience does not mean

having pre-ordained solutions for every issue the city may face. It means knowing the right questions to ask of staff, residents, businesses, etc. and truly engaging with people to get to a real solution. I have witnessed her in action, gathering information and using critical thinking to come up with the best decision for citizens and businesses. Having experience means having been through rough times and good times, knowing when to tighten the belt and when to spend smartly. It means having been around to witness and learn from other's mistakes. It means having ideas to move forward and improve.

Ketti has been putting in the sweat-equity time to know how to be effective as a council member. She is an independent thinker that will represent all Big Lake and we would be lucky to have her!

Lisa Odens Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Becker students: fire Becker Schools and get your education online.

I hold two truths timeless: 1) babies are born perfect--skin color or sexual orientation are irrelevant; 2) babies are not born to hate--- they are taught to hate by adults. Some are insecure white people, who have enjoyed white privilege, yet remain ignorant and/or poor who scapegoat others for their own shortcomings. Becker Schools indoctrinate our youth to believe a white person named Christopher Columbus discovered America and a group of white Europeans built America. It's not that white people need to feel shame, it is about learning our real history, not the history prepackaged to make insecure white people feel secure.

Becker School's promise to parents/students is "preparing self-directed learners to thrive in a changing global community." Becker School board is failing white children, black children, gay children, and straight children. Each Becker School Board member (all are white) would receive an "F" for failing our children and parents on their most basic promise.

But alas! There is hope! The solution? If you have a student who is bright, black, gay, and wants an education and not a hostile learning environment, I highly recommend your student go on-

Wesley W. Scott Clear Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

I may be old fashioned but I still believe experience is critical, especially when it comes to a seat on the Big Lake City Council. Learning on the fly is ok unless it's everyone....having said this I would like to publicly endorse Ketti Green for the open seat in this Special Election. I have known Ketti for almost 20 years and have served next to her on numerous boards and committees. She has spent almost 15 years helping to guide our city though her position on the Planning Commission...she also is a founding member of the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon group. She always comes prepared and will listen to all sides of an issue before she votes, and she's not afraid to ask the hard questions. She has my vote and I encourage you to do the

Mike Wallen Big Lake

TO THE EDITOR:

If you're like me, then you left Avengers: Endgame content that Marvel's 22 episode long movie-length TV show had finally ended. You got in the car and said, "That's it. It's over. I will never give Disney my money again"

And then, after months of avoiding spoilers but still not wanting to cave, you finally and reluctantly got Disney+ just to watch WandaVision. You bowed to the entertainment supergiant.

But if you're like me, you're glad you did. Because WandaVision offers a much needed parable: one about buried grief. For over a year now, we have watched our world reckon with a global pandemic. And instead of facing this harsh reality, we have witnessed, firsthand, our own community's inability to grieve. Like the realities of systematic racism or consumer-driven pollution, we have created for ourselves sitcom fantasies. Here, we are the hero. Never the villain. The victim. Never the oppressor. And until we allow ourselves to truly feel the weight of our own grief, as Wanda finally does, we'll continue living distracted lives full of niceties and canned laughter that attempt to magic away the truth of our complicity in others' hurt and the pain we cannot bear to hold. **Brody Hed**

Becker, MN

Improvements Across All Buildings

Tuesday, May 11, district residents will decide whether to invest \$37.5 million to make improvements across all buildings — a net-zero tax increase above the current rate if approved. Many improvements are included in this referendum, so let's dive deeper into the specific upgrades at each

1). Primary School: A dedicated secured entrance would be added to keep our students, staff, and community members safe, existing snow and drainage issues would be addressed through re-working roof lines, acoustic issues in the gymnasium would be addressed, and the additional space in moving grade two to the Intermediate School would provide our youngest learners with the space needed to learn and

2). Intermediate School: A dedicated secured entrance would also be added to the Intermediate School



By Supt. Jeremy Schmidt

and the existing snow and drainage issues would be addressed as well through re-working roof lines. The existing Media Center would be modernized to provide flexible learning areas, our loading dock and receiving areas would be improved, and grades 2-4 would be provided enough space to continue growing in numbers.

3). Middle School: Our Middle School would see the most improvements including a dedicated secured entrance, additional classrooms to meet existing capacity needs, flexible learning areas, re-working the existing Special Education spaces, and an additional and dedicated sensory space.

4). High School: All buildings, including the High School, would be given a dedicated secured entrance, but the biggest change would be seen in enhancing and modernizing our existing Industrial Tech (trades) and Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) spaces. Whether pursuing a career in robotics, engineering, or graphic design, our students would have the space to explore these paths before stepping into our communities.

We encourage you to submit your questions and feedback during this process. Absentee voting for the referendum is now available through May 10 and Election Day is Tuesday, May 11. Make sure to visit https:// www.bulldogsstrong.com/ for more information. Go Bulldogs!

Biden Infrastructure A Veiled Attempt

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot from Tom

Emmer's office). Last week's town hall focused on tax season and any tax-related questions our callers had. We had a great discussion, and I look forward to hosting future town halls on issues that are important to the residents of

the Sixth District. Infrastructure

Last week, we also saw the release of President Joe Biden's infrastructure plan. This plan is a veiled attempt by the Biden Administration to use tax hikes on Americans to pave the way for a Green New Deal agenda.

Only 25% of President Biden's plan is dedicated toward roads, bridges, and other traditional transportation infrastructure. The package also introduces new tax increases at a time when the economy is just beginning to get back on its

feet. I had hoped the Biden Administration would consider bipartisan solutions like my National Interchange and Intersection Safety Construction Program Act, which prioritizes funding for intersections and interchanges, improves safety, and increases local control over federal transportation dollars. He could have also considered my National Bridge Replacement and Improvement Act, which creates a grant program for bridge improvements, replacements, and repairs.

We need to focus on traditional transportation infrastructure, like roads and bridges, and also broadband.



By Congressman **Tom Emmer**

selects families across the nation who have demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving, forever homes. The Yagers were honored last year for their enduring fight and sacrifices to adopt their daughter, Olivia.

Alejandra, a caseworker in my office assisted the Yager family with their adoption process! My casework staff are always ready and willing to assist you with any federal needs you have.

I also had a great meeting with a young constituent named Matthew Scherber. He is involved with Teens for Christ Leadership through St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and attends Buffalo High School. We discussed our shared support for pro-life policies and discussed his passion for photography. He submitted a photograph, "Fruits of the Harvest" to my art competition last year which won second place!

I had a chance to meet Jonathan Imdieke, a constituent who recently completed his project to become an Eagle Scout! It was an honor to meet Jonathan. I learned about his time in the Boy Scouts and all of the hard work it took to become an Eagle Scout. Congratulations Jonathan!

forcement from around the Sixth District in St. Cloud. Lately, the national conversation around policing and police reform has left out the most important group: law enforcement officers. I met with many leaders in the District to listen to their needs and priorities, to learn how I can help them keep our communities safe.

Credit Unions

Our credit unions offer an incredible range of financial products and services to members throughout the Sixth District. During the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, credit unions have gone above and beyond, facilitating more than 170,000 loans to small businesses and ensuring the availability of stimulus pay-

ments for their members. Last week, I introduced the Credit Union Governance Modernization Act to update the membership procedures our nation's credit unions follow in order to enhance employee

and member safety. Currently, the law requires a federal credit union to hold a vote of its entire membership before it can expel a member who engages in egregious, sometimes dangerous or illegal conduct. This can include physical damage to property, harassment, or threats. My legislation simplifies the member expulsion process while ensuring a fair process for reinstatement.

Minnesota and its 1.8 million credit union customers have championed this effort at the state-level with incredible success. By supporting them and this change nationally, I know it will make credit unions around the country safer for both employees and mem-



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Each year, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI)

I also hosted a roundtable event with law en-

Area News

NMR donates \$30k to BFD



NORTHERN METALS COO SCOTT HELBERG (R) presented the \$30,000 check to Becker Fire Chief Doug Kolbinger (M) and Asst, Chief Jeff Edling (L). (Submitted Photo)

Submitted Article

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

Northern Metals donated \$30,000 to the Becker Fire Department for the purchase of new battery powered extrication tools (jaws of life).

According to Becker Fire Chief Doug Kolbinger, the battery tools are much more portable and quicker

to use than the hydraulic

"There are no hydraulic hoses to connect and we are not limited to a certain distance from the truck," he

'We are very appreciative to Northern Metals for this generous donation. It will definitely have an impact on the services we can provide the community.'

(Editor's Note: The Patriot plans to run a recipe or two each week from locals and their favorite recipe books).

> Apple **Bread**

1/2 cup

shortening; 3/4 cup sugar:

1/2 cup sour milk; 2 cups flour;

1-3/4 cups of raw, diced, unpeeled

1 teaspoon soda;

<u>1/2 cup nuts;</u>

1/2 cup coconut; 1/2 cup raisins;

1 teaspoon salt. Cream shortening

and sugar; add apples.

Add dry ingredients with milk. Bake for one hour at 325 degrees. Makes one large or two small loaves.

Submitted in memory of Hilda McLamb.

Banana Bread

1 cup sugar; <u>2 eggs;</u>

1/2 cup shortening;

1/4 teaspoon salt; 2 cups flour;

1 teaspoon soda; 2 bananas.

A double recipe makes three loeaves. Cream together sugar, eggs and shortening. Add dry ingredients and bananas. Bake at 350 de-

Submitted in memory of Hilda McLamb.

Tasty breads and pancake recipes

Recipe

Swedish **Pancakes**

5 eggs beaten; 1 teaspoon baking powder; 1 tablespoon sugar;

4 tablespoons butter; 1 cup flour;

1/2 teaspoon salt;

2 cups milk. Mix all ingredients together and beat well. Batter will thin. Submitted in memory of Lillian Gilyard.





Becker School Board hears from Armstrong, Scott

Bv Katherine Cantin Staff Writer Reporter.Katie@PatriotNewsMN.com

During the last week, many Becker residents may have seen numerous posts on social media about minority students' rights and the demonstration of the American flags set up by Becker students. Two Becker citizens decided to voice their opinions at the Becker school board meeting. Betsy Armstrong offered her support of the flag demonstration by the students, and Wesley Scott voiced dissatisfaction with the school administration's help to minority students (including students of different race and/or sexual orientation) facing harassment.

Betsy Armstrong

Betsy Armstrong of Becker believes a more progressive agenda is being adopted by Minnesota schools, which would discard courses explaining the ideals on which the country was founded. She fears that changes being made would teach kids to define themselves by ethnicity and teach students that white people are guilty of systemic racism. Some Becker students have created a petition to include more classes about the Constitution and the founding of the United States, which Armstrong fully supports.

Wesley Scott

Wesley Scott of Clear Lake addressed the board on the subject of racism in the schools. He said his daughter had been dealing with the racism in the schools for some time, and that her, and his, attempts to speak with





BETSY ARMSTRONG AND WESLEY SCOTT both addressed the Becker School Board during Monday's meeting. (Photo captured from online video.)

administration about the issue had not helped. He said his daughter will be leaving Becker schools because of this issue. He also noted that despite the fact that there are black residents in Becker, all of the board members are white. He also noted that he saw no photos of black people in the recently published Becker Community Guide.

Superintendent's

Report

Recently, there has been a lot of discussion about bullying in the schools on social media. Supt. Schmidt assured the audience that all individuals and incidents in question have either been investigated or are being investigated by administration, and the school is working to find growth opportunities for both students and staff. Schmidt read a statement addressing the subject, thanking the community for continuing to support humanitarian rights in the schools. He reinforced that the school strives for equality among students, and will continue to uphold policies regarding harassment. Any harassment based on creed, sexual orientation, race, etc., is not allowed in the schools.

Staff and administration will continue to investigate and take action against harassment Students are encouraged to report bullying to a staff member, and may also do so anonymously using their school-issued iPads.

The school has received its ESSER II funding, which ended up being about \$50,000 less than the predicted amount the Minnesota Dept. of Education had told the school to expect. Schools in Wright county lost even more, with promised ESSER funding being cut in half.

The Minnesota House DFL Budget is pushing for an increase in aid to schools, including aid to help schools with declining enrollment. The house may choose to consider a separate declining enrollment bill, as well.

MCA testing has begun and will continue through the middle of May.

Administration has identified a sufficient number of areas for budget cuts that no teachers will need to be placed on Unrequested Leave of Absence.

There was an open house on the upcoming referendum election Thursday, April 8,

Student Report

The student council is working to write an article for the newspaper on their experiences over the last year.

National Honor Society recently held their Easter fundraiser, wherein, in exchange for donations, they hid Easter eggs in families' yards for the kids to find on Easter morning.

The Bulldogs basketball and speech teams have gone on to state. Spring activities starting this week include the drama club's musical, baseball, track, tennis, softball golf, and lacrosse. There will be a band concert this coming week and a choir concert in the middle of May.

Supt. Jeremy Schmidt added that prom is still scheduled to take place May 8, and that the student prom committee is working hard to make sure the event is a success. The graduation committee is also hard at work, and is currently planning on having graduation take place

outdoors on the football field. **Committee Reports**

The Finance Committee reviewed predicted spending through June, and though the situation is not ideal, the forecast looks to be better than it had previously.

TRAK is working on its next "pay-it-forward campaign and finding new ways to connect with the community. They are planning to have one member talk to staff about implicit bias.

The District Advisory recently reviewed arts and science in the middle school and the high school, and is looking at curriculum to adopt.



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Swanny loved the game of golf and all other sports and was active in his kids' pursuits of athletics. He coached his son (Matt) and daughter (Lauryn) in basketball and golf while never missing a game.

Swanson enthusiastically joined Big Lake's golf planning committee last spring and brought new ideas to the Chamber of Commerce's annual golf scramble. He frequently joined the chamber in their network meetings and attended the 2020 Member of the Year celebration last month as well as the chamber's member meeting in March.

"He supported the chamber and encouraged business growth in Big Lake," said Chamber Executive Director, Gloria Vande Brake. "We will miss him and pray for his family, friends and coworkers at Minnco."

Swanny leaves behind his son, Matt, daughter, Lauryn and his wife of 29 years, Kathy. Survivors also inlcude his parents and two sisters (Mary and Katie).

See page 3B for Swanny's official obituary.

Easing students' anxieties as they return to the classroom

When it comes to the emotional well-being of students post-pandemic, a new study reveals that teachers expect significant challenges when schools make a full

return to in-person learning. The study, commissioned by the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), the world leader in de-escalation training, shows that 84% of teachers say student trauma, mental health issues and increased anxiety are their biggest concerns with full classroom

"Many of those in school communities have faced adversity and trauma, ranging from upended routines to home isolation and loss of family members. Simply restarting school won't erase the aftereffects," says Susan Driscoll, president of

In many cases, the past year has simply exacerbated issues that predate COVID-19. It's estimated that prior to the pandemic, nearly half of all students in the U.S. had experienced some form of trauma, according to the nonprofit research organization, WestEd.

Driscoll says that while the federal government's COVID CARES Act will provide essential financial support at the district level, at the individual level, families and teachers are in a position to help make the transition as smooth and successful as possible. "Ideally, all individuals in a student's life will be aligned in helping them prepare for their return to school," she says.

Having trained more than 15 million individuals over four decades in its techniques, CPI is lending its unique knowledge during this transitional period. Here are some of the organization's top tips for teachers and parents who are busy making preparations for the return to in-person learning:

· Create a good learning environment: Classrooms should be well-organized and structured, but also welcoming to reestablish a fa-

miliar routine. • Listen empathetically: Offer your undivided attention, then provide thoughtful, nonjudgmental

feedback. Rebuild trust: In a recent survey by the American Federation of Teachers and the New York Life Foundation, only 15% of educators said they feel very comfortable addressing students' emotional needs caused or intensified by the coronavirus outbreak. While teachers may feel a bit unprepared in this area, making it clear to students that sharing their feelings and concerns is appreciated and encouraged will go a long way.

 Acknowledge your own anxiety: Take the time to understand the reasons you are feeling anxious and seek a positive outlet.

Additionally, CPI has created educator-specific supplemental content to its Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training. That training, which is approved for stimulus related federal funding via the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, will focus specifically on recognizing the stages of an

escalating crisis, as well as learning evidence-based techniques to appropriately de-escalate. During its 40year history, CPI has trained more than 55,000 educators worldwide in non-violent crisis techniques that assist with de-escalating and managing heightened school situations. To learn more, visit crisisprevention. com/About-Us.

Opening the doors is only step one in returning students to the classroom. As the pandemic eases, parents and teachers will also need to actively address a year's worth of isolation and anxiety.

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Points of Light, the world's largest nonprofit dedicated to accelerating people-powered change, Global Volunteer Month serves to activate volunteers and support the most vulnerable populations. And over the past year, volunteers have joined the ranks of frontline workers and first responders to fight against COVID-19, support the vaccination roll-out, address systemic racism and ensure equity and opportunity for all.

"We launched Global Volunteer Month last year during a time of great uncertainty that made it even more important for us to find ways to unite communities and connect people despite distance," says Natalye Paquin, president and CEO of Points

A recent survey demonstrates that despite all the obstacles, 2020 marked one of the most civically-engaged years in history. Fifty-two percent of Americans surveyed volunteered for the first time during the pandemic. However, seven out of 10 respondents reported that while the effects of COVID-19 on their community made them more eager to volunteer, they've hesitated due to safety

To volunteer safely during Global Volunteer Month and beyond, consider these ideas and tips from Points of Light:

1). Offer vaccination assistance. Scheduling vaccinations can be tricky, particularly for those who aren't web-savvy or don't speak English as a first language. Whether you work with individuals in your extended network or volunteer with organizations helping to centralize vaccination information, there are many ways to be involved from home. On-site opportunities to help people navigate their vaccination appointment also exist, and your assistance may be especially needed if you're multilingual. Vaccination distribution centers follow all CDC social distancing guidelines to ensure the health and safety of

2). Give rides to medical appointments. Seniors without transportation often need rides to life-sustaining medical appointments. With the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine, this need has increased. Connect with a local organization near you that follows protocols to keep drivers

and the elderly safe. 3). Support food distribution. The concurrent medical and economic crises have made grocery shopping dangerous for some, and unaffordable for others. Drivethrough food distribution centers and contactless dropoff services are essential social protection programs you can support. As more people get vaccinated, an increasing number of in-person volunteer opportunities will likely open up and be needed in food banks.



4). Comfort the grieving. Those who are grieving often need critical emotional support. While some organizations are searching for licensed counselors to make comfort calls, others are looking for anyone with a big heart and a listening ear.

5). Maintain public spaces. As warm weather arrives, communities are looking for volunteers to beautify and improve the local environment of public parks and

6). Help students succeed. Even in normal years, many families need assistance with school supplies and homework help, and the pandemic has only exacerbated these issues. Help students succeed by providing virtual tutoring through a homework helpline or by contributing to or hosting a donation drive for school supplies.

7). Support health initiatives. After facing long periods of isolation, there is a growing demand to help build strong communities by supporting local fitness and nutrition programs. Virtual and in-person opportunities abound for people of all professional backgrounds and skillsets, ranging from coaching youth runners to

widening access to nutrition information in low-income neighborhoods.

8). Show gratitude. Recognize and thank first responders, volunteers and frontline workers. Many say that handwritten letters are the most cherished items received in care packages. This is also a great way to get kids involved!

9). Make connections. During the pandemic, homebound people have been more isolated than ever. Organizations are looking for volunteers to make regular phone calls to provide companionship and determine if individuals are in need of additional assistance.

10). Just volunteer! Visit Points of Light at pointsoflight.org/volunteer to find a local affiliate in your area, search the world's largest digital hub for volunteering and community engagement opportunities, as well as to find tips and best practices for safely volunteering from home or in communities. And be sure to inspire others to uplift their communities by sharing your experiences using #GlobalVolunteerMonth on social media.

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Spring Sports Preview - Hornets

Hornets ready to swing away in 2021!

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Thirty-one years! Big Lake baseball coach Loren Holthaus is entering his 31st season in the Big Lake baseball program and first year at the helm of the ship he hopes to guide to huge success.

Holthaus has a keen baseball mind after being an assistant for all those years as well as playing high school and amateur baseball for over 25 years. He is currently the amatuer baseball coach for the Lake Cafe Lakers of Big Lake.

With his new team leadership role, Holthaus will be grooming and molding the skills and talents of

35 kids in grades 9-12. He has 11 seniors on the squad, but one of his biggest goals is to try



improve the number of turnouts moving fun. Two, get better every-

"It is very difficult to keep the participation up," he said. "Kids have so many choices for spring

sports. I have to keep it fun so they continue to play ball"

Speaking of fun, that's exactly what Holthaus and his coaching staff want to emphasize, including his three fenceposts for enjoying the sport

"I tell the students three things — one, have day and three, win! If you do one and two, then three will automatically happen.'

Holthaus' assistant coaches this year are Tony Trudeau (assistant varsity), Ryan Prom (JV), Tyler Halverson (ninth grade) and John Cusick (pitching coach). The team's student managers are: Claire Peterson and Kaity Cusik.

"I am fortunate to have a great class of seniors,' Holthaus said. Boeckman, Josh Hunt and Samson Schlegel will be my captains. Zach Robeck, and Mitchell Spanier will also be major contributors to our team."

Monticello is expected to be Big Lake's biggest

"Year after year they put out good teams," he said. "They are well

Holthaus says many of his players are a little rusty after missing out in last year's season. His team plans to follow the MSHSL guidelines in regards to the coronavirus protocals and hopes it doesn't become a distraction or bother for his

The Hornets hosted their first game of the year Friday against Sauk Rapids-Rice. A full report on the game will appear in next week's Patriot.

Hornet girls track anxious to hit starting gate

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

Entering his fourth year as Big Lake High School's girls track & field coach, Adam Pelot will look to mix together 42 athletes to produce a winning squad when the 2021 spring season commences this month.

Pelot will garner the help of assistants Bob Blanchard, Andrea Ibberson, Todd Trutna and James Stewart. Pelot has been with the program for over 14 years, serving as the throw coach under a

different administra-

Some coaches come and go and some lead teams only when they have a vested interest in the squad, like a child on the team. But Pelot is in it for the joy of teaching youngsters and making them better athletes as well as better people.

"I want every student/athlete that I coach to feel that I care about everything they do," Pelot said. "To me, every improvement, no matter how small is a big deal and they need to know that." Seniors Josie Lentz

and Taylor Edmonson were named the captains for this season. But Pelot knows it takes more than one or two peer athletes to make a successful team. "I look to all of my

athletes to be leaders on the team and help each other become better athletes," he

Big Lake's biggest rival in track and field this year is expected to be Princeton.

"We match up fairly well in terms of overall team size and the level of competition between our two squads is always intense," Pelot said.

With COVID-19 still lurking, the coaches of some sports have had to stir in the new protocols to make the season's machine run smoothly. Pelot, his coaches and his student/ athletes put the thoughts of corona to the backs of their

'As a coach this year, I am just happy to be coaching my team again," he

Running for some in track and field is a natural thing and some need the guidance of an experienced coach to make some changes to stride, technique and pace. Others who are new to the sport or entering the "field" parts, sometimes discover new talents they hadn't realized they had and when coached right, see their confidence and abilities gain.

Pelot thinks the throwers in the sport (shot put, discus) are both easy and hard to teach the fundamentals to.

"As a throws coach, I would say teaching athletes to use their hips in a throw is the hardest thing to coach," he says. "As for the easiest, it would be the release of a shotput."

With so many sports and activities in the spring season, it's sometimes hard for coaches to retain a group of athletes for a full four (or more) years of high school. Kids can choose from golf, softball, baseball, lacrosse, tennis, trap shooting and fishing. But Pelot still sees a very bright future for track and field.

"I do see a bright future for the Hornet track teams down the road. Pelot said. "Over the last three years, we have had steadily increasing numbers with numbers over 50 last year for the first time that I can remember. We always see kids trying new activities, but we as a coaching staff have made it a priority to work with those kids so that they can stay out with us, and improve as an overall athlete.

The Hornet track team kicked off their season with a meet at home Tuesday.

Blanchard looking for attitude in 2021

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

The Big Lake Hornet boys track team consists of 40-45 athletes cut out to make 2021 a season to remember. Head Coach Bob Blanchard -

entering his third season at the helm — will be aided by Todd Trutna (distance coach), Andrea Ibberson (jumps coach), Jim Stewart (pole vault and hurdles coach) and Adam Pelot

"I love devoting time to coaching high school kids because they are great kids to be around," said Blanchard. "I also see it as a great chance to teach the kids many life lessons through a sport that I enjoyed competing in and that I enjoy coaching. Seeing them improve throughout the season and throughout their careers on our team is another reason I enjoy spending so much time with these kids.

Blanchard was a sprinter for two very successful programs (Storm Lake High School and Central College). He also coached track and field at Rifle High School in Rifle, CO for three years before moving to Big Lake. He has coached track five of the six years that he has taught here in Big Lake.

Though Blanchard and his coaching staff have not quite named team captains for 2021, he knows he has a plethora of real team leaders on his

"Our seniors (are his main leaders on the team)," he says. "I don't have very many, but I know I can rely on all my seniors to steer our team in the

right direction." The sport of track and field can be different than most team sports because of its individual component.

"We really don't have rivalries (at least I don't feel we do)," Blanchard said. "We go into each meet with the attitude that we want to compete to the best of our abilities and earn as many SBs (season's best) and PRs (personal records) as possible.

The COVID-19 pandemic ruined spring sports throughout the state last year and Blanchard hopes that situation is behind them, though they still have some protocols to adjust to. And if a case comes up with a student/athlete, it could throw a wrench in how the season progresses.

"The biggest challenge we face is the potential of our team getting shut down for a couple of weeks due to COVID," said Blanchard. "Our kids will follow the mask guidelines set by MDH but at the same time, we are trying to make our season as "normal" as possible for these kids.'

With all the choices students have as far as spring activities, many of the programs at the school have thinned out and teams have lost some talented individuals to other. sometimes more popular sports. But Blanchard likes what he sees as far as the future of track and field in Big

Track and field is in good hands moving into the future," he says. "I don't know if it is growing or not, but we still have plenty of good student-athletes that come out every year to run track and field for us.

The sport that Blanchard runs into most when it comes to kids trying other activities isn't even a school

"Our biggest problem is AAU basketball," he said. "We have a great group of kids right now in all grades. We are a little light on upperclassmen but the ones we have are great people and great student-athletes. We also



have a good group of freshman and sophomores that if they all decided to stick with track and field, will keep our future bright too." The boys' first meet of the year

was Tuesday at home. They then compete at Monticello High School April 17 against multiple schools.

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Spring Sports Preview - Hornets

Hartfiel has hands full in first year at helm

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

In her first full season as Hornet girls lacrosse coach, Lindsey Hartfiel is facing numerous challenges.

Hartfiel was actually hired to coach the squad in 2020, but due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the season was canceled and everyone began planning for this year. Hartfiel recruited Zach Barzee to be her assistant and unfortunately they have signed up just 20 girls to participate meaning they likely will only have a varsity squad for the spring season.

"As girls lacrosse is fairly new to the Midwest Big Lake Schools AD hired me on as I had played lacrosse myself when I was in high school for Buffalo," Hartfiel said. "I'm hoping that by having some previous experience in the sport I can help grow the Big Lake Girls Lacrosse Program."

No captains have been named at this time and since



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THE 2021 BIG LAKE HORNET GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM. Front Row: (left to right) Sam Merten, Lilly Berglund, Kayla Niedzielski, Alivia Kiffmeyer and Janelle Gerdts. Second Row: (left to right) Izzy Swinehart, Emma Grafnitz, Autumn Grunewald, Abigail Polacec and Amelia Gardner. Third Row: (left to right) Kailee Throolin, Amber Grunewald, Ana Baxter, Mackenzie Cypull, Kaitlyn Smith and Jordyn Schumacher. Not in photo: Katlyn Emerson, Mckenna Leeseberg, Hailey Schuller and Ella Beach, (Submitted Photo).

Hartfiel's team is somewhat young, her team leaders likely will be upperclassman and girls that have played the sport of lacrosse in the past.

Hartfiel and her team will have an awful lot of new experiences this year, being it Hartfiel's initial start at the helm, but she is sure her biggest rival will likely be the Becker Bulldogs under their coach, Annica Lundeen.

Even though some of the COVID restrictions have been loosened since this time last year, there are still protocols the team needs to adhere to to avoid contamination and transmission.

"As a coach, some of the challenges will be keeping up with the current state and MSHSL guidelines for COVID protocol," Hartfiel said. "We have received news that players are to wear their masks at all times for practices and competition at this time."

Hartfiel's background is that she played two seasons of lacrosse at Buffalo High School in her junior and senior years.

"As lacrosse was a new sport at that time there weren't many coaches of the sport who had played it previously," she said. "For my limited lacrosse experience, I have played hockey since I was five, and was fortunate enough to play in college as well. I hope that my previous lacrosse and hockey experience can help me create a competitive program here in Big Lake."

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Being a first year coach, one of the challenges Hartfiel has is getting each player to a similar skill level as they likely will only have one varsity team, and there are quite a few players who haven't played lacrosse

"In the early part of this season I want to make sure all the players understand the basics of lacrosse including the rules and how to play the game before moving onto implementing systems," Hartfiel said. "There are some returning players who know the game and can demonstrate the skills required. I feel this will be effective in getting our players to a similar playing level."

Hartfiel is sure Minnesota lacrosse is a growing sport, and the pastime is gradually getting more student athletes out to participate

"I feel the more players that decide to play lacrosse in youth and continue to play during the off season months the more successful high school programs will be," she says

Weber, Snoddy rebuilding boys lacrosse

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After the COVID-19 2020 season that wasn't, the Big Lake High School boys lacrosse team is in rebuild mode, returning two seniors and three juniors. That means a bulk of the burden will fall to the younger players on this year's squad.

"Being this young will be a disadvantage for us this year, no doubt," said Head Coach Brad Weber, who is in his fourth season leading the program. "Coach Snoddy and I are looking at this as an opportunity to build a good foundation for the younger players, and use the next 2-3 years to get this young core of players ready to challenge the other teams in our conference."

Jason Snoddy is in his first year as an Assistant Coach with BLHS, after assisting in the Centennial boys high school program through 2019. On the field, the Hornets will be led by senior captain Nick Merten, and junior captains Jacob Polacec and Jack Beckstrom. The team managers are Maddie Svien and Allie Thompson.

Merten returns as the top scorer from the 2019 team. He plays midfield and face off specialist, and is currently committed to playing college lacrosse for Lewis University in Illinois. Beckstrom joins Merten in the midfield group, and has good speed and hands. He is looking for a

bounce-back year after

being sidelined

early in the

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Cade Fagen,
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Weber will all
see considerable playing
time in the

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year as well. At the attack positions, Tyler Heyen (Jr), Cash McCrone (Fr), and Mason Krebs (Fr) will look for ways to help the

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joined on the defensive end by senior Jordan Bagne and freshmen Domenick Schuck-Hoeg and Tyler Olson. The Hornets return freshman Trajan Mussehl to the

cage for goaltending duties. Mussehl saw quite a bit of varsity time as a 7th grader in 2019 and will look to build on that this season.

One of the biggest challenges for a young team is getting the practice and game repetitions to be ready for the next game, and taking all of 2020 off did not do this team any favors.

"The pice thing about

"The nice thing about lacrosse is that a lot of it is instinctual," said Coach Weber. "There is a ball that needs to be put into the net, we need to defend their players when they have the ball, and we need to run faster than them."

"The tough thing about this game is getting everyone to buy into the team concept, and their role in that concept, and getting them to believe that sometimes the easiest way to score is to give the ball to someone else."

"I remain hopeful that 2020 was just a blip, and that our program, and lacrosse in this area of the state, will continue to grow and add more teams over the next few seasons. I know as a young team, we're going to learn a few lessons over the next few years. My hope is that this group sticks together, grows from it, and gets a chance to return the favor down the road."

Patriot reached out to other sports teams

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

To our readers: we (Patriot) reached out to the coaches for the softball, boys tennis, trap team and boys and girls golf teams to participate in our spring sports preview but received no response.

While we intend to do our best to feature each and every sports team for each season of each school year, we rely heavily on getting information, stats, photos, etc. from coaches, statisticians and parents to complete our sports sections.

If any of the coaches for the aforementioned teams wishes to still submit info for their squads and have it run in next week's Patriot, please send an email to: reporter.bill@patriotnewsmn.com.

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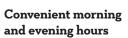












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Spring Sports Preview - Bulldogs

It's a numbers game for Bulldog boys track team

By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

When it comes to the Becker boys track team's season, Head Coach Paul Schmidt will be focusing on the quality of his athletes over their quantity.

"With everything going on and a lost spring season last year we are down on numbers, as right now we have 13 varsity kids and a few 8th graders that may join us eventually," says Schmidt, who returns for his 15th season in charge. "We are coming off four straight Granite Ridge Conference Championships so this year will be different in that we will focus a bit more on the individual event and athlete."

There is still a chance that a few more boys will show up, as Schmidt's program has had excellent numbers in the past, ranging from 30-40 participants.



COACH PAUL SCHMIDT has a smaller team than usual, but his Bulldog boys track team features several high caliber athletes. Pictured are members of the 2021 Track and Field team (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

The numbers game hits many activities in Becker in the spring time, as the boys can choose among five sports and several other fine arts and outdoors activities.

A trio of returning letter winner Seniors will lead the team and have been named as Captains, including Lukas Karel, Cade Stommes and Michael Schmitz. Sophomore Tyson Ricker also returns to the team with a letter pin under his belt.

"Ricker and Karel will be top distance runners this year, while Schmitz will be strong in the hurdles," says

Schmidt. "Luke McDonald will be a good runner for us and Stommes will be a good vaulter and jumper, as well as a strong runner." Overall, Schmidt ex-

pects his team to be strong in the 800 meter run, as well as in some hurdles events.

Dustin Weege returns

for his 12th year as an assistant coach, while Tony Miller has joined the staff as well. Together, the coaching staff is hoping for the athletes to learn some life lessons as a result of their participation in Track and Field.

"We want all the athletes to have a positive experience, see improvement throughout the year and learn how to handle adversity as well as success," says Schmidt. The competition in the

Mississippi 8 Conference will be stellar, but Schmidt says his team is up to the challenge. "We are much smaller than most teams I think," says Schmidt. "I am ex-

against the M8 top talent." The track meets might look a little different this year due to COVID restrictions. The boys and girls

cited though to see how

our top athletes compete

events might be administered separately to comply with a maximum of 250 athletes at any given competition.

The post-season is also an unknown at this time, but Schmidt is hopeful that things continue to progress so his players will be able to participate in that expe-

"As of now, that is still up in the air and we are not sure how it is going to work," said Schmidt. "Hopefully things will continue to get better and we will be able to have a somewhat normal end to our sea-

The team will kick off its season on Tuesday, April 13 when they host Princeton.

Bulldog girls track team waiting on starter's gun

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

Trisha Kealy is entering her 17th year as head coach of the Becker girls track and field team. She has 29 student/athletes signed up from grades 9-12 and 12 kids from grades seven and eight. Paul Schmidt is the

head boys coach and he and Trisha work together with both girls and boys along with the assistant coaches, including Dustin Weege and Tony Miller. Miller is new to the program this year.

"We are excited Mr. Miller has joined us this year as we have been hoping to add him to our program for some time," said Kealy. "We have two new junior high coaches for the program which will start April 19, they are Callie Doucette and Josh Otto.

The team's managers this year are Chloe Setrum, Abi Berning and Aylla

"It is the kids that keep me coming back every year," said Kealy. "They are so great and I love being around them and seeing them grow throughout their careers. I also love working with the coaches in our program — they are such good people and are so good with coaches the Bulldog cross

the athletes and invested in their well being."

ger and Whit Schug.

"This will be our first year returning to the Mississippi 8 Conference," said Becker's head coach. "After not having our season last year, we have missed out on any competition with these teams so we assume everyone is competition. I know Monticello and Cambridge-Isanti have traditionally been talented and have large rosters."

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Kealy,

Captains this year for

Kealy are seniors Anna Briggs, Crace Schendel, Jessica Gruenes, Cassidy Pleo-

With COVID-19 still hovering over school activities, Kealy and her coaches are doing their best to adjust to new rules and keep kids safe while practicing and

'Of course we are social distancing and when inside wearing masks," she says. "The pandemic has changed our length of season, schedules and meet formats. Some of these items remain to be seen how they will play out and we are just excited to be able to have a season. These kids deserve to participate and have the great experiences that sports

who also



THE 2021 BECKER BULLDOG GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAM. Seniors: Anna Briggs, Cassidy Pleoger, Jessica Gruenes, Annika Howe, Whit Schug and Grace Schendel. Juniors: Emma Borrego, Madalyn Finney, Paige Maunu, Skyler Scug and Sarah Woelfel. Sophomores: Emma Monreal, Kayla Gruenes, Regan Hausmann, Brooklyn Karel, Evelyn Kreft and Meghan Swanson. Freshmen: Olivia Babler, Alea Briggs, Avery Boyer, Anna Kuklok, Kylee Morton, Emilia Hansen, Kayla Paulson, Myli Praugt, Lexi Rose, MaKenna Smith, Lauren Woelfel and Allyson Young. (Patriot Photo by Mark Kolbinger).

country squads, grew up with track & field as part of her life. Her dad was a hall-of-fame coach and her sisters are still coaching throughout the state.

'My participation as an athlete started in seventh grade and I was a state competitor in the long jump, 200, and three different hurdle races with a third place finish in the 100 meter hurdles," she said. "I ran four years at Bemidji State University and was captain my

Coaching 29+ athletes in multiple events can be a real challenge for some people, but Kealy has adjusted and stays organized.

"Meets can resemble organized chaos in the early season and a friend of mine says it is like herding cats," she said. "But once the kids figure out their routine and learn to help one another, things smooth out and they

learn how to handle it."

Kealy says one can succeed by challenging oneself "There is a lot of tech-

nique involved in the various events but kids need to understand that you will get out of it what you put into it," she says. "Put the persistant hard work in and you will be successful."

Track and Field will be changing in Minnesota next vear. Kealy says.

"We are moving to three classes from the present two. At this time we are in the large school class and will be moving to the middle class for the 2021-22 school year. This is something the coaches have been working toward for many years and we look forward to it."

The girls' 2021 season kicks off Tues., April 13 at home against Princeton.



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Boy's golf team anxious to tee it up

ву магк коюпдег Contributing Writer

Head Coach Dan Olson returns for his 20th season leading the Becker boys golf team and after not being able to compete a year ago due to the season being canceled, his squad is anxious to tee it up for the Bulldogs.

This year will mark a return to the Mississippi 8 Conference for the team after competing in the Granite Ridge for several seasons. While Olson is familiar with a few of the teams, he is unsure of exactly what to expect.

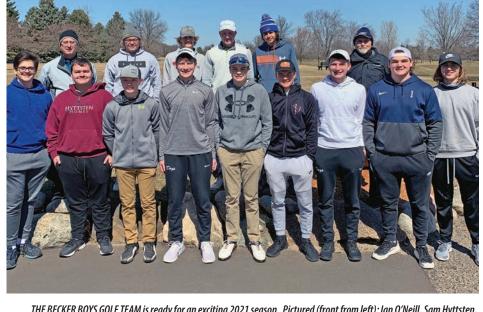
"Our team goal is just

to have fun as we have no idea what to expect for competition in the M8 as it is nothing like it was our last time in it," says Olson. "The only two teams that we have seen on a consistent basis are Big Lake and Monticello."

While Olson isn't sure what to expect from the competition, he does have a great deal of confidence in his own players, many of whom were able to gain a lot of practice on the course a year ago.

"I have a healthy Zach Stanz this season, so I am excited to see what he can do leading the other four seniors that will start the year off on varsity," says the coach.

Olson plans to start the season with five seniors written into the lineup in Stanz (captain), Ethan Tobako, Tucker Rhodes, Brock Ramola and Mat-



THE BECKER BOYS GOLF TEAM is ready for an exciting 2021 season. Pictured (front from left): Ian O'Neill, Sam Hyttsten, Brayden Graning, Kevin Vogl, Aidan Regel, Grayson Kipka, Kyle Vogl, Carter Callahan and Ty Hodel. Back row: Head Coach Dan Olson, Tucker Rhodes, Matthew Martindale, Zach Stanz, Brock Ramola and Asst. Coach Steve Whittaker. Not pictured: Ethan Tobako, Calvin Marquette, Jacob Simonson and Hank Bjerga (Submitted Photo).

thew Martindale. Each of those players return to the team with previous experience and Olson believes that could lead to a competitive team.

"My seniors were at the course during last summer and fall so I am hopeful that our team will average around 320," says Olson. "I have no idea how my younger kids will be as that is probably the biggest impact of losing last season."

So far, Brayden Graning and Grayson Kipka are looking like the front runners to compete for the sixth spot for the first two meets.

In all, Olson has 18 players on the team and while that is a healthy num-

ber, he would welcome more players.

"With the addition of lacrosse, trap team and bass team, along with other sports, kids have so many [spring] choices," says Olson.

This season, the MSHSL is allowing only 72 players at any given meet, while in the past a normal meet would consist of 96 athletes. The M8 Conference is still working to develop the guidelines that will apply to this year's meets.

While the meets might look a little different, Olson knows that Pebble Creek will be up for whatever challenges the season might present.

"Pebble Creek staff

New conference, assistant coaches for Becker boys tennis

By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

It will be a year of change for the Becker boys tennis team. Not only will they be competing in the Mississippi 8 Conference for the first time in years, but much of the coaching staff will also be new. How it all meshes together will be up to Head Coach Hokan Bengtson, as he returns for his 20th season in charge of the program.

'I always think our team has a chance to compete for the top spot(s) in our conference, however it has been quite a while since we have played many of the M8 teams, so it will be fun to see if they have improved since we last played them," Bengtson said. "Along with that, there are teams in the M8 Conference that we have never played in boys tennis (North Branch, St. Francis, Chisago Lakes) so that will add an element of excitement to our season."

have always treated us

well," says Olson. "Ian has

gone above and beyond the

call of duty to work with

its season Tues., April 13

with a meet in Monticello.

The team will kick off

our program.'

Five Bulldogs return to the team after lettering two years ago (last year's season was canceled due to the pandemic), including Senior Wyatt Hiltner, who will serve as a Captain along with Junior Luke Bordson. Sophomores Ryan Bengtson and Eli Scheideman also return, as does Freshman Zach Bengtson, to give Becker some experience to rely on in the early part of the sea-

Approximately 30 boys total are out for the program, with many underclassmen expected to be counted on to serve in key roles for the team.

One factor that separated tennis from many other activities last year is that players were able to practice throughout the summer.

"Our kids have played a lot of tennis in the last year, as the courts were one of the only places that were open the entire time



THE BULLDOG BOYS TENNIS TEAM is gearing up for a successful spring season, as nearly 30 students are out for the sport this year (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

Bulldog girls golf team has experience

By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

For the first time in several years, the Becker girls golf team will have experience on its side as it gears up for a successful 2021 season. Having that veteran leadership is something new for Head Coach Anna Babler as she enters her third season at the helm of the team.

"We've had a pretty young team the past few years and this is the first time since 2018 that we have had seniors," says Babler, who is in her 7th year overall as a golf coach. "The girls have come a long way since they started so I am hoping to continue to improve our overall team scores, have fun and have a successful season."

Leading the way for the Bulldogs will be Senior Captain Gretchen Graftaas, who has been on the varsity team since she was in 8th grade.

She will be joined by classmates Kylee Rick and Ashley Reed, giving the team 3 Seniors among its ten varsity and JV players.

The team also includes Junior Evelyn Eich, Sophomore Emma Benson, Freshmen Alexa Voller, Avery Johnson, Nora Pilarski and Hannah Hytt-

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THE BECKER BULLDOG GIRLS GOLF TEAM. Pictured: Front from left: Hannah Hyttsten, Nora Pilarski, Alexa Voller, Kylee Rick. Back: Coach Anna Babler, Layla Mathews, Avery Johnson, Gretchen Graftaas, Ashley Reed, Emma Benson. Not pictured: Evelyn Eich (Submitted Photo).

sten and 8th grader Layla Mathews.

"This is our best turnout since I started coaching," says Babler. "I am excited about having a little competition between our own team with filling spots because the girls will have to have some play-offs in practice to compete for the top six spots."

Despite this being the first year that the team is back in the Mississippi 8 Conference with larger enrollment schools, Babler

still expects her team to compete hard and score well at the meets.

"This will be our first year competing in the new conference and I am anticipating this conference to be a bit tougher than the last one," says Babler. "But I think our girls will do great!"

Babler thinks her team will be ready coming out of the game, despite the fact they did not have a season a year ago. Many of the girls spent a consid-

erable amount of time at the course developing their sikills

"Most of girls did get the opportunity to golf all last summer," says Babler. "Fortunately golf was one of those sports that could be played all last summer and into fall."

The season kicks off for Babler and the team with a home meet scheduled for Thursday, April 8. Sections are scheduled for June 4-5 in Park Rapids. Helping Bengtson and the team navigate the 2021 season is a covey of new coaches, although many will be familiar faces.

Jason Dilly and Brent Scheideman will join the program as varsity assistants, while Steve Borst will replace Nate Bucher as the JV coach.

"Adding Jason, a former state tournament participant in 2012 and 2013, to our staff has been excellent, as he has a wealth of knowledge and has really begun to invest in our players" Bengtson said. "Nate Bucher [former coach] has been a staple in our program, but he has moved on from boys tennis to work full time at Becker Baptist Church. Nate is a great guy and good coach so he will be missed, but our new staff is excellent."

"Auggie Gorecki is a former college tennis player and will add a lot of experience to our Middle school program," Bengtson said. "Steve Borst absolutely loves the game of tennis and loves to learn and he will do a great job as our new JV coach."

When it comes to the players on the team, Bengtson does have some experience to work with from the last time the team took to the court in 2019.

from last March through the pandemic," Bengtson said. "Many kids have been out playing and working on their skills in those months when everything was shut down."

Because of that experience, Bengtson expects his team to keep many of the same goals it has had in past seasons.

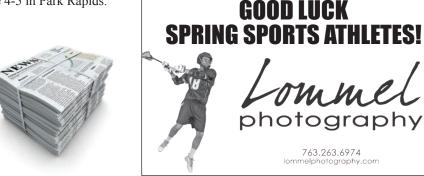
"Our number one goal is to improve each match—that comes with a daily goal of changing our best," Bengtson said. "We always aim for 10 wins each year, with weather and other factors affecting our schedule each season—that will be an excellent goal for us again this year."

Beyond the wins and losses, the coach also hopes his team learns life lessons as a result of their participation in the sport.

"The number one thing I hope kids gain from being in tennis is to learn to compete and battle through adversity," Bengtson said. "With Minnesota weather, COVID, and many other unpredictable things out of our control this year, this will be important. We always talk about goals versus purpose. Our goal is to win every time we step onto the court, but our purpose is much greater."







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Kent takes over Becker boys lacrosse

by blirmorgan Editor/Staff Writer Reporter.Bill@PatriotNewsMN.com

Due to some unexpected circumstances, Brandon Kent — who served as an assistant coach last year under Paul VanVoorhis — was asked to step in as the head coach of the Bulldog boys lacrosse team this year.

"I am super excited to be back in the swing of coaching," said Kent.

Kent founded the program back in 2010 with Pete Neu when seven-to-eight Becker boys were playing the sport for the club out of Monticello. The school thought the program would have somewhere around two dozen or so interested athletes and asked Kent and Neu to form a club team, which they did until 2015 when the sport became MSHSL sanctioned. Kent stepped down from coaching then, hoping the school would recruit a teacher to take over the reins.

"Funny thing is - I knew nothing about lacrosse when I first started coaching it," said Kent. "I applied a lot of basketball concepts when I first began and leaned heavily on the Minnesota Club Lacrosse coaches and association when I first started."

He says he still leans on his network of coaches and players

Kent has Nate Fritsch signed on to be an assistant



THE 2021 BECKER BULLDOG BOYS LACROSSE TEAM. Front row right to left: Ethan Wilson, Noah McDonald, Adam Jurek, Caden Hartkopf, Harrison Kent, Dominic Esler, Calvin Fritsch, Nate Kerzman, Ethan Duncombe and Max Super. Back Row: Brady Johnson, Gavin Michalski, Kasey Rice, Dylan Kolby, Estin Quill, Carter Neu, Michael Bentley, Maxwell Olson-Burkman, Parker Beuning, Jacob Eich, Andrew Lauzer, Titan Hoover, and Josh Miller. (Submitted Photo)

and he has been coaching some of the seniors on the team since they were in fourth grade. The team managers are, Kady Lindbom, Madison Bartlett, Kalyn Sherman and Claire Fritsch.

Currently, Kent and his coaches have 24 boys/men who have come out for lacrosse.

"With COVID-19 canceling our season last year, our numbers seem to be down a bit," said Kent. "We will have 16 to 17 solid varsity players. Obviously, with the numbers we have, all our players will be seeing lots of time between JV and varsity."

Kent says he feels he has the most talented senior class Becker has ever had. Most of them have been playing together since the fourth grade and they include, Dominic Esler (Goalie), Ethan Wilson (Midfielder), Nate Kerzman (Attackman), Calvin Fritsch (Midfielder), Carter Neu (Midfielder), Jacob Eich (Attackman) and Kacey Rice (Defense).

"We will also
have some strong
Juniors in Estin
Quill (Attackman),
Parker Beuning (Defense), Michael Bentley (Attackman) and
Ethan Anderson (Midfielder)," Kent says. "Our
Sophomore class is comparable to our senior class in numbers and upcoming talent. We
look to have them be solid

contributors."



Those athletes consisting of: Harrison Kent, Maxwell

Olson-Burkman, Noah Mc-Donald, Dylan Kolby, Adam Jurek, Caden Hartkopf, Brady Johnson and Ethan Duncome.

"Also, we are expecting Freshman Josh Miller to get varsity time," he said.

Monticello is Becker's biggest rival year-in and year-out.
"They were the team to

beat when we first started the program and it seems like we always match up well against them," Kent has dayaloned a

Kent has developed a love for the game of lacrosse and his study of the game has paid off for his players.

"Stick skills is probably

the most challenging aspect of lacrosse to coach," he says. "It is something that takes time to develop and at this level the boys have either put in the time or they haven't."

Kent says
the team will be
working heavily
regarding communication on
the field and
teamwork.
"With this
group, I don't

see effort being a problem," he says. "These young men are very self motivated - but we are not afraid to prod them a bit if needed."

COVID-19 threw a wrench in the boys lacrosse program, as it did for many

sports, causing numbers of participants to dwindle ever so slightly. But Kent is sure things will improve moving forward as the sport continues to expand at all levels.

"I believe the future for high school lacrosse is bright," Kent says. "It is very fast-paced, physical and exiting to watch and play. Lacrosse in general is growing - the off-season AAU type clubs are expanding, college lacrosse is growing and I saw a new professional league is in the works."

Kent says that in any high school program - the youth program is always important to keep numbers and quality up.

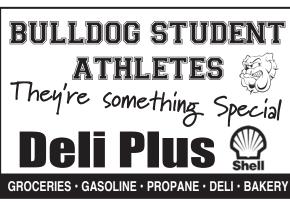
"We have a good youth program with some very dedicated parents, which will keep this program moving in the right direction," he says. "I think the next piece of the puzzle is to find someone involved in the school (teacher) who can step in and be a solid foundation for this high school program moving forward."

The boys lacrosse team will see their first taste of action next Thursday, April 15 when they host Waconia for a 6 p.m. match.













Bulldog softball team to rely on experience, tradition

By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

Entering his 19th year as head coach of the Becker girls softball team, Coach Jason Baune usually has a good idea what to expect from his teams as he enters each season. However, after last year's season never happened, Baune has a few more unanswered questions as his team prepares for its season opener scheduled for April 12 in Elk River.

"After missing last spring, we have really graduated two classes, so we will work hard early in the season to figure out our best offensive and defensive line-ups," says Baune, who will again be assisted by Matt O'Neill. "There will be some experimenting, but I'm confident that we have a strong group of athletes and they will accept a role that helps the team be successful."

Part of the reason for the optimism is the historical strength of Baune's program, which has consistently produced a high level of talent, including in 2019 when they finished 4th in state. It was Baune's sixth trip to state with the team overall.

Becker will begin its second stint in the Mississippi 8 Conference with some familiarity with the other teams, as they played against many of them in non conference games in 2019.

"Both the conference

"Both the conference and section are somewhat unknown after a year off," says Baune. "We played many of the M8 schools two years ago and were very successful with a 7-1 record, but two years later things may look very different."

The one certainty for

The one certainty for his team is that there will be plenty of athletes vying for time on the varsity, with as many 20 players in the mix for playing time after just the first week of practice.

A quartet of capable Captains will lead the cast, including Seniors Emma



THE BECKER BULLDOG SOFTBALL TEAM has a fieldhouse full of prospects who are each vying for playing time this season. Because there was not a season a year ago, 2021 will be about learning which players fit best in the lineup (Patriot photo by Mark Kolbinger).

Eickhoff (pitcher), Krista Paulson (shortstop) and Brooke Hendrickson (outfielder). Junior Cadence summer season and continued playing into the fall
... our parents also organized a dome team that played at SCSU this January and February," says

Baune. "That experience will be important."

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expects

pitching to be a strength of the team, with SCSU recruit Eickhoff leading the way. W e have been very fortunate to have some great pitching over the years and I think that tradition will continue this year," predicts Baune. "Eickhoff, Patnode, and [Sophomore Maddie] Sher-

compete in every game."

Offensively, he hopes there is enough talent there early to sustain the team until it accumulates more experience at the plate.

man will be a strong group

that will give us a chance to

"I think we'll have a strong top of our line-up and hopefully some of our younger athletes will get experience during the year and contribute to a solid batting line-up by playoff time," says the coach.

time," says the coach.

While his team has yet to set their official goals for the season, Baune expects that the girls will want to compete for a Mississippi 8 Conference title, while winning the section is al-

ways a team goal.

"Our teams have always had a lot of fun supporting each other and I'm sure that will continue this year," adds Baune.

In addition to the conference schedule, the team will face some excellent non conference foes in Elk River, Maple Grove and Eastview.

How it all comes together is the big question that Baune is hoping to answer in the early weeks of the season. As he and the team try to focus on the task at hand, he is hoping that the chance to finally set foot on the field will help the girls navigate the unknowns.

"Last year was a difficult year to miss because we had a very talented group of softball players and they were such a cohesive group, but I believe that this group has used the lost season as motivation and that they are even more determined to have a successful season," says Baune. "I hope that fan restrictions won't be too tight and that people can make it out to catch a game this spring! If they do, there's a

good chance the spectators will see the experienced players working hard to lead a new squad in creating another chapter in the Becker softball tradition.

Koste (catcher) was also named a captain and could share duties behind the plate with Makenna Zerwas. Other players returning with experience include Jenna Kringler and Kurstyn Patnode.

Baune rattled off a whole list of other potential candidates as he and the coaches work to get to know the talents of the team as soon as possible in preparation for the season.

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Despite not having a school season a year ago, the girls were still able to play summer ball and that experience will be counted on with this season's shortened spring training sched-

"Many of our girls were able to play part of a

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Bulldog wrestlers announce awards

By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

The Becker Bulldog wrestling team held its season ending banquet last week, with coaches Matt Aho and Jeff Zimmer celebrating the occasion with an entire booklet full of award winners, as the 20-21 team was the most successful in school history, posting an impressive 27-2 record. That's the most season wins in school history for a program that has an overall record of 415-318-3 since its varsity inception.

Following is a synopsis of some of the awards presented by the coaches.

Mississippi 8 Conference Awards: Conference Team Champions (7-0 record), Conference Academic Champions (3.65 team GPA); All Conference individuals: Kaden Nicolas, Dylan Kolby, Adam Jurek, Caden DeWall, Tyson

Ricker, Dylan Weber, Kylen Rish and Lukas Paulson. Honorable Mention: Bryce Kuschel, Landen Kuademic Gold State Team Award; 10 State Class AA preliminary place winners (since 1988, the team has



jawa and Drew May. State Awards: All State: Nicolas, Paulson, DeWall and Kuschel. Acsent 49 different wrestlers to State competition).

Career Awards: De-Wall's 26 pins this season ranks him second all-time in team history (Kent Backes had 28 pins in 2003); DeWall ranks 11th in program history with 120 career wins. Paulson's 82 career pins also rank second in team history (Backes had 100 in his career); Paulson ranks third in program history with 167b career wins (Kevin O'Brien and Robert Koranda each had 171).

2020-2021 Team Records: DeWall, Most points (211), most wins (36), most pins (26); Takedowns: Nicolas (108); Escapes: Jurek (38).

Individual Awards: Varsity Rookie of the Year: Nicolas; JV Most Improved: Ryan Nelson and Isaac Regal; Varsity Most Improved: Bryce Kuschel; JV Most Outstanding Wrestler: Joe Goth; Varsity Most Outstanding Wrestler: Caden DeWall.



Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following information was submitted by Adam Lumley).

Samantha Lumley has accomplished so much during her career as a wrestling trailblazer in a boys sport.

And she's only 12 years

Lumley, who wrestles in the 127-lb. weight class, is a two-time Minnesota USA State Champion in the 14U bracket. Last year, she pinned every competitor in every match she wrestled in in her

Lumley went uncontested this entire year meaning that at every wrestling meet, not a single opponent challenged her at her weight

Samantha is the daughter of Adam and Charlotte Lumley of Becker.



SAMANTHA LUMLEY posed with her bracket sheet and medal she earned at the MN/USA youth wrestling tournament three weeks ago. (Submitted Photo.)

Lumley a wrestling trailblazer Future of Becker/ Big Lake hockey



BECKER BIG LAKE YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (BBLYHA). Pictured: botttom row (left to right): Rourke Hansen, Jaxon Clark, Brynlee Clausen, Easton Martinson; middle row (left to right): Mya Gerads, Jayten Toulouse, Easton Tollefson; top row (left to right): Coach Mike Clausen, Coach Nathan Martinson. The team plays in Princeton. (Photo courtesy of

Make a statement: 3 comfortable yet stylish shoe trends to try in 2021

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While comfort will continue to reign supreme for clothing and accessories in 2021, when it comes to footwear, there are a variety of fun fashion trends that make a statement. The good news is that there's no need to overhaul your entire closet. And it's easier than ever to incorporate on-trend pieces into a comfortable and casual outfit.

According to Alyson Stanley, buyer for national retailer Rack Room Shoes, simple clothing choices paired with shoes featuring leopard print detailing, pops of pastel, or silver accents make getting dressed easy and fun. Whether walking around the neighborhood, enjoying a socially-distanced event, or leading a Zoom meeting, here are some tips on how to stay cozy and on-trend this year.

Animal **Prints:** In the past, mixing patterns was taboo, but according to Stanley, it's encouraged Sneakers, clogs, and casual shoes with animal print accents serve as a neutral accessory that can be mixed and paired with any item in the closet. Nike's Court Vision Low Sneaker puts a fun twist on cheetah print accents, while the adidas Puremotion Adapt is a stylish slip-on sneaker with a crisscross leopard print pat-

Metallic Accents: Athletic shoes featuring a hint of shine or iridescent details provide a versatile option for those getting their steps in or committing to fitness goals. Because

metallics such as rose gold, offer a touch of silver, gold,

silver, and gold can mesh with a broad range of color palettes and design styles, they are "the new neutral." For those on-the-go, athletic shoes such as the Nike Swift 2 and the Nike Court Vision are selections that

or platinum detailing.

Joyful Pastels and Playful Patterns: This season's footwear features a palette of cotton candy-inspired shades (think lavender, mint green, and bubblegum pink). The possibilities to incorporate these colors into this season's outfits are limitless. While you may know Crocs' classic clogs are surprisingly comfortable and functional, you may not be aware that they now come in many pastel-colored options such as mint, lilac, and a pattern featuring a baby blue shade swirled with cloud forms.

For all your family's footwear needs, visit rackroomshoes. com for online shopping or curbside pickup options.

"Though many of us are still spending the majority of the day working, exercising, and taking classes online from home, clothing and accessories still afford us the opportunity to express our unique style," says Stanley. "The

patterns and color trends for shoes in 2021 can bring joy to everyday outfits for the entire family."



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Lady Bulldogs to play for Class AAA state title

By Mark Kolbinger Contributing Writer

With a convincing 84-51 win Tuesday night in the state semifinals over the Hill Murray Pioneers, the Becker Lady Bulldogs have advanced to the state Class AAA title game. The title tilt was played Friday night (April 9) at 6 p.m. at the Target Center with the Bulldogs facing Marshall.

In the dominating win over the Pioneers, Becker raced to a 16-0 lead in the first seven minutes before Hill Murray finally scored its first points on a bank shot 3-point shot with 11:00 showing on the clock.

Becker's defense was stifling, both in the full court and half court, as the Pioneers had trouble at times inbounding the ball and advancing to their preferred half court offense.

The Bulldogs had an advantage in athleticism and ball handling and it was magnified by the fact the game was played at the Target Center, on a professional sized basketball court, which at 94 feet in length is 10 feet longer than a high school court.

'We are a dangerous team on a college-NBA court because our girls are skilled fundamentally and quick athletically," Head Coach Dan Baird said the next morning. "They put focus on top of that and last night is the result!"

Becker used the extra space to its advantage, winning the turnover battle 24-7, and didn't give the ball away for the first time until 9:59 was left in the first

Hill Murray came in averaging 63 points per game, while the Bulldogs scored at a pace of 84 per game this season and were able to match that total.

'Our girls were 100% on point and focused in practice this week," Baird "That effort trans-



THE BECKER LADY BULLDOGS saluted and waved to their fans and Hill Murray players after capturing a semifinal win over the Pioneers Tuesday night. The win catapulted the Bulldogs to the state title game against Marshall. (Photos captured from

lated to the game which was

Becker led 42-19 going into the break and then came out of the locker room and went on an 8-0 run to start the second half.

Just five minutes into the second half, Becker had extended its lead to 54-28 on a Maren Westin spin move and layup. Julia Bengtson then stole the ball on the defensive end of the court and went all the way for her own layup, which was followed by a Courtney Nuest layup off another Becker steal. HillMurray

called several timeouts, but each time Becker came out of the huddle with more intensity than their opponent and maintained control of the

"Our experience the last few years in the state tournament was also a factor," Baird said. "Hill Murray hadn't been there in awhile and I think that helped a lot."

Becker dominated in the fast break category, scoring 29 points to the Pioneers' 11, while the Bulldog bench also outscored its counterpart 28-5.

The contest was broadcast on Channel 45 and at the end of the game, Bengtson was named the Player of the Game for her 19 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds, as she narrowly missed a triple-double.

Adeline Kent added 18 points for the Bulldogs,

JULIA BENGTSON was named player of the game after scoring 19 points, dishing out 10 assists and pulling down seven rebounds.

Courtney Nuest and Maren Westin were also in double figures.

Overall, it was a cleanly played game with Bengtson attempting and converting all six of Becker's free throws (6-for-6), while the Pioneers attempted just five (making two).

Becker scoring: Adeline Kent 18, Courtney Nuest 13, Julia Bengtson 19, Megan Gamble 6, Maren Westin 13, Dani Nuest 9, Jackie Yoerg 2,

Quarterfinals

Ayla Brown 4.

The Bulldogs started the state tournament with a March 31 quarterfinal matchup against the Alexandria Cardinals in a game played at Perham High School. Becker used a huge turnover advantage en route to a 74-52 win.

"We did a nice job in this game only committing eight turnovers as a team and forcing 25," Head Coach Dan Baird said. "Our full court man press wore them down over time."

Becker's game was an all around gutsy performance, as they dominated the game statistically and on the scoreboard. They led 33-21 at halftime and then Senior Courtney Nuest took over to start the second half, helping to push the Bulldogs out of range of a possible Cardinals' comeback.

"Courtney Nuest scored 13 points and gave us a huge lift hitting two three's to start the second half," Baird said. "Ayla Brown scored 14 points for

us and was relentless at attacking the basket."

Despite the Cardinals' height advantage, Becker was relentless on the glass and came away with a 34-30 rebounding advantage, led by Julia Bengtson's nine

Becker's defensive strategy was to contain Alexandria's Mataya Hoelscher and Jaya Hatlestad, with the idea that the rest of the Cardinals wouldn't be able to pick up the offensive slack. The plan worked to perfection, as those two players combined for just seven points. 'Jules [Bengtson] did a

nice job holding Hoelscher to four points, and Addy [Kent] held Hatlestad to three," Baird said. "This was key for our team, because we knew the other players weren't going to be able to create enough offense to beat us." Overall, Baird was im-

pressed with his team's performance and energy during the win, which propelled them into the state semifi-"Our girls' effort level

was through the roof which was nice to see," Baird said. The win set up Beck-

er's matchup with #1 seed Hill Murray on Tuesday at the Target Center. The game was Becker's second consecutive trip to the state semifinals and it

also completed the "Arena Trifecta" for the Lady Bull-"It's pretty exciting that our girls get to experience Target Center," Baird said. "We've seen Maturi Pavil-

ion, Williams arena, and now Target Center." Becker scoring: Adeline Kent 12, Maren Westin 5. Alayna Lindquist 6, Courtney Nuest 13, Julia Bengtson 9 (9 rebounds, 6 assists), Dani Nuest 7, Megan Gamble 4, Jackie

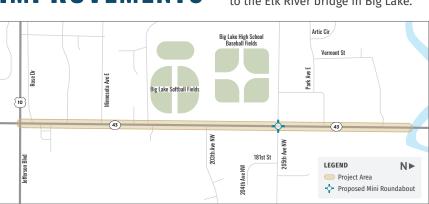
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Sierra Club makes demands of Xcel Energy

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following (partial) article was submitted as a press release by the Sierra Club).

Last week, community members from across Central Minnesota held a press conference demanding that Xcel Energy commit to 100% clean, renewable energy, to express opposition to building a new fossil gas plant and gas pipeline in Becker, and to remind the utility that Minnesotans are not fossil fools.

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Campus News

Marshall, MN - Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) announces 2020 Fall Semester Dean's Lists to the following students: Kiera Larson, Elk River with High Honors; Gladys Morara, Otsego with High Honors and Jennifer Neuman, Clear Lake with Honors. Winona, MN - Winona State University announces the Dean's List for Fall Semester 2020 to

the following Becker students: Briana Baumgartner, Allison Hendrickson, Arin Hendrickson, Kaitlyn Janisch, Bailee Thorson, Renee Tripp and Brinley Zoller; the following Big Lake students: Maggie Beuning, Deanna Kopis, Nickolas Roden and Amanda Scherber; the following Clear Lake students: Allison Loken and Devon Schlangen; and Otto Klaverkamp of Clearwa-

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Announcements

Becker American Legion Auxiliary

Meetings are held the second Tues, of every month at the old fire hall in Becker, 7 pm. Paula Hinds (763) 262-6679.

Becker

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

Becker AA Meeting

Area 35 Alcoholics Anonymous District 5 meets Thurs. at 8 pm at Church of Mary of the Visitation, 12100 Sherburne Ave., Becker. Steve (612) 889-1000.

Becker Boy Scout Pack 92 Cardboard.

Paper & Aluminum Bring your aluminum cans to the trailer located near Becker True Value & paper & cardboard recyclables to the dumpsters near the same location the first Sat. of every month. There will be a Scout there to help unload between 9 am-12 pm.

Becker Evangelical Ministries

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

Becker Free Church (763) 261-4125 or register online at WWW. BECKERFREECHURCH.ORG (under Youth Connection click "Event Registration").

Becker Food Shelf

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

Becker Lions Club

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

Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle

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

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

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.beyondtheyellow ribbon.org.

Big Lake American Legion Post #147

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

Big Lake OPEN **AA** Meetings

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

Big Lake Al-Anon

Meetings held Mon., 7pm by ZOOM. Please contact Laurie, (763) 218-5330 for more information & meeting log-in. Newcomers encourwe are a very welcoming

The Big Lake American Legion Auxiliary

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

Big Lake Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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

Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee

Meets Second Tues, of each month at 11 a.m. Meetings via Zoom due to COVID. Contact Recreation & Communication Coordinator Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331 for meeting links or questions on the Committee Website: https://www.biglakemn.org/443/ Big-Lake-Bicycle-Advisory-Commit-

Big Lake Community Food Shelf

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

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)

Big Lake Lioness

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

Big Lake Lioness - May Day

Our club has been meeting the second Mon. of the month [with mask mandate & social distancing] & continues to review upcoming events/ projects that can safely be done.

We will be highlighting our seniors on MAY DAY by delivering May Baskets to local seniors in Big

Big Lake Lioness Club Sponsors HS Seniors

Seniors have completed their applications & essays for scholarships from local organizations. Two \$1000 scholarships to two lucky seniors to help with their educational needs. Seniors interested in applying for the scholarship must write a 100 word essay on what 'Community Service Means to Me'. Essays are carefully chosen by two members of the Lioness Club to reflect the subject matter & announced at graduation ceremo-

Big Lake Lioness Election for Officers

In April the club will elect new officers and in May the District Governor of 5M7 will install those officers. As June rolls around, we await the official word on Spud Fest and its activities. We all hope for a safer and healthier summer for everyone!

Big Lake Women of Today

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

Clear Lake Legion

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

Clearwater AA/Al-Anon

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

Clearwater AA Meeting

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

Clearwater Legion

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

Clearwater/Clear Lake Food Shelf Open Mon. 5:30-7 pm, Tues.

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

Clearwater **Narcotics Anonymous**

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

Dementia Support Group

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

FREE - Advocates for Independence

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

Free Grace Recovery

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

FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

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

2021 Community Breakfast FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST SILENT AUCTION

Sun., Apr. 25, Jack & Jim's Event Center in Duelm. 9am-12:30pm, \$12 age 13+ (\$10 for seniors), \$6 children 12 & under; age 3 & under free. In person and pre-order drive in pick up available. All COVID-19 mandate guidelines will be followed.

Pre-Order your breakfast by April 11th by calling St. John's Area School 320-968-7972. Proceeds will be used to benefit St. John's Area School.

God's Grub Community Meal

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

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

We meet the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Saron Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309. Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at (763) 350-7401.

Lynden Township Cleanup Day April 24th New Location!

Cleanup Day on Apr. 24, 8-11 am, Clearwater Township Hall (south of Clearwater on Hwy 24). Open to all Lynden Twp. residents; you must be in line by 11 am. Call or text Supervisor Tom Plaggerman at (320) 266-1561 with questions.

Mental Health **Discussion Group**

Meets Mon., 6-7 pm at Indepen-

dent Lifestyles, 215 N. Benton Dr., Sauk Rapids. This is a free group, everyone is welcome. Ricky (320) 281-2025.

Parkinson's Disease **Support Group**

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

Rivers of Hope

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

Santiago Township Annual Clean Up Day (Santiago Residents Only)

Sat., Apr. 24, 8am-12pm, Centra Sota, Santiago, MN. Must have proof of residency. volunteers needed Sheely Jehoich 763-662-2012.

Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events Hymn sings are held every other

month on the second Sun. at 4:30 pm. Check Snake River Church FaceBook page for updates. Sat., May 8, 10 am -2 pm spring sale. Plants, baked goods & souns for sale.

5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker, Mary (612) 219-8648.

Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent

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Wright County **Community Action**

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Young @ Heart

Group meeting at Rejoice Lutheran Church in Clearwater, will be canceled until further notice. We will wait until the state allows churches & other gatherings to begin & then look at our group & make a decision.

Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC is **BACK!**

BASC 763-528-0643

Email: basc.becker@gmail.com

Apr. 16: Lunch on the Run at the Brickyard, Clear Lake at

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RSVP / The Volunteer Bridge Computer Volunteer with Senior Community Services Help other older adults with basic tech issues on their smart devices.

This position will be done in person within Elk River approximately 2-4 hours a week. Basic knowledge of smart devices is required for this position. As this position is in person, wearing a mask is required, as well as ability to maintain social distancing guidelines.

Medical Alert Service Volunteer with CentraCare Volunteers assist the Medical Alert Service department with trans-

porting equipment and paperwork between Medical Alert Service and subscriber's homes. Volunteers are needed to drop equipment off in the Becker and Monticello areas, with flexible weekly scheduling of 2 – 4 hours a week. Training and mileage are provided! **Driver with Great River Faith in Action**

Especially now, people in the community struggle to get to and from medical and social services appointments. This is a great opportunity to help in driving individuals who just need a little help getting where they need to go. If you have a car and the time, this flexible position is perfect for you.

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

RSVP Volunteer Program 763-635-4505 heather.brooks@ci.stcloud.mn.usSherburneUnitedWay.org/Volunteer

May - Sherburne County Health & Human Services -Classes are as follows:

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) is for women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, recently had a baby, infants and children to their 5th birthday. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding support, healthy foods and referrals to health services/community resources. The service is free, and you or your children may be eligible. For more information, please call 763-765-4116 or 1-800-433-5239, or check out the website http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/hhs/wic.php. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in the administration of its programs. WIC is an equal opportunity provider. opportunity provider.

Immunization Tuesdays Sherburne County's Immunization Clinic offers free or low cost immunizations for children 18 years of age or younger and uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years and older in Minnesota who meet eligibility guidelines on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment or more information, 763-765-4000 or 1-800-433-5239.

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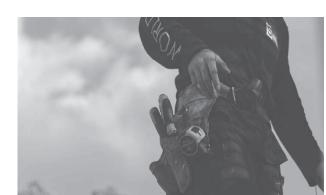
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Becker Baptist Church

Senior Pastor: Nathan Bucher, Youth Pastor: Kevin Drehmel, Director of Ministry to Children & Families: Amy Drehmel. 11951 Hancock Street, Becker • (763) 261-4202 Sunday Worship Service/Children's Church at 10:30 am - attend in person

or watch live stream. Children's AWANA & Momentum Youth Group on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. www.beckerbaptist.org. Find us on social media. Becker Evangelical Free Church

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

Teaching/Fellowship 10am.

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church

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

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

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God

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

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

• BIG LAKE Acts Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church

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

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

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

SVEA Hill Covenant Church

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

Worship 10am. Cornerstone Baptist Church

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

(ELCA) in Orrock 763-263-7990. www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com.

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

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church
Pastor: Marty Mably, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun.

8am & 10am.

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

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

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

9:30am, indoors or livestream.

SANTIAGO

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

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

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

(ELCA) - Ronneby Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun.

Worship 10am. Glendorado Evangelical

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

CLEAR LAKE

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

Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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

St. Marcus Catholic Church Father: Joseph Backowski, 320-743-2481, 8701 Main Ave. Services: Sat. Confessions 4:15pm, Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Jan-June 8am, July-Dec. 10am.

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

• CLEARWATER

Methodist Church Pastor: Alison Hendley, 320-558-2581, 405 Main St. Services: Sun. Wor-

ship 9:30am. Freedom Bible Church

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

Pastor: Jim Bump, 320-558-6851, 1155 County Road 75. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30am. Church of St. Luke
Father: Dennis Backer, 320-558-2124, 17545 Huber Ave NW. Services:

Sat. Mass 5pm, Sun. Mass 8am & 10am, Weekday Mass Tues.-Fri. 8am/ Sat. 9am. Tri-County Alliance Church
Pastor: David Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

SILVER CREEK

Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor: Ken Tatkenhorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services:

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MARY ANN SKELTON, AGE 81 **CLEARWATER MN AUGUST 19, 1939 - APRIL 2, 2021**

April 2 ,2021 at the age of 81.

A Memorial service will be held at Living Waters Church in Clear Lake MN, at 2pm on April 30.

Mary was born August 19, 1939 in St Cloud to Joseph and Elizabeth Czech. She married Charles Skelton in St Cloud MN and shortly

after they settled in Clearwater MN where she spent her time being a wife of 60 plus years and a mother as well as doing volunteer work for home health and Seniors. Mary loved cooking for her family and friends and enjoyed her many flower gardens as well as appreciating every beautiful sunset she watched from her yard. She attended Living Waters Church in Clear Lake

Mary went to heaven on Minnesota with her husband

She enjoyed spending time with family, grandchildren friends and neighbors and many visitors that stopped to enjoy her won-

derful yard. Mary survived by husband, Charles and her children

daughter in-law (Carrie) and Brother Martin Czech and many grandchildren and great grandchildren Mary was preceded in death by her; parents, brothers

Sam Skelton, Joe Skelton,

Herman and Martha Mary is loved, and will be missed by many, until we see her again in Heaven.

and sister Claude, Anthony,

Bernard, Sylvester, Frank,

DAVID "JERRY" STORMS, AGE 66 JULY 12, 1954 - MARCH 29, 2021

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the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in St. Cloud for Jerry Storms, 66 who died suddenly Monday at the St. Cloud Hospital. Rev. The Jerry Dalseth officiated. Burial will be

at a later date at St. Mary's Help of Christians Cemetery in St. Augusta. Visitation was Tuesday at the funeral home in St. Cloud.

Jerry was born July 12, 1954 in St. Cloud to David C. & Rita C. (Kemper) Storms. He owned and operated multiple trucking companies over the years including Stormy Transport and most recently Topline Logistics. He is a member of St. Mary's Help of Christian Catholic Church in St. Augusta and was active and supportive at the St. Au-

Memorial services were gusta American Legion. Jerry Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at was a friend to everybody;

> he was always energetic and the life of the party. He was good hearted and always willing to help out everyone, he was a loyal friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Survivors

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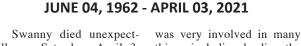
nificant other, Julie Salzer, sister, Janel (Fred) Schaefer of Annandale; brother, Jeff of Clearwater; nephew and nieces, Joe (Erin) Schaefer of Houston, TX; Sarah (Tyler) Gerads of Annandale; Andrea Storms of Kristiansand, Norway; great niece, Kenlie

Kinsley. He was preceded in death by his parents, and infant sister, Mary.

Schaefer. Julies extended

family, Niki (Chad) Studenski,

Bob Czech, Oliver, Kuree, and



JONATHAN "SWANNY" CLARK SWANSON

AGE 58, RAMSEY, MN

on Satu

2021 while playing golf at the Chaska Town Course, in Chaska. MN. He was a Quarter Century member of the PGA of America.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday

April 12, 2021, at 11:00 AM at St. Hubert Catholic Community Church, 8201 Main Street, Chanhassen, MN, with Father Aric Aamodt presiding. Family will receive friends on Sunday, April 11, 2021, from 4 - 7 PM at the Bertas Funeral Home, 200 W. 3rd St., Chaska. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the family. The service will be livestreamed on

www.sthubert.org.
Jon "Swanny" was born June 4, 1962 in Mankato, MN, to Dennis and Tracy (Du-Toit) Swanson, one of three children. Jon graduated from Chaska High School in 1980 and then went on to play Division 1 Golf and receive his Bachelor's Degree at North Texas State University in Denton, TX. On February 15, 1992 he married Kathy Nelson at St. Hubert's Catholic Community Church in Chanhassen. They had two children, Matt and Lauryn. Jon was Head Golf Professional at Purple Hawk Country Club in Cambridge, MN for 18 years.

He was currently serving as Director of Business Development at Minnco Credit Union in Cambridge where he worked for the past 12 years. He loved his job at Minnco for it gave him the opportunity to help so many people in his community and of course gave him weekends off so he could play more golf. He

Minnco Foundation, BNI, Cambridge Lions, Bluejacket Hoop Boosters and many more. He loved to golf with family and friends, he was an avid reader. He was a huge fan of all sports and could often

be found glued

to the TV watching the Golf Channel. He loved coaching both Matt and Lauryn in basketball and golf and never missed a game. He was always their number one fan in the stands and on the sidelines. He will be forever remembered as a gentle soul with the kindest heart and always one of the good guys. Those beautiful traits will live on through his children, wife and every life

that he touched. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, DeWayne Nelson. Survivors include his loving wife of 29 years, Kathy; children, Matt Swanson of Chesterfield, MO, Lauryn Swanson of Ramsey, MN; parents, Denny and Tracy Swanson of Chaska; sisters, Mary (Joe) Comer of Chanhassen, Katie (Chris) Brown of Chaska; mother-in-law, Rita Nelson of Eden Prairie; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mike (Michelle) Nelson of Albuquerque, NM, Yvonne (Bruce) Geske of Excelsior, Dave (Laura) Nelson of Hastings, Mark (Melissa) Nelson of Apple Valley,

Mary (Rob) Simon of Brooklyn Park; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Please keep the family in your prayers as they navigate their lives without their husband, dad, son, and brother.





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Assumed Names

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business. ASSUMED NAME:

Carmies Creations PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-NESS: 231 LEIGHTON DR APT 2 Big Lake MN 55309 USA NAMEHOLDER(S):

CARMEN ELIZABETH DEN-ZER

Address

231 LEIGHTON DR APT 2 BIG LAKE MN 55309 USA If you submit an attachment,

it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment. By typing my name, I, the

undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required1 or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who Has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath. SIGNED BY: Carmen E Denzer MAILING ADDRESS:

231 LEIGHTON DR APT 2 Big Lake MN 55309

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NO-TICES: wigglenotjiggle@gmail. Work Item: 1222523400026

Original File 1222523400026 STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State **Certificate of Assumed Name** Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business. ASSUMED NAME: Healing Spirit Massage

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSI-NESS: 12390 Sherburne Ave NAMEHOLDER(S): Kristen Rose Lindenfelser

15303 97th St SE Becker MN 55308 USA

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

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required1 or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who Has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath. SIGNED BY: Kristen Linden-

MAILING ADDRESS: 15303 97th St SE Becker MN 55308 EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NO-TICES: kristenl@izoom.net Work Item: 1226471400021 Original File

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/s/ Steve Simon

Secretary of State (Published in the Patriot: 04/10/21; 04/17/21).

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State **Assumed Name** Amendment to Assumed Name

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333 The filing of an assumed

name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business. List the exact assumed name

under which the business is or will be conducted: (Required)

Bowermaster & Associates In-Principal Place of Business: (Re-

501 Office Center Dr., Suite 215 Fort Washington PA 119034

List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address: (Required) Attach additional sheets if necessary

Patriot Growth Insurance Services, LLC 501 Office Center Dr., Suite 215 Fort Washington PA 19034 This certificate is an amendment

of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: 1201675000020 Originally filed on: 12/18/2020 Under the name (list the previous business name only if you are

amending the business name: Bowermaster & Associates Insurance Services

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

Date: 4/1/2021

A signature of one nameholder listed or an Authorized Agent (The signing party must indicate on the document that they are acting as the agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required and that they have been authorized to sign on behalf of that person(s).) is required. Ian Larson, Secretary

Print Name and Title Work Item 1228714000026 File Original Number 1201675000020 STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Secretary of State (Published in the Patriot: 04/10/21; 04/17/21).

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association (henceforth the Declaration) dated August 11, 2003 and recorded in the office of the County Recorder in and for Sherburne County. Minnesota on August 18, 2003 as Document No. 518022 which said Lien covers the following described property situated in the County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 10, Harrison's Cove, CIC No. 39, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Sherburne County Recorder. Street Address: 677 Independence Drive, Big Lake, MN PID #65-520-1008

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of the date of this Notice by Nicole Nelson as unit owner to Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association, the principal amount of Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-five Dollars and No/100 (\$3,255.00) for assessments through March, 2021; and no action being now pending at law or otherwise to recover said debt or any part thereof, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Declaration, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale created by statute, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said premises with the hereditaments and appurtenances, which said sale will be made by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota at Sheriff's Main Reception in the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Dr. NW, Suite 100, in the City of Elk River in said County on June 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due for said assessments, together with the costs of foreclosure, including attorney=s fees as allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owner, her personal representatives or assigns, is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VA-CATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on December 3, 2021. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m. Dated: March 17, 2021 HARRISON'S COVE HOME-

OWNERS ASSOCIATION FULLER, SEAVER & SWAN-SON, P.A.

/s/ Timothy D. Fuller 32694 12400 Portland Avenue South, Suite 132 Burnsville, MN 55337 (952) 890-0888

Attorneys for Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association (Published in the *Patriot*: 03/20/21; 03/27/21; 04/03/21; 04/10/21; 04/17/21; 04/24/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA Probates

DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 71-PR-21-2 **Case Type: Informal Probate**

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

In RE the Estate of: Dorothy Collen White aka Dorothy C White

Decedent (Deceased Person) TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

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

Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following: Name:

Rebecca Jane White Gerlach Address: 4458 234th Lane NW, St. Francis

MN 55070 As Personal Representative

of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred. Date: March 1, 2021

/s/ Patricia A Kuka Court Administrator (Published in the Patriot: 04/10/21; 04/17/21).

Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 71-CV-21-210 Case Type: Consumer Credit Contract SUMMONS

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, **Plaintiff**

HAROLD MOORE 11981 191 ½ AVE APT 106 ELK RIVER MN 55330,

Defendant THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO EACH OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFEN-DANT

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Sum-

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR **RIGHTS.** You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who

signed this Summons located at: STEW ART, ZLIMEN & JUNGERS, LTD. 2860 Patton Road Roseville MN 55113

Phone 651-366-6380 Fax 651-

366-6381 3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint. 5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE **RESOLUTION.** The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dis-

Dated: 11/20/2020 STEWART, ZLIMEN & HUNGERS, LTD.

/s/ Kristine M Spiegelberg Nelson Brad D Welp, #0344497 Michael P Arthur, #0397956 Kristine M Spiegelberg Nelson, #0308845

Attorneys for Plaintiff Phone: 651-366-6380 Email: szj@szjlaw.com (Published in the Patriot: 04/03/21; 04/10/21; 04/17/21).

3 Lake Notice

3 LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 4180 105TH AVE Box C Clear Lake, MN 55319

April 7st 2021 Dear District Property Own-

The "3 LAKE IM-PROVEMENT DISTRICT" (3 LAKE LID) has contracted to treat curly-leaf pondweed and/ or Eurasian watermilfoil for Lake's Briggs, Julia and Rush in 2020. The Minnesota Depart-

ment of Natural Resources has granted to the lake association a waiver of the requirement that the association obtain the signatures of approval of owners of lake-shore property. Instead, the lake association will notify property owners of the treatment through alternate form[s]. This announcement is one form that the 3 Lake LID is using to notify property owners. Other forms include notification on the 3 Lake LID web page, https:// briggslakechainassociation. com/3-lake-lid, and Briggs Lake Chain Association (BLCA) Newsletters.

With regard to the treatment for this year, proposed between March through August, 2021:

- 1. The target species for the treatment: Curley-Leaf & Eurasian watermilfoil
- 2. The method of control or product being used: Endothall & 2-4D treatment near 3. How landowners my re-
- quest that control not occur adjacent to the landowner's property: a. If you desire that the treat-
- ment not occur adjacent to your property shore, please inform the TLID at: TLID 4180 105th AVE Box C, Clear Lake, MN 55319 immediately using US Mail.

3 Lake Improvement District Board of Directors

(Deadline for response April 13th 2021 (Published in the Patriot:

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Township Public Notices

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Baldwin Township 125th Overlay BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Supervisors of the Baldwin Township will receive Bids at the Town Hall of Baldwin Township, 30329 128th Street, Princeton, MN 55371 until 10:00 A.M. on April 19th, 2021 for:

Estimated Quantities

Cathy Stevens

Mill Bituminous 3.049 SY Shouldering Aggregate Class 6B 154 TON 1,911 TON 9.5 Wearing Course Mixture Topsoil Borrow and other necessary Appurtenances,

according to plans and specifications as prepared by Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308. Copies of the plans and specifications can be obtained at Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN

55308 or by contacting wdavis@bogart-pederson.com. All bids shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond, or certified check payable to the order of Becker

Township for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid. The Township Supervisors reserve the right to reject all bids or any alternatives; to hold bids for sixty (60) days; to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township Supervisors, serves the best

interest of the Townships; and to waive any minor irregularities. The bids will be opened on April 19th, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall of Baldwin. The bids will be considered by the Township Supervisors at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. on April 19th, 2021 for Baldwin Township.

Township Clerk (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/03/21; 04/10/21).

BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ISSUANCE OF FRANCHISE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of Big Lake Township ("Big Lake Township") of their intent to consider issuance of a competitive franchise. This notice is given in accordance with Minnesota

The application requirements are set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 238.081, subd. 4. In addition: 1. Applications in response to this Notice must be submitted to Big

Lake Township by 3:00 p.m., April 19, 2021. 2. Applications must be in writing, notarized, and consistent with the application requirements. Applicants must submit an original

and two copies of the application. 3. Each application shall be submitted along with an application fee of \$10,000.00, in the form of a certified check made payable to the Big Lake Township. Applicants will be required to reimburse any expenses not covered by the application fee.

4. The original application, one copy, and the application fee must be submitted to Town of Big Lake, PO Box 75, Big Lake, MN 55309. One copy of the application must be mailed or delivered to Robert J.V. Vose, Esq., Kennedy & Graven, 150 South 5th Street, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

5. Applicants are requested to be present at a public hearing before the Big Lake Township Board beginning at 6:00 p.m. on April

6. The minimum system design and services to be offered are reflected in the Big Lake Township's Ordinance 1010 - Cable Ordi-7. Upon review of the application(s) and completion of the public

hearing, the Big Lake Township Board will make a recommendation regarding award of franchises. Such recommendation shall be based on applicable law and the record including the application, information provided by the applicant, and other relevant information received by Big Lake Township including the results of any negotiations with applicant(s) and any information submitted by the incumbent franchise company. 8. In no event will submission of a conforming application entitle

any applicant to grant of a franchise. Big Lake Township expressly reserves the right to reject both conforming and non-conforming 9. Any successful applicant(s) will be required to accept the fran-

chise granted within thirty (30) days after adoption. 10. Any questions concerning applications should be directed to Robert J.V. Vose, Esq., Kennedy & Graven, 150 South 5th Street, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55402; telephone (612) 337-9275; e-mail: rvose@kennedy-graven.com

Date: March 24, 2021. (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/03/21; 04/10/21).

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Livonia Township 239th Overlay LIVONIA TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN The Supervisors of the Livonia Township will receive Bids at

the Town Hall of Livonia Township, 11162 265th Ave, PO Box 388, Zimmerman, MN 55398 until 10:00 A.M. on April 26th, 2021 for: **Estimated Quantities** Mill Bituminous Shouldering Aggregate Class 6B 722 TON

2,135 TON 9.5 Wearing Course Mixture and other necessary Appurtenances, according to plans and specifications as prepared by Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308.

Copies of the plans and specifications can be obtained at Bo-

gart, Pederson & Associates, Înc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308 or by contacting wdavis@bogart-pederson.com. All bids shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond, or certified check payable to the order of Becker

Township for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid. The Township Supervisors reserve the right to reject all bids or any alternatives; to hold bids for sixty (60) days; to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township Supervisors, serves the best interest of the Townships; and to waive any minor irregularities.

The bids will be opened on April 26th, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall of Livonia. The bids will be considered by the Township Supervisors at the

Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. on April 26th, 2021 for Livonia Township. Jody Hammre Township Clerk

(Published in the *Patriot*: 04/03/21; 04/10/21).

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Livonia Township 2021 Projects LIVONIA TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Supervisors of the Livonia Township will receive Bids at the Town Hall of Livonia Township, 11162 265th Ave, PO Box 388, Zimmerman, MN 55398 until 10:00 A.M. on April 26th, 2021 for: **Estimated Quantities**

Mill Bituminous 4.800 SY 1.274 TON Class 5 Aggregate 522 TON 9.5 Wearing Course Mixture 12.5 Wearing Course Mixture **301 TON** and other necessary Appurtenances,

erson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308. Copies of the plans and specifications can be obtained at Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308 or by contacting wdavis@bogart-pederson.com.

according to plans and specifications as prepared by Bogart, Ped-

All bids shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond, or certified check payable to the order of Becker Township for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid. The Township Supervisors reserve the right to reject all bids or any alternatives; to hold bids for sixty (60) days; to accept any bid

interest of the Townships; and to waive any minor irregularities. The bids will be opened on April 26th, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall of Livonia.

which, in the opinion of the Township Supervisors, serves the best

The bids will be considered by the Township Supervisors at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. on April 26th, 2021 for Livonia Township. Jody Hammre

Township Clerk (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/03/21; 04/10/21).

City Public Notices

Becker 2020 Drinking Water Report

Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: four wells ranging from 53 to 61 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian and Quaternary Water Table aquifers.

Becker works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Jeremy Halvorson, Water Supervisor, at 612-290-1098 or water@ci.becker.mn.us if you have questions about Becker's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking

water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 800 426 4791. **Becker Monitoring Results**

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2020.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html).

How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through

Some contaminants are monitored regularly throughout the year, and rolling (or moving) annual averages are used to manage compliance. Because of this averaging, there are times where the Range of Detected Test Results for the calendar year is lower than the Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result, because it occurred in the previous calendar vear.

Definitions

- AL (Action Level): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- EPA: Environmental Protection Agency
- MCL (Maximum contaminant level): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology
- MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level): The highest
- level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal): The level
- of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- N/A (Not applicable): Does not apply. ppb (parts per billion): One part per billion in water is like one
- drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (μg/l). ppm (parts per million): One part per million is like one drop in
- one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l).
- **PWSID**: Public water system identification. Monitoring Results - Regulated Substances

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Action Level	Results Were Less	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb		0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.92 ppm	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS - Tested in drinking water.

Contaminar	it EPA's	EPA's	Highest	Range of	Violation	Typical
(Date, if	Ideal	Limit	Average	Detected		Sources
sampled in	Goal	(MCL)	or	Test		
previous	(MCLG)		Highest	Results		
year)			Single			
			Test			
			Result			

Vitrate 10 ppm 10.4 5.8 ppm 1.10 -Runoff ppm 5.80 ppm from fertilizer Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits Discharge Barium 2 ppm 0.09 N/A (12/06/16) of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)

Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 parts per million is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION - Tested in drinking water.

Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	Ideal	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalo- methanes (TTHMs)	N/A	80 ррь	15.6 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	N/A	60 ppb	5.4 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.88 ppm	0.76 - 0.99 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAA5

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Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.93 ppm	0.89 - 0.98 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water ad- ditive to promote strong teeth.

Monitoring Results – Unregulated Substances

In addition to testing drinking water for contaminants regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, we sometimes also monitor for contaminants that are not regulated. Unregulated contaminants do not have legal limits for drinking water.

Detection alone of a regulated or unregulated contaminant should not cause concern. The meaning of a detection should be determined considering current health effects information. We are often still learning about the health effects, so this information can change over time. The following table shows the unregulated contaminants we de-

tected last year, as well as human-health based guidance values for comparison, where available. The comparison values are based only on potential health impacts and do not consider our ability to measure contaminants at very low concentrations or the cost and technology of prevention and/or treatment. They may be set at levels that are costly, challenging, or impossible for water systems to meet (for example, large-scale treatment technology may not exist for a given contami-

A person drinking water with a contaminant at or below the comparison value would be at little or no risk for harmful health effects. If the level of a contaminant is above the comparison value, people of a certain age or with special health conditions - like a fetus, infants, children, elderly, and people with impaired immunity – may need to take extra precautions. Because these contaminants are unregulated, EPA and MDH require no particular action based on detection of an unregulated contaminant. We are notifying you of the unregulated contaminants we have detected as a public education opportunity.

More information is available on MDH's A-Z List of Contaminants in Water (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/index.html) and Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 4) (https://www.health. state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html).

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.

Contaminant	Comparison Value	Highest Average Result or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results
Sodium*	20 ppm	36.9 ppm	N/A
Sulfate	500 ppm	17.4 ppm	N/A

*Note that home water softening can increase the level of sodium in

vour water

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 800 426 4791.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water **Drinking Water Sources**

nesota's drinking water.

Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Min-

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges
- unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties. Organic chemical contaminants include synthetic and volatile

Pesticides and herbicides are chemicals used to reduce or kill

- organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems. Radioactive contaminants such as radium, thorium, and uranium
- isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production. The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your

drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including: How Becker is protecting your drinking water source(s);

- Nearby threats to your drinking water sources;
- How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed. Find your source water assessment at Source Water Assessments

(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/ swa) or call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water

You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Becker is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings. Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking

Let the water run for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking

- or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home. You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting
 - your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/ npr-find-lead-pipes-in-vour-home The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it
 - run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure. Use cold water for drinking, making food, and making baby for-
- mula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water. **Test your water**. In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange
 - portant if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water. Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample: Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (https://

with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is im-

eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam) The Minnesota Department of Health can help you under-

stand your test results. Treat your water if a test shows your water has high levels of

- lead after you let the water run. Read about water treatment units:
 - Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction
- (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/ water/factsheet/poulead.html) Learn more: Visit Lead in Drinking Water (https://www.health.state.mn.us/

- communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html) Visit Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (http://
- www.epa.gov/safewater/lead) Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 800 426 4791.To
- learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ environment/lead/sources.html).

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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, April 26, 2021 at the Becker City Hall, 12060 Sherburne Avenue. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearing at this meeting: Approximately 6:00 p.m.: Public Hearing for an Interim

Use Permit on a property located in the City of Becker. Applicant, Becker Youth Baseball, and owner, City of Becker, has submitted an application for an Interim Use Permit for the property known as the Becker Athletic Complex (PID 60-483-0110) in order to temporarily place a shipping container for equipment storage on the above described property for a period of no longer than nine (9) months in the City of Becker. Following the above public hearing: Public Hearing for

Chapter 11 T-Town Zoning Code Amendments to the City of Becker Land Use Regulation (Zoning) ordinance. Edits proposed include T-Town Zoning District language changes in Chapter 11 Section 11.42 Subdivisions 4-9. Following the above public hearing: Public Hearing for

Chapter 11 Home Occupation Code Amendments to the City of Becker Land Use Regulation (Zoning) ordinance. Proposed edits include Chapter 11 Sections 11.02, 11.31 Subd. 3J, 11.32 Subd. 3C, 11.33 Subd. 3E, 11.35 Subd. 2E, 11.38 Subd. 3D. Adjacent sections may be renumbered as space is made for an Interim Use Section in Zoning Districts.

Anyone interested in this issue is encouraged to attend and comment at the Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Mary Roe at P.O. Box 250, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to mroe@ci.becker.mn.us by 4:30 p.m. April 26, 2021.

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Ordinance No. 231, 2nd Series Summary AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 10.48 TO **CHAPTER 10** IN CITY CODE ADDRESSING TARGETED PICKETING

IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS. 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 2, Public Protection, Crimes and Offenses

Section 10.48 TARGETED PICKETING IN RESIDENTIAL

NEIGHBORHOODS Subd. 1. Purpose

Subd. 2. Definitions

Subd. 3. Prohibited Activity

Subd. 4. Violation / Penalty Subd. 5. Severability

This ordinance prohibits the targeted picketing of a residential building.

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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SHERIFF & POLICE REPORTS are posted on our website: www.patriotnewsmn.co

Township Public Notices

Town of Becker Sherburne County, Minnesota NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Becker Town Board will hold

their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021 at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street. The Town Board will hold public hearings regarding the following: 7:10 p.m. Franchise Ordinance - The Town Board will hold

a public hearing to include franchises within the Becker Township Ordinances. Anyone interested in this item is encouraged to attend and

comment at the Public Hearing. If remote attendance is desired due to the current Peacetime State of Emergency and Pandemic Declarations, please contact the Clerk prior to the public hearing and remote access will be made available. If you plan to attend in person, please notify the clerk prior to the meeting as social distancing protocols are being followed and limited in person seating is available. If you are unable to attend please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at PO Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by e-mail to clerk@beckertownship.org by 4:00 p.m. on April 19, 2021. Thank you.

Lucinda Messman Becker Township Clerk

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Sherburne County Public Motices

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners March 16, 2021 - County Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Consent Agenda

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session on March 16, 2021, at the Sherburne County Government Center in the City of Elk River, MN. Call to order by the Chair was

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance. Approval of Regular Meeting Proposed Agenda.

Schmiesing/Burandt unanimous to approve Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Fobbe/Burandt unanimous to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Approved County Board Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2021.

Modification to County Attorney PT Office Assistant Position from 20 Hours to 28 Hours. Attorney

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney

Approved adding 8 hours to a 20 hour office assistant position within the County Attorney's Office, with the added hours to be funded from carryover funds from the County Attorney's Office 2020 budget. This will cost approximately \$8,000, which would be paid from available 2020 County Attorney's Office carryover.

Commissioner & Manual Warrants. Auditor / Treasurer Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved Commissioner & Manual Warrants as follows:

- February 26th, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$381,788.12
- February 26th, 2021 Commissioner Warrants, Business Relief Grant \$93,403.00
- February 26th, 2021 Manual Warrants \$8,040.02
- March 5th, 2021 Commissioner Warrants \$975,170.55
- March 5th, 2021 Commissioner Warrant Business Relief Grant \$940,092,20
- March 5th, 2021 Commissioner Warrants Business Relief Grant II \$24,751.30
- March 5th, 2021 Manual Warrants \$7,961.64

Renewal of Consumption and Display Permit for Del-Tone Gun Range. Auditor / Treasurer

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved Consumption and Display Permit for Del-Tone Gun Range, 322 12th St. SE in St. Cloud, Mn (Haven Township) and authorized Auditor/Treasurer's signature on the renewal application. License period of April 1st, 2021- March 31st, 2022

Auditor-Treasurer's Report for February 2021. Auditor / Trea-

Diane Arnold, County Auditor/Treasurer

Approved the Auditor-Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2021. (On file.)

03-02-21 HHS OBO Warrants. Health & Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director Approved HHS OBO Warrants as follows:

March 2, 2021 HHS OBO Warrants \$2,706.09

Proclamation of March as Social Work Awareness Month. Health

& Human Services

Amanda Larson, HHS Director

Approved Proclamation of March as Social Work awareness month. (On file.)

Use of \$17,000 from YES funding for Detention Alpha/CR Electrical Room Cooling. Maintenance

Steve Becker, Maintenance Department Head

Approved the allocation and use of \$17,000 from YES funding to address Detention Alpha/CR electrical room cooling requirements. Re-Appointment of County Agricultural Inspector. Planning &

Marc Schneider, County Planner

Approved the reappointment of Mitch Glines as County Agricultural Inspector and approved the 2021 Workplan and Noxious Weed Summary

Setting and Advertising a Public Hearing for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Reporting Requirements. Public Works

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Approved a request to advertise for a Public Hearing, to be held on April 20, 2021 at 9:05 am (or sooner after), in order to comply with the Annual Report requirement under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit for 2021.

Joint Powers Agreement with Becker Township for Contract Administration Services for Township Paving Projects. Public Works Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Approved a Joint Powers Agreement between Sherburne County and Becker Township for improvements to 67th Street SE, 82nd Street SE, 142nd Street SE and 164th Avenue SE. Agreement shall commence on March 16, 2021 and terminate on the date the County Project and the Township Improvements have been completed, as determined by the County.

Joint Powers Agreement with Clear Lake Township for Contract Administration Services for Township Paving Projects. Public

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Approved a Joint Powers Agreement between Sherburne County and Clear Lake Township for improvements to various roads within Sherwood Shores. Agreement is effective March 16, 2021 and shall terminate on the date that the County Project and the Township Improvements have been completed, as determined by the County.

Professional Services Agreement with SRF Consultants for the CSAH 4 and TH 169 US DOT INFRA Grant Solicitation. Public

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Approved a Professional Services Agreement with SRF Consultants for the CSAH 4 and TH 169 US DOT INFRA Grant Solicitation. Agreement shall go into effect on March 16, 2021 and shall terminate on the date that all obligations have been fulfilled and all deliverables have been approved by the County. The agreement shall not exceed an estimated amount of \$34,656.

Resolution #031621-AD-2033 in Support of an INFRA Grant Application for the TH 169 and CSAH 4 Overpass Project. Public

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Approved Resolution #031621-AD-2033 in support of the County's INFRA Grant Application for the US/TH 169 and CSAH 4 Overpass Project (Zimmerman).

Announcements

County Information and Board Correspondence. Administration Bruce Messelt, County Administrator County Administrator Bruce Messelt addressed announcements,

Board Correspondence, related information, and meeting notes from March 3, 2021 Meeting with the Township Association. Feedback was provided on Appointment Letters from the Board and will be relayed at the Department head meeting. Media Specialist David Unze provided the Board with a presentation of the 360 Virtual Tour located on the Sherburne County Website. Messelt also provided the Board with an update on future meetings.

Open Forum

No one was present. Regular Agenda

Introduction of the New Law Librarian. Attorney

Kathleen Heaney, County Attorney & Benjamin Rydlund, Law Librar-

County Attorney Kathleen Heaney introduced the new Law Librarian Benjamin Rydlund to the Board of Commissioners. Rydlund provided a brief discussion on the services the law library provides. Midco Broadband Activities in Sherburne County. Administration Melissa Wolf, Midco

Midco Government Relations Manager Melissa Wolf provided the Board with an update from Midco, a brief history of Midco and its fiber expansion plans throughout Sherburne County.

Resolutions Regarding Mississippi River St. Cloud Watershed 1W1P. Administration

Francine Larson, Dan Cibulka

Senior Water Resource Specialist Dan Cibulka provided information on the background of 1W1P.

Fobbe/Buradnt unanimous to approve the following Resolutions affirming the following two actions as follows:

- 1) Resolution 031621-AD-2034 for splitting the planning boundary into two separate planning boundaries named the Mississippi River Sartell and the Mississippi River St. Cloud for future One Watershed, One Plan -related programs: and
- 2) Resolution 031621-AD-2035 supporting a One Watershed, One Plan grant application for the Mississippi River St. Cloud watershed. (On file.)

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application for Personal Storage Structure - Stephen & Cynthia Mockenhaupt. Planning & Zoning Marc Schneider, County Planner

Dolan/Fobbe unanimous to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Personal Storage Structure, with the following (9) Conditions and Findings of Fact, as recommended by the Planning Advisory

Commission. PID #35-408-0270, Legal Desc: Ann Lake Beach, Lot 14, Block 2 (full legal on file). Sec 15, Twp 34, Rge 27, Orrock Township. .10 acre in the General Rural District and in the Recreational Development Shoreland Overlay District of Ann Lake.

- Must obtain a building permit and pay the associated fees prior to starting work on this project.
- The existing shed is required to be removed before a building permit is issued. Only one Personal Storage Structure be allowed
- Must abandon the most southern 1st run of the drainfield per MPCA guidelines and must obtain a septic permit for this.
- The existing drainfield will have to be fenced off as to not have construction activity on the drainfield. Personal Storage Structures will be limited to personal use and
- cannot be used for any business operation. Must install gutters on the building to control run off and ensure
- runoff is not toward drainfield. A maximum height of the structure is 25 feet from the ground to the peak.
- No plumbing or floor drains shall be allowed.
 - Applicant must install erosion control around perimeter of project to minimize construction run-off. FINDINGS:
 - That the Conditional Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. Yes, the proposed use is a personal storage structure it is not anticipated to diminish and impair values within the immediate That the establishment of the Conditional Use will not impede
 - the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. Yes, the proposed use will be used as a personal storage structure. The building will be located on the south side of the lot to obtain a 10' distance from the septic drainfield. Houses and garages along the same street range from 2' to 16' from the road right of way.
 - That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. Yes, the request is for a typical residence which will not require any additional utilities.
 - That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide sufficient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. Yes, parking will be limited based off the location of the building. It is proposed to be 26' from the edge of the road. The applicant's house across the street has enough room to accommodate additional parking off the street.
 - That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. Yes, it is not anticipated to cause offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise, and vibration to the immediate area. It's only going to be used as personal storage.

Preliminary and Final Simple Plat for Cranberry Hill Farms Second Addition - Karl & Beth Virkus. Planning & Zoning Marc Schneider, County Planner

Fobbe/Burandt unanimous to approve Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of "Cranberry Hill Farms Second Addition" which consists of (2) lots, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission with the (5) Conditions listed. PID # 30-522-0105 and # 50-522-0115. Legal Desc: Cranberry Hill Farms, Lot 1, Block 1 and Cranberry Hill Farms, Lot 3, Block 1 (full legal on file). Sec 12, Twp 34, Rge 26, Livonia Township. 12.99 acres in the General Rural District.

- The plat shall be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder/ Register of Titles, subject to recording fees, within one year of County Board approval of Final Plat.
- Any wetland impacts (draining, filling or excavating) require prior approval from Sherburne County.
- The individuals who hold the driveway easement (Doc#305574) will need to sign off on the plat or consent as they are interest holders.
- Erosion control must be installed and maintained for construction of home until area is revegetated on proposed Lot 1 due to steep slopes and proximity to wetlands.
- The original drainage and utility easements, in Cranberry Hill Farms, will be vacated through Livonia Township.

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Application for Personal Storage Structure - Scott Lillestrand. Planning & Zoning Marc Schneider, County Planner

Schmiesing/Dolan unanimous to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Personal Storage Structure, with the following (4) Conditions and Findings of Fact, as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. PID #10-115-2104. Legal Desc: The West Half of the Northeast Quarter (full legal on file). Sec 15, Twp 33, Rge 27, Big Lake Township. 20 acres in the General Rural District. CONDITIONS:

- The applicant must comply with County's Zoning Ordinance and Minnesota State Building Code.
- The Personal Storage Structure cannot be used as dwelling unit or for any business purpose.
- The Personal Storage Structure is not permitted to have plumbing or a floor drain.
- The maximum height of the structure is 25 feet from the ground to the peak.

FINDINGS:

- That the Conditional Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. Yes, the proposed use is a personal storage structure it is not anticipated to diminish and impair values within the immediate
- area. That the establishment of the Conditional Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. Yes, the proposed use will be used as a personal storage garage. There is enough land on this 20 acre parcel to accommodate space for a future house and septic if desired.
- Have adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities been or are being provided? Yes, the applicant is not requesting additional utilities beyond what a normal residence would require.
- That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities have been or are being provided. Yes, the applicant has sufficient parking space to accommodate the proposed use.
- That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. Yes, it is not anticipated to cause offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration to the immediate area. It will be used as a personal garage.

Interim Use Permit (IUP) Application for Business Selling Vehicles, Boats, Farm Equipment and Auto Repair/Mechanical or Body - All T Trux & Tractors LLC. Planning & Zoning Marc Schneider, County Planner

Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to Consider Interim Use Permit (IUP) Application for Business Selling Vehicles, Boats, Farm Equipment and Auto Repair/Mechanical or Body with the following (14) Conditions and Findings of Fact as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. PID # 10-547-0105. Legal Desc: Spankys Corner Second Addition, Lot 1, Block 1 (full legal on file). Sec 24, Twp 33, Rge 28, Big Lake Township. 4.6 acres in the Natural Environment Shoreland District of Beulah Pond. CONDITIONS:

- A condition of plat approval and variance permit number 40091 for Spankys Corner requires impervious surface coverage must not exceed 50% (99,970 sq. ft.) of the lot. Impervious surfaces may include structures, driveways and parking areas whether paved, gravel, or compacted soil. Any additional impervious surface areas added to this property require an approved Shoreland Alteration permit from the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Department prior to its installation. The estimated existing impervious surface on this lot is 53,274 sq. ft.
- A condition of plat approval and variance permit number 40091 for Spankys Corner requires a 150' buffer from the OHWL of Beulah Pond (Natural Environment Lake) must be kept in its natural condition. The property owner shall obtain a Shoreland Al-

- teration Permit from the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Department for any removal of trees, if required under Section 14 of the Zoning Ordinance (Shoreland District).
- The occupant shall maintain a Dealers' License from the MN Dept. of Public Safety and comply with all license requirements.
- 4. Painting of vehicles is not permitted as part of this interim use
- Adequate off-street parking shall be available for business use. At a minimum, 1 parking stall shall be provided per 250 sq ft of office space floor area per Sect 17, Subd 2(10K) of the Zoning Ordinance; and 10 parking stalls shall be assigned to the dealership per MN Statute 168.27, Subd 10. Each stall shall be 9' X 18' and signed for dealership parking. No more than 10 vehicles may be displayed for sale at one time.
- Exterior storage is proposed applicant shall conform to the site plan Packet Attachment C and be kept in a neat and orderly manner. A building permit is required from the Planning and Zoning Department for any alteration to the existing building. All building plans must be prepared by an architect or engineer to certify the structure complies with MN Building Code and the American Disability Act requirements.
- Any signage shall comply with the sign ordinance, a sign permit is required. Any solid or liquid waste must be handled and disposed of according to any applicable County or State regulations. All exterior lighting shall be directed down and away from public
- right-of-way, and any adjacent residential use. The IUP holder and/or property owner shall permit the County to inspect the property, including any buildings used for the business during normal working hours. Further, the IUP holder shall allow the County to inspect any business records for the purpose
- of ensuring compliance with the terms of the IUP. This IUP is issued to Tony Roback, All T Trux & Tractors LLC and shall expire upon termination of lease.
- Vehicles, boats, farm equipment and trailers for sale are to be well maintained, drivable and presented in a neat and organized way on an impervious surface. FINDINGS:

That the Interim Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. Yes, the proposed use will be in line with the existing use of the property. The applicant is not proposing to expand exterior storage or the parking area. That the establishment of the Interim Use will not impede the

- normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. Yes, the proposed use will not impede normal development this property is zoned commercial and there is an existing commercial building on this property adjacent properties are also zoned commercial. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other
- necessary facilities have been or are being provided. Yes, utilities, access roads and drainage have been taken into account when this land was platted in 2007. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide suffi-
- cient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. Yes, the applicant has sufficient parking space to accommodate the proposed use and drainage was accounted for with the platting of this property in 2007. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to pre-
- vent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. Yes, it is not anticipated to cause offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration to the immediate area. No work will be completed outdoors.

Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of Dean Anderson Third Addition - MC Development of Elk River. Planning & Zoning Marc Schneider, County Planner

Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to consider Interim Use Permit (IUP) Application for Business Selling Vehicles, Boats, Farm Equipment and Auto Repair/Mechanical or Body with the following (14) Conditions and Findings of Fact as recommended by the Planning Advisory Commission. PID # 10-547-0105. Legal Desc: Spankys Corner Second Addition, Lot 1, Block 1 (full legal on file). Sec 24, Twp 33, Rge 28, Big Lake Township. 4.6 acres in the Natural Environment Shoreland District of Beulah Pond. Commissioner Dolan Recused himself from the item and the vote. CONDITIONS:

- A condition of plat approval and variance permit number 40091 for Spankys Corner requires impervious surface coverage must not exceed 50% (99,970 sq. ft.) of the lot. Impervious surfaces may include structures, driveways and parking areas whether paved, gravel, or compacted soil. Any additional impervious surface areas added to this property require an approved Shoreland Alteration permit from the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Department prior to its installation. The estimated existing impervious surface on this lot is 53,274 sq. ft.
- A condition of plat approval and variance permit number 40091 for Spankys Corner requires a 150' buffer from the OHWL of Beulah Pond (Natural Environment Lake) must be kept in its natural condition. The property owner shall obtain a Shoreland Alteration Permit from the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Department for any removal of trees, if required under Section 14 of the Zoning Ordinance (Shoreland District).
- The occupant shall maintain a Dealers' License from the MN Dept. of Public Safety and comply with all license requirements.
- Painting of vehicles is not permitted as part of this interim use permit.
- Adequate off-street parking shall be available for business use. At a minimum, 1 parking stall shall be provided per 250 sq ft of office space floor area per Sect 17, Subd 2(10K) of the Zoning Ordinance; and 10 parking stalls shall be assigned to the dealership per MN Statute 168.27, Subd 10. Each stall shall be 9' X 18' and signed for dealership parking.
- No more than 10 vehicles may be displayed for sale at one time. Exterior storage is proposed applicant shall conform to the site plan Packet Attachment C and be kept in a neat and orderly man-
- ner. A building permit is required from the Planning and Zoning Department for any alteration to the existing building. All building plans must be prepared by an architect or engineer to certify the structure complies with MN Building Code and the American Disability Act requirements.
- Any signage shall comply with the sign ordinance, a sign permit is required.
- Any solid or liquid waste must be handled and disposed of according to any applicable County or State regulations.
- All exterior lighting shall be directed down and away from public right-of-way, and any adjacent residential use. The IUP holder and/or property owner shall permit the County to inspect the property, including any buildings used for the business during normal working hours. Further, the IUP holder shall
- allow the County to inspect any business records for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the terms of the IUP. This IUP is issued to Tony Roback, All T Trux & Tractors LLC
- and shall expire upon termination of lease. Vehicles, boats, farm equipment and trailers for sale are to be well maintained, drivable and presented in a neat and organized way on an impervious surface.

FINDINGS:

That the Interim Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. Yes, the proposed use will be in line with the existing use of the property. The applicant is not proposing to expand exterior storage or the parking area.

- That the establishment of the Interim Use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. Yes, the proposed use will not impede normal development this property is zoned commercial and there is an existing commercial building on this property adjacent properties are also zoned commercial. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other
- necessary facilities have been or are being provided. Yes, utilities, access roads and drainage have been taken into account when this land was platted in 2007. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide suffi-
- cient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. Yes, the applicant has sufficient parking space to accommodate the proposed use and drainage was accounted for with the plat-



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ting of this property in 2007.

That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result. Yes, it is not anticipated to cause offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration to the immediate area. No work will be completed out-

Interim Use Permit (IUP) Application for Highway Planned Unit Development for Ministorage - MC Development of Elk River, LLC. Planning & Zoning

Marc Schneider, County Planner

Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to consider Interim Use Permit (IUP) Application for Highway Planned Unit Development for Ministorage with the following modified (15) Conditions and Findings of Fact (and with Condition #15 recommended by staff.) PID #30-534-0010. Legal Desc: Dean Anderson Second Addition, Outlot A (full legal on file). Sec 27, Twp 34, Rge 26, Livonia Township. 8.13 acres in the General Rural District. Commissioner Dolan recused himself from the item and from the vote. The original Condition 1 was stricken from the Conditions and Condition 3 has been restructured and added CONDITIONS:

- This Interim Use Permit for a Highway Planned Unit is issued to MC Development Elk River LLC for the purpose of Mini-Stor-
- The property shall be improved and maintained according to the Landscaping and Screening Plan (Attachment D and date stamped _11/25/2020), the Lighting Plan (Attachment E and dated 11/24/2020), the Building Plans (Attachment G1-9), and the Grading and Drainage Plans (Attachment I and date 11/25/2020). Any deviation from or changes to these plans shall require an amendment to the IUP. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued and no business activities associated with this IUP may commence until the Zoning Administrator has determined that the landscaping, drainage, lighting and other improvements have been constructed and installed in accordance with the conditions of this IUP. Thereafter, failure to maintain the property in compliance with the conditions of this IUP may result in suspension or termination of the permit.
- No permits may be issued until the plat of Dean Anderson Third Addition has been Recorded.
- A building permit is required from the Planning and Zoning Department all building plans must be prepared by an architect or engineer to certify the structure complies with MN Building
- No Exterior storage is permitted with this IUP.
- Any signage shall comply with the County's sign ordinance, and a sign permit is required.
- Road access will remain via 119th Ave no other road access is approved with this IUP.
- Exterior lighting shall be directed away from residences and the public right-of-way and shall comply with the lighting plan as presented in the Board's Packet Attachment E.
- Days and hours of operation shall be 7-days a week 6 AM-10PM.Snow removal and maintenance of this property may be done outside those hours.
- Must install 6-foot tall Black Hills Spruce and 2-inch Autumn Blaze Maples as shown on Landscaping Plan (Attachment D). All planted trees on the property must be maintained and watered as necessary for the duration of the permit. Any dead trees must be replaced on a yearly basis.
- The applicant shall allow the County to inspect the property during normal business hours.
- A Stormwater Erosion Control permit will be required from the County Zoning Dept prior to any grading on the property and prior to a building permit being issued.
- Must obtain an NPDES permit from the MPCA and provide a copy to the County Zoning Dept prior to commencing construc-
- Property owner shall ensure that MPCA day & nighttime noise standards are not exceeded at any time. The IUP is issued to MC Development of Elk River, LLC and
- shall expire with a change in ownership.

Vendor Name

- That the Interim Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. Yes, the Interim Use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the immediate vicinity. That the establishment of the Interim Use will not impede the
- normal and orderly development and improvement of surrounding vacant property for uses predominant in the area. Yes, the County's Zoning Ordinance Section 16.2 (Interim Uses), Subd. 5.16 (Planned Unit Development Highway) allows the establishment of a business on lands that abut a State or US Highway if it is found to be appropriate use that will serve the local marketplace. The development of this property should not impede development on the surrounding vacant properties. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other
- necessary facilities have been or are being provided. Yes, there are minimal public utilities needed for the development of this property, the applicant is not proposing to add a well or sewer to the property. Access to the business will be from 119th a low volume township road. The drainage plans provided by the applicant have been reviewed by the Township Engineer Wes Davis, Bogart Pederson, who state quality volume and pre-/post- discharge rates are in compliance with the NPDES That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide suffi-
- cient off-street parking and loading space to serve the proposed use. Yes, the applicant has sufficient parking space to accommodate the proposed use in accordance with County. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to pre-
- vent or control offensive odor, fumes, dust, noise and vibration, so that none of these will constitute a nuisance, and to control lighted signs and other lights in such a manner that no disturbance to neighboring properties will result.

Yes, the Conditions of approval along with the Developers Agreement should ensure that the Applicant's proposed plans for security, lighting, visual screening and drainage do not constitute a nuisance to neighboring landowners.

Amending Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances - ORD 252 - to Update Procedures and Clarify Language in the Subdivision Ordinance and Make Consistent the Definitions of Buildable Area within the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Planning & Zon-

Marc Schneider, County Planner

Schmiesing/Fobbe unanimous to approve Amendments to Zoning Ordinance - ORD 252 - to Update Procedures and Clarify Language in the Subdivision Ordinance and Make Consistent the Definitions of Buildable Area within the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. (On file and as recommended by staff and modified by the County Board to today's Meeting.)

Draft Park Dedication and Memorials Policy and Guidelines. **Public Works**

Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator

Parks Coordinator Gina Hugo presented the board with a draft policy and guidelines for accepting park dedication and memorial requests. The County Board provided feedback and guidance regarding the policy and requests.

Low Bidder for Bridgeview Park Improvements, CP Bridgeview 1.

Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Fobbe/Burandt unanimous to approve the Low Bidder, JL Theis Inc. in the amount of \$587,462.77, for the park improvements at Bridgeview Park. Project No. CP Bridgeview 1. Project construction dates will be contracted May 17, 2021 through June 25, 2021.

Current Bridge Load Restrictions. Public Works Andrew Witter, Public Works Department Head

Public Works Director Andrew Witter provided the County Board with an update on current Bridge Load Restrictions. Health and Human Services Directors Report. Health & Human

Amanda Larson

The County Board received the Health and Human Services (HHS) Directors Report from Amanda Larson. The report covered The Pillars of HHS, updates on their various divisions, units and services, as well as their 2021 Goals.

Commissioner Correspondence, Committee Reports, Upcoming Meetings, Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Burandt - Township Association/Board Meeting, NACo Legislative Conference, Council on Aging, CAMHI, NACo Whitehouse meeting on COVID-19, Human Services and Education Committee, Environment & Land Use, Health Policy, Immigration, and Public Lands virtual NACo meetings.

Commissioner Fobbe - Township Association/Board Meeting, Testified at House and Senate, Futures Planning Meeting, Tri-Cap Executive Search Committee, NACo Legislative Conference, Sherburne Soil & Water, Tri-Cap Executive Committee, CMJTS Commissioner Dolan - Township Association/Board Meeting, NACo

Commissioner Schmiesing - Township Association/Board Meeting,

NACo Legislative Conference, NACo EDA meeting, Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, MICA, MCIT Commissioner Danielowski - Township Association/Board Meeting,

NACo Legislative Conference, APO Board Meeting Adjourn Regular Meeting, Open Community Health Board Meet-

Adjourn Community Health Board Meeting, Recess

Open Workshop Meeting Adjourn Workshop Meeting

Commissioner Warrants 262 632 95

21	202,032.73	Ocheral Revenue I und			
	4,181.87	Public Works Fund			
	50.54	Human Service Fund			
	3,521.96	Law Library Fund			
	6,295.77	Solid Waste Fund			
	45,966.35	Jail Commissary Fund			
	28,786.22	Justice Center Enterprise Fund			
	30,352.46	Agency Collections			
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2/26/21 General Revenue Fund 93,403.00

93,403.00 **Manual Warrants** 589.90 General Revenue Fund Agency Collections

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1	318.83	OBO Amazon
	500.07	OBO Innovative
	1,200.00	OBO Speedway
	329.88	OBO Walmart
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Manual Warrants Agency Collections 7,961.64 3/5/21 7,961.64

Commissioner Warrants BRG II 24,751.30 General Revenue Fund 3/5/21

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Commissioner Warrants 176,623.39 General Revenue Fund 41,594.33 Public Works Fund 480.00 Law Library Fund 2.590.01 Solid Waste Fund 8,480.81 Jail Commissary Fund

2,725.00 Capital Proj-Building, Land Acquisition 14,515.44 Justice Center Enterprise Fund 1,536.03 Real Estate Assurance Agency Collections 726,625.54 975,170.55

/s/ Barbara Burandt, Vice Chairperson /s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator (Published in the Patriot: 04/10/21).

Sherburne County Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 2/26/2021 For Payment 2/26/2021

<u>vendor Name</u>	Amount
AT & T Mobility	8,621.67
Avenu Insights & Analytics, LLC	6,500.93
Avtex Solutions LLC	4,095.00
CALEA	3,485.00
Cardinal Investigations	8,500.00
CDW Government	17,133.90
Centerpoint Energy	22,578.82
Connexus Energy	6,524.34
Dacotah Paper Co	2,404.18
Deano's Collision Specialists Inc	6,812.66
Delta Dental Of Minnesota	27,964.10
DocuSign, Inc.	41,814.24
ECM Publishers Inc	2,128.77
Edinger/Richard	2,673.84
Elk River Municipal Utilities	46,510.42
Fidelity Security Life	2,367.86
Hoisington Koegler Group Inc	10,804.01
Houston Engineering Inc	4,167.00
Innovative Office Solutions, LLC	3,779.12
Keefe Supply Company	4,457.88
MN Dept of Employment & Economic Dev	3,163.64
Q- Matic Corporation	4,816.53
Securus Technologies	8,009.33
SHI International Corp	2,232.32
Simplicity Collect Software LLC	8,999.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	16,179.87
The Wiley Law Office, PC	13,250.00
Thomson reuters- West- Payment Center	2,190.01
Tradewinds Electric LLC	11,619.77
Treas Big Lake Township	37,500.00
Videotronix Inc	8,876.38
Xcel Energy	3,389.48
81 Payments less than 2000	28,238.05
Final Total:	381,788.12

(Published in the Patriot: 04/10/21).

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<u>vendor Name</u>	Amount
1st Class Transportation LLC	10,000.00
A&P Laser & Engraving	4,592.00
Avalon Salon Company	10,000.00
Busy Moms Cleaning Service	3,754.00
Chippewa Innovations	10,000.00
CKS Construction & Painting LLC	5,000.00
Dermco- LaVine Construction Co	10,000.00
JJ Boos Perfermance Inc	5,000.00
Kruse Aviation Inc	4,693.00
LeBrun Electric LLC	5,000.00
Man Around the House LLC	5,000.00
Premier Sheet Metal Fabrication LLC	4,019.00
Speed, Props & Pylons	10,000.00
X- L Electric Inc	5,000.00
1 Payments less than 2000	1,345.00
Final Total:	93,403.00
(Published in the <i>Patriot</i> : 04/10/21).	

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved For Payment 3/05/2021

Vendor Name <u>Amount</u> 5 Payments less than 2000 7,961.64 **Final Total:** 7,961.64 (Published in the Patriot: 04/10/21).

Sherburne County WARRANTS FOR PUBLICATION Warrants Approved On 3/05/2021 For Payment 3/05/2021 **Vendor Name** Amount

Able Bodies Massage & Wellness LLC 5,884.32 Paragon Store Fixtures 18,866.98 **Final Total:** 24,751.30 (Published in the Patriot: 04/10/21).

DOCUMENT 00 1113 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

GENERAL

The Owner of this Project is: Sherburne County 13880 Business Center Drive Elk River, Minnesota 55330

The Architect for this Project is: Braun Intertec Corporation 11001 Hampshire Ave. S. Bloomington, Minnesota 55438

General Contractors are invited to submit a Bid for the "Roof Replacement" at the Sherburne County Government Center located at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota.

The work of this project is generally described as consisting of the following

Roof replacement of the existing ballasted single-ply roof systems on roof areas 3,4,5, and 6 with new ballasted single ply roof systems. Area 7 is a fully adhered single-ply roof to be replaced in kind. Salvage ballast for Owner.

Sheet metal flashing shall be removed and replaced with new 24 ga gi color-coated sheet metal.

There is one pyramidal skylight which needs to be replaced.

Bids to be submitted for the roofing replacement as one (1) project. The Owner will receive sealed Bids (mailed or delivered) to

the Sherburne County Government Center Maintenance De-

partment no later than 1:00 PM local time, Tuesday April 27,

2021. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the close of bids will not be accepted or returned to the Bidder. No oral, telephonic, or electronically submitted proposals or modifications will be considered. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Sherburne County Government Center,

outside Entry D under a black canopy. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting is mandatory. The Architect will review the bidding procedures, Bidding Documents, and other conditions with interested Bidders and will answer questions. All bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope plainly la-

beled with Owner's name (Sherburne County), project name (Roof Replacement), and bidder's name, prepared in accordance to Section 00 2113 - Instructions to Bidders. Bids shall be based on a single, lump-sum contract with

provisions for unit price adjustments to the contract based on increases/decreases to the quantity of work. Submit your offer on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. All bids shall include and meet all of the requirements for prevailing wages. There is no union requirement. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form

of a bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the maximum bid price, executed by the Bidder as principle and by surety company authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota, payable to Sherburne County, conditioned that if the principle's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the Bidder, the Bidder will, within ten (10) days after Notice of Award has been executed, execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the Bidders bid and a contractor's bond as required by law and regulations. The bid security of the two lowest bidders will be retained until the Notice of Award has been executed, but no longer than thirty (30) days. The bid security is a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract for the work described within the Bidding and Contract Documents. Countersignature of a bid bond is not required under this section.

Performance bond and labor and material payment bond will be required from the successful bidder, each equal to the amount of the Contract Sum, with approved surety, covering faithful performance of Contract and payment of obligations incurred in performance of Contract.

No Bid may be read or considered if it does not fully comply with the requirements of this Advertisement for Bids, and any Bids received that are deficient with the requirements of this section will be resealed and returned to the Bidder immediately. Bids will be awarded on the basis of the lowest, respon-

sible, and responsive Bidder as determined most favorable to Sherburne County's best interest. Sherburne County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any informality in any Bid, and to hold all Bids for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of opening Bids.

It is anticipated that construction will begin on May 10, 2021. The Owner is requesting that the Contractor provide an anticipated construction schedule including start date and substantial completion that they feel they can schedule the work in with bid submission. Describe the proposed proj ect approach and construction schedule, assuming a May 4, 2021 notice to proceed. Schedule shall include demolition, excavation, and installation, product selection and submittals and project closeout.

Bids are required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submittal.

Submit Bids on the Bid Form provided. Refer to Document 00 2113 - Instructions to Bidders for

additional information BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Plans and specifications can be seen and examined at the Sherburne County's website. DATES OF PUBLICATION

April 10, 2021 April 17, 2021

April 23, 2021

(Published in the *Patriot*: 04/10/21; 04/17/21; 04/23/21).

Sherburne County Board of Commissioners March 16, 2021 - County Board Workshop Minutes The Board Chair opened the County Board Workshop Meet-

Results and Recommendations from the Human Resources Department Organizational Study. Human Resources Gary Weiers, DDA Human Resources, Inc. & Tammy Bigelow, HR Director

Gary Weirs of DDA Human Resources, Inc. provided a brief presentation to consider the results and recommendations from the recently-completed Human Resources Department Organizational Study. HR Director Tammy Bigelow also highlighted areas in their department that needed more focus and attention, leveraging technology, staffing ratios and budget. Guidance and feedback were provided from the Board and will return on a future Board meeting

Sheriff's Department Update. Sheriff Joel Brott, County Sheriff

Sheriff Joel Brott and other Sheriff's Department staff provided the Board with a staff update. Captain Bob Stangler presented on the Total Calls for Service for 2020 and K9 Unit. Captain Ben Zawacki presented an update on Patrol & Criminal Investigation Division's notable cases and Drug Task Force updates. Captain Dan Andren presented an update on Transport/Court Security update and how their unit has adapted to COVID protocols. Office Manager Danielle Gessell presented an update on gun permits and transcriptions. Chief Deputy Sheriff Steve Doran presented an update on Reserves & Mounted Patrol, Crisis intervention C0REsponse Initiative, and Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CAKEA) Accreditation. Jail Administrator Brian Frank presented an update on CARES Act Projects within the jail facility. Jail Commander Pat Carr presented an update on body worn cameras to be worn by jail staff, American Correctional Association (ACA) Re-Accreditation and National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) Accreditation Jail Program Coordinator Mark Fritel presented an update on Family and Caregiver External Support (FACES), also known as the Second Chance Act. Investigator Sergeant Matt Mork presented an update on the Sheriff's office Wellness Committee and the Cordico Wellness App. Project Coordinator Alicia Maxwell presented an update on the Substance Use Prevention Coalition (SUP)

Park Department Update. Public Works

Gina Hugo, Park Coordinator Parks Coordinator Gina Hugo provided an update on the ac-

tivities, programs, and projects of the Parks Department covering 2020 highlights, 2021 embarkments, and the building of a trail map. **Adjourn Workshop Meeting** /s/ Barbara Burandt, Vice Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, Administrator (Published in the Patriot: 04/10/21).

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<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Anoka County	7,600.00
Becker Boy Scouts Troop 92	2,556.26
CDW Government	5,273.02
Century Link	34,162.94
Corporate Connection	8,475.00
Daikin Applied	2,253.18
David Turch and Associates	4,000.00
Diamond Acoustics Inc	2,725.00
Dvs Renewal	3,503.80
HDR Engineering Inc.	8,079.82
Hess & Jendro Law Office, P.A.	3,380.00
Hoisington Koegler Group Inc	2,312.50
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP	4,046.00
Mansfield Oil Co of Gainesville, Inc	16,479.05
Medica	680,876.68
North Country Chevrolet	52,674.00
Office Of MN.IT Services	2,310.83
RT Vision, Inc	2,120.47
Rutland Law, PLLC	7,850.00
Securus Technologies	5,936.45
Sherburne Co Trail Assoc	15,225.36
Spectra Logic Corporation	3,040.42
SRF Consulting Group Inc	11,811.31
State Treasurer	32,059.53
Summit Food Service, LLC	17,127.25
Tri- State Pump & Control	2,050.22
Uhl Company Inc	4,097.98
Videotronix Inc	2,490.89
68 Payments less than 2000	30,652.59
Final Total:	975,170.55
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<u>Vendor Name</u> 54 Inc	Amount
A S Business & Tax Solutions	16,733.47 2,182.04
Able Bodies Massage & Wellness LLC	8,017.84
All Star Car LLC	2,156.11
American Legion Post 112 Avalon Salon Company	6,437.37 15,327.02
Barzee Inc	16,733.47
Blue Egg Bakery	4,011.01
Boys- Girls Club Of Central Mn Brew Fitness LLC	16,733.47 8,366.73
Brickyard Bar & Grill	8,366.73
Capital Care Inc	16,733.47
Charlie's Sports Bar & Grill Inc Chippewa Innovations	16,733.47 16,733.47
CKS Construction & Painting LLC	3,333.31
Cohlab LLC	15,375.55
Cottage Industries Inc Creative Kids Academy	4,862.75 7,244.76
Daddy- O's Cafe Inc	8,366.73
Dans Drywall LLC	4,183.37
Deirdre Maia Taylor Inc Dennison Technology Group	8,366.73 16,733.47
Dermco- LaVine Construction Co	16,733.47
Easy Construction Solutions LLC	4,183.37
El Teca Barbershop Elk River Kennels	6,327.76 7,768.51
Elk River Tae Kwon Do Inc	8,366.73
Elk River Travel Corp	8,366.73
Fattusha African Hair Braiding & Beauty Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3264	2,091.68 8,366.73
Frey Inc	8,366.73
Gopher State Expositions Inc	16,733.47
Great Nails MN Inc Gruenes Center for Cosmetic Dentistry	3,169.32 16,733.47
H&H Promotions LLC	3,890.53
Hendrickson LLC	16,733.47
Heritage Construction Co	16,733.47
Integrity Exteriors & Remodelers Inc Kemper Drug Inc	4,183.37 15,139.61
Kinitski's LLC	16,733.47
Kj's Refuge Bar & Grill	8,366.73
KNSM Enterprises- Northern Lights Displ LaFloyd's American Grill	16,733.47 16,733.47
Lake Cafe	16,733.47
LaPoint Enterprises Inc Lommel Photography	16,733.47 4,108.07
Lupulin Brewing LLC	4,604.21
Man Around the House LLC	3,578.45
McCoy Restaurant Inc McDonald Pizza Ranch LLC	8,366.73 8,366.73
McPetes Sports Bar & Lanes	8,366.73
Midwest Bus Parts	16,733.47
Momentum Fitness Endeaver LLC Montys Tropical Hideout Inc	8,366.73 13,141.63
Mucho Loco Restaurant Inc	16,733.47
Mystery Chambers Natures Dry Cleaning	8,366.73 7,559.34
New Hong Kong Buffet	8,366.73
Northstar Truck Sales Inc	4,230.22
Olde Main Eatery Palmetto Fitness	16,733.47 8,366.73
Paragon Store Fixtures	16,733.47
Patriot News MN	3,440.40
Payne Consulting Inc Pinnacle Foods Limited Partnership	4,183.37 8,366.73
Princeton Lodging Partners	16,733.47
Pyramid Fitness Group LLC	8,366.73
Racks Inc Replenish Nutrition	16,733.47 2,399.58
RHW Kurth Inc Broadway Pizza	16,733.47
Richie James Transport Inc	16,733.47
S&M Zimmerman Enterprises Snap Fitness	8,366.73 7,843.81
Snoring and Sleep Apnea Treatment	3,302.35
Speed, Props & Pylons	5,342.16
Starz Dance Studio Inc Tempo Academy of Dance and Arts	7,934.17 3,058.04
The Third Rail Bar & Grill	16,733.47
Thunder Blades	16,733.47
Thunder Nutrition Tipsy Foods Inc	8,366.73 8,366.73
TJP Bowl	8,366.73
Tootsies Lakeside Pub	16,733.47
Trails Grill & Sports Bar United Bus Sales	16,733.47 16,733.47
Wilson General Management Co	6,305.17
X- L Electric Inc	4,183.37
YMCA - Elk River Zimmerman Truck Sales Inc	16,733.47 16,733.47
Zuri Motors LLC	8,366.73
7 Payments less than 2000	7,086.75

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Warrants Approved For Payment 2/26/202	
Vendor Name	Amount
6 Payments less than 2000	8,040.02
Final Total:	8,040.02
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7 Payments less than 2000

Final Total:

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7,086.75

940,092.20

AMENDMENT TO THE SHERBURNE COUNTY SUBDIVISION & ZONING ORDINANCE NO 003 **ORD NO 252**

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners adopted ORD NO 252 by amending the Sherburne County Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance as it relates to clarification of the Subdivision Ordinance by ensuring consistent processes and language, inclusion of best practices, policy, updating definitions and sketch plan review, clarifying submittal requirements, establishing findings for approval of plats and removing redundancy. Additionally, amendments to the Sherburne County Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance to establish a definition of Buildable Lot Area, including amendments to: **Subdivision Ordinance:**

Sections 1-4: No Change

Definitions and Rule of Language Construction: Section 5: Deleted terms no longer in use in this ordinance

Relocated definitions from Section 10.1 (Residential Planned

Establish a definition of a Buildable Lot Area.

Section 6: No Change Administrative Subdivisions:

Added restrictions for Torrens properties.

Removed the restriction prohibiting administrated lot from being subdivide in past two years. Section 8: Simple Plat: Subd. 2. and 3. (Purpose and Restrictions) clarify language

and established minimum right of way on County Roads to Subd. 3. (Pre-Application Meeting) established a pre-application meeting for all proposed Simple Plats.

Subd 4. (Simple Plat Submission Information) establish new submittal requirements including: title commitment or opinion for all platted property septic compliance inspection for any septics on the property. Rewrote the Survey drawing require-

Subd 5. (Preliminary and Final Plat Procedure) Rewrote and clarified procedures for preliminary and final platting.

Subd 5 B. Established standards and criteria for plat review.

Subd 5(B)(5); buildable lot area Registered Land Surveys:

Subd 2.A replace lots with parcels or tracts

Subd 3. (Submission Information) required location of well and septic. Section 10 Standard Plats: i. Subd. 1. and 2. (Purpose and Restrictions) clarify language.

tion meeting for all proposed Standard Plats. Subd. 4. establish new submittal requirements including: title

Subd. 3. (Pre-Application Meeting) established a pre-applica-

commitment or opinion for all platted property septic compliance inspection for any septics on the property. Rewrote the Survey drawing requirements. Subd 5. (Preliminary Plat Procedure) Rewrote and clarified

procedures for preliminary and final platting. Subd 5 C. Established standards and criteria for plat review. Subd. 6. (Final Plat Process) clarified submittal and approval

Section 10: Standard Plats

Subd. 5(C)(5) buildable lot area

Section 10.1: Residential Planned Unit Development (R-PUD): Subd. 2. (Definitions) relocated definition to Section 5.

Subd. 14 (Platting Procedure) establish new submittal requirements including: title commitment or opinion for all platted property septic compliance inspection for any septics on the property. Rewrote the Survey drawing requirements.

Subd 15. (Preliminary Plat Procedure) Rewrote and clarified procedures for preliminary and final platting.

Subd 15 C. Established standards and criteria for plat review

Subd. 15(C)(5) buildable lot area

Subd. 16. (Final Plat Approval Process) clarified submittal and approval process. Section 11: General Regulations:

Subd. 1. (Lot and Block Standards) clarified language making it consistent with other section of the ordinance.

Subd. 2. (Road Design Standard) clarified language and directed developers to work with road authorities on design.

Subd. 3. (Utility Easements) clarified requirement to show

Subd. 4. (Buildable Lot Standards) removed redundant re-

Subd 4.(A) buildable lot area

Subd 5. (Outlots) deleted the ability to create an outlot over a

disputed boundary line.

Subd. 7. (Controls During Construction) Clarify language and established requirements for any R-PUD. Rewrote the financial security requirements. Subd. 10. (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) and 11.

(Conditional and Interim Use Permits). Established past practices into the ordinance.

Section 12: Administration and Enforcement:

Subd. 1. (Zoning Administrator) Established powers and authority of the Zoning Administrator.

Subd. 2. (Planning Advisory Commission) Clarify and establish duties of Planning Advisory Commission.

Subd. 3. (Board of Adjustment) Delete outdated procedures and adopt standards established in the County's Zoning Or-

Subd. 4. (Amendments) Clarify the procedures to make amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance.

Subd 5. (Violation and Penalties and Enforcement) establish standard that requires compliance with County Ordinance to approve the subdivision of land.

Zoning Ordinance:

Section 5: Definitions and Rules of Language Construction Subd 2. Definitions, establish a definition of a Buildable Lot

Section 7: Agricultural District Subd 6.2. establish Buildable Lot Area.

This provision was passed by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners on the 16th day of March, 2021. A complete copy of this Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance Amendment is available for viewing at the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Office, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Mn, and is duly filed with the Sherburne County Auditor upon the publication of its enactment.

/s/ Bruce Messelt

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Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of Mar. 29th - Apr. 4th

29-Mar: 1 expired drivers license warning, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 Winter Parking Ordinance Violation / Admin Citation #3738, 1 Winter Parking Ordinance Violation / Admin Citation #3739, 1 speed warning, 1 crosswalk violation warning, 1 miscellaneous public, 4 record check, 2 juvenile concern, 1 found animal, 1 traffic complaint, 1 civil, 1 public assist, 1 Dog at Large / Dog bite, 2 road hazard, 1 vehicle lockout,1 Dog at Large / Admin Citation #2354, 1 medical, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 security check

30-Mar: 1 speed warning, 1 suspicious activity, 3 public safety, 1 equipment warning, 1 stop sign / Citation #123, 1 security check

31-Mar: 1 distracted driving warning / fail to yield to crosswalk Citation #124, 2 miscellaneous officer, 1 garbage/littering complaint,1 public safety, 2 speed warning, 1 chief to complete report harassment at High School, 1 parking complaint, 1 no passing zone warning, 1 expired registration / no proof of insurance warnings, 1 stop sign warning, 1 domestic assault / Citation #125, 1 trespass complaint

1-Apr: 1 expired registration / no proof of insurance warnings, 1 speed warning, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 fail to display registration warning, 1 civil, 1 expired registration warning, 1 lost animal, 1 juvenile concern, 2 traffic complaint, 3 record check, 1 expired tabs warning, 1 hands free violation

2-Apr: 1 medical alarm, 1 speed Citation #127, 1 turn signal warning, 1 open door, 2 agency assist, 2 equipment warning, 1 miscellaneous officer, 2 speed warning, 1 extra patrol, 1 driving after revocation Citation #128, 1 medical, 1 road hazard, 1 found property, 1 security check,1 driving conduct warning, 1 suspicious vehicle

3-Apr: 1 expired registration Citation #129, 2 security check, 1 burning complaint, 1 driving conduct warning / driving after revocation Citation #130, 1 warrant arrest, 1 agency assist, 1 juvenile concern, 1 speed Citation #131, 2 expired registration warning, 3 speed warning, 1 crosswalk violation warning, 1 expired registration Citation #132. 3 equipment warning, 1 window tint warning, 1 noise complaint, 1 disturbance

4-Apr: 1 suspicious person, 1 sidewalk parking warning, 1 agency assist, 1 security check, 2 medical, 1 lift assist, 1 juvenile concern, 1 911 hang-up, 1 lost animal, 1 grass fire, 1 alarm, 1 welfare check, 1 civil, 1 speed / no proof of insurance Citation #133, 1 follow up



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Big Lake Police Department

Calls for Service - Jail Bookings Mar. 29th - Apr. 4th Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 211; 2021

Calls for Service: 3,007; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 50; Citations: 6; Arrests: 3; Medical Emergency Calls: 5; Mental Health Holds: 0; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 8

Big Lake Police Arrests: Jamie Weston - (Age 45 - St. Michael, MN) - GM 3rd Degree DWI; Robert Van Wert – (Age 47 – Big Lake, MN) Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI; Jeremy Glass – (Age 31 – Big Lake, MN) - Felony Warrant Sun., Apr. 4, 2021: 19591 Station St - Disturbance - Officers dispatched

mediate a verbal disturbance; 1400 blk Powell St - Juvenile Complaint -Report of a disorderly juvenile, mediated by officers; 00 blk Eagle Lake Rd - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and found to be under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; Hwy 10/CR 50 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked. Sat., Apr. 3, 2021: 200 blk Jefferson Blvd - Marijuana in a Vehicle -

Officer stopped vehicle for a traffic violation, could smell burning marijuana, driver issued summons for Marijuana Possession; Eagle Lake Rd/Hwy 10 - Vehicle Crash with Injuries. Party transported to hospital. Fri., Apr. 2, 2021: 100 blk Will St - DWI - Driver reported to be impaired, found to be under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges; 5000 blk Mitchell Rd - Disturbance Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 300 blk Pleasant Ave - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.

Thurs., Apr. 1, 2021: 400 blk Lexington Ave - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation; 711 Rose Dr - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties; 5600 blk Loon Dr - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls; 5000 blk Mitchell Rd - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls.

Wed., Mar. 31, 2021: 115 Henry Rd - Disturbance - Officers dispatched mediate a verbal disturbance; 5100 blk Ridge Rd - Revoked Driver -Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 50 blk CR 43 - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

Tues., Mar. 30, 2021: Nothing of Substance to Report Mon., Mar. 29, 2021: 5100 blk Ridge Dr - Property Damage - Report of damage done to curb and grass; 100 blk Fair Meadows Dr - Property Damage - Report of damage done to mailbox; 5300 blk Edinburgh Way - Warrant Arrest - Suspect located on an outstanding arrest warrant, booked into jail; 1700 blk Grace Dr - Harassment - Officers investigated harassment via text message/phone calls; 100 blk Hill St - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing.

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