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NICOLE PEARSON was recently hired as administrative assistant for the BLPD. Prior to joining Big Lake, Nicole worked for the Maple Grove Police Dept. for 12 years as a records technician. Nicole and her family live in Big Lake.

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BECKER NEWS

The Becker EDA produced a video to attract businesses to the Becker Business Park. See the story as part of the city council article on Page 4.

BIG LAKE NEWS

BLPD Officer Tyler Hecht has been busy lately as he arrested two alleged drug users and sent them to Sherburne County Jail. See their stories on Page 4.

CLEAR LAKE/CLEARWATER NEWS Lynden Twp. is moving towards finalizing a fire contract. See the story, along with other township news on Page 11

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UPCOMING
GOLF TOURNAMENTS
Check back next week to see stories, results and photos from Thursday's Becker Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at Pebble Creek!

SCHOOL SPORTS
The parks, fields, diamonds and pitches are crammed with athletes as students grab their running shoes, tennis rackets, swimsuits and soccer balls to get ready for the fall sports season.

FUTURE GUIDES
The Patriot is working on several exciting projects over the next few months including our annual Fall Home Guide, our Fall Sports Previews, our new and exciting Explore Big Lake guide and a special publication to honor veterans in a centennial American Legion Guide. Call our office to find out how you can be a part of these great publications!
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NEWS DEADLINES
With the newspaper wrap up occurring Wednesday evening, all news items submitted to run that Saturday must reach our office by Wednesday morning by 11 a.m.
SPORTS DEADLINES
Coaches and assistants are expected to contact our sports writers by Wednesday morning, 11 a.m. at the latest to have their information included in that week's publication.

CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINES
Information for classifieds need to be submitted to our staff by noon Wednesday to be included in that week's publication of the PATRIOT.

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Big Lake Block Party a blast!

By Katherine Cantin
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake Block party was held last weekend at McPete's Sports Bar and Lanes. This year was the 10th year of the block party's history, and lots of families made it out to enjoy some good old-fashioned shenanigans in the form of games, prizes, and food.

Some of the games included a water balloon dodgeball game, sponsored by The Wave Youth Center; bowling; mini golf; a BB gun range provided by MPI Manufacturing; a beanbag tournament; giant Jenga; fish pond; and several others. Prizes were given away to the lucky game and raffle winners, which included a giveaway of six children's bikes and 100 gift bags.

The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce gives a big thank you to all the Block Party sponsors, and hopes to top the event next year.



JORDANNA AND IVY HUWE of New York Mills received goodie bags as they arrived at Big Lake's Block Party Saturday morning. The girls were with mom, Sandra (L), who arrived with Big Lake friends Holly and Andy Swanson. See more photos of the event elsewhere in the Patriot! (Photos by Bill Morgan)

Trump lands in Mankato



MAGA. Lisa Olson (right) ran into fellow Big Laker Stan Thom in Mankato on Monday at the rally for President Donald Trump. (Submitted photos).



Clearwater vets awarded Quilts of Valor

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

Clearwater area veterans Ron Lashinski, Arnie Searcy, and Mike Hanson were awarded Quilts of Valor during Three of a Kind's annual fundraiser for Eagles Healing Nest in Sauk Centre in July.

Quilts of Valor Foundation is a nation-wide non-profit organization whose mission is to "Cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." The quilts are handmade by volunteers to thank them for their "service, sacrifice, and valor."

Each quilt includes the names of the people who quilted it along with the poem, "May this quilt keep you safe from harm, may it be your good luck charm, I do not know your name, nor the mountains you face, but what you hold in your arms, is a quilter's embrace."

Along with the quilt, recipients are given a handwritten card explaining

where their quilt came from and thanking them for their service.

Ron Lashinski
Ron Lashinski served in the Marine Corps from 1971 to 1975. He enlisted at 17, feeling a duty to serve and ready to spread his wings away from the family dairy farm in Flensburg, MN. He attended boot camp in San Diego and then went to Camp Pendleton before being sent to Vietnam for eight months.

"It was a sticker shock," he said. "All of a sudden I was thrown in with people from all cultures, races, and ethnicities. I met people from all over and had to learn things fast."

In Vietnam, Lashinski was part of a Combined Action Platoon, which included a company of Vietnamese, and patrolled villages in the northern province of Quang Tri. He served there for eight months before being sent to the Philippines, then Singa-

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Fall semester plans proceeding

By Katherine Cantin
Contributing Writer

The 2020-2021 school year is coming quickly.

There is still a lot of unease in the community concerning what precautions are going to be put in place in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Becker Schools issued a press release, and Big Lake discussed the issue in a recent school board meeting, both of which outline the plan for fall semester. Both schools are planning to use the hybrid model of learning, the guidelines for which are outlined below. The learning model may change, even in the middle of the school year, depending on the number of COVID-19 cases in Sherburne County over a 14-day range.

These are unprecedented times, and the school boards are doing their best with the regulations that exist and the requests they receive from parents. Those

who continue to have questions or concerns should reach out to the schools directly and make their voices heard. The only way that these precautions work well for everyone is if there is continuous community involvement in the schools' decisions moving forward.

Becker K-5

Students in grades K-5 will attend school, starting Sept. 8, in-person, during normal school hours. The school will make use of large spaces such as the gym and the field house to allow students to spread out more. The reason elementary school students



BECKER SCHOOLS STAFF attends a sanitization demonstration in a bus garage in preparation of the start of the school year. All attending were sure to wear masks and stand apart from one another. (Photo taken from Becker Schools' Facebook page.)

will not be attending school virtually is because the school board assumed working parents would

be forced to enroll their students in daycare, which is no better, and

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Clear Lake Twp. claims COVID-19 funds

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Clear Lake Twp. Board met Tuesday evening and supervisor Bud Stimmler provided an update from the meeting he attended in late July at Sherburne County.

Stimmler reported the township has received \$40,950 in CARES Act funding, as the total is based on a population formula. He further explained to his colleagues that there are three criteria to be able to use the funds: it has to be used on expenditures that are a result of the pandemic, they must be items that were not already in the budget and the expenses have to be incurred between March of this year through the end of November.

The board held a general discussion about pos-

sible spending priorities and ultimately decided that each member will come to the September meeting with a list of spending action items. From there, the group will decide the best way to move forward. Any funds not earmarked by November could be appropriated to a qualifying nonprofit such as the food shelf.

Early discussion centered around cleaning supplies, election expenses and perhaps equipment that could be used to encourage social distancing in the new town hall.

Parks

Stimmler also reported robust usage of the township park and that "the dog park is used all day long." He has noticed more children in the area of 116th

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BL Twp. talking bridges

By Katherine Cantin
Contributing Writer

The Big Lake Twp. Board outlined some exciting upcoming events during last week's meeting, such as election day and the annual Dog Vaccination Clinic, and discussed securing a fascinating bit of Minnesota history for use in Lions Park.

Historic Kern Bridge

The board is trying to secure the historic Bowstring Truss Kern Bridge for use in the Lion's Park. The Kern Bridge is from Mankato, originally spanning the Le Sueur River. It was built by John Mahowald with the Wrought Iron Bridge Company in 1873 for \$8,652, which would be worth \$186,811.82 in 2020. It was originally used for horse and buggy traffic over the river. According to MnDOT, the bridge is significant for being "the only example of a bowstring truss bridge in Minnesota, and for its exceptional span length."

After removal from its long-time home in Mankato, the bridge will be held in MnDOT District 7 until a new owner can be found. Interested agencies, including Big Lake Township, can apply to take on ownership of the bridge, which had to be moved due to failed limestone abutments. The board passed a motion to write a letter of support to move the bridge to Big Lake. The cost to Big Lake Twp. would likely be very minimal, as the township could apply for grants to preserve the historic monument.

Dog Vaccination Clinic
Big Lake City and Twp. are hosting this year's Dog Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, September 19 at Lions Park. All attending dogs must be leashed, and only healthy dogs will be vaccinated. Dog licenses are required for township residents, which can be purchased for \$20 at the

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event. A rabies vaccination will cost \$10; canine DHPP vaccination will cost \$16; and the canine Lyme's vaccination will be \$30. Only cash payments will be accepted for all of these services. Dog owners with questions can contact Big Lake Township at 763-

roads soon to see what works well. A couple different methods were discussed. The first was a seal coat, which involves applying a type of oil to the road and then laying on granite chips. This fills in deviations and extends the life of the pavement. The other method was the fog seal. This method may have several advantages. It may increase road friction, and could help snow melt faster in the winter, due to holding in more heat from the sun. The board moved to hold funds in escrow to pay for the sealant at a later time.

Twp. Housing

During the open forum part of the meeting, one citizen noted that there had been noticeably more high-density housing cropping up in Big Lake Twp. recently, and that he was against this use of township land. The board was under no obligation to respond to this, but Supervisor Aubol replied that the reason for this is because the owners of privately-owned land desired to use the land for housing. It is not the board's prerogative to stand in the way of land owners for the sake of preserving Big Lake Twp. as it is. He went on to say that citizens, of both Big Lake Township and Big Lake City, should continue to voice their opinions at public forum regarding this issue.

Board Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy on the township board, in supervisor seat number four. The seat would have to be filled by appointment from the board, and the board had a few potential members in mind, all of whom will be on the ballot for the board in November. Given the fact that election day is quickly approaching, the board showed

no urgency to appoint anyone at this time, but rather opted to take some time to consider a few options before taking steps, or not taking steps, to fill the seat.

CARES Funding

Treasurer Warneke mentioned that the township had received funding from the CARES act. This is the first time that the township has received federal funding in several decades. Warneke suggested mimicking the city's plans for the CARES funding in their own plans. A committee, consisting of supervisors Aubol and Leslie and treasurer Warneke, was formed to investigate CARES plans of surrounding communities and to come up with one for Big Lake Twp.

Becker/Big Lake library events

By Katherine Cantin
Contributing Writer

The Great River Regional Library branches of Becker and Big Lake are hosting several family friendly events in August. Parents searching for ways to entertain kids until school starts up again may be interested to check out the events themselves.

Back to School Bingo

Kids of all ages can visit the help desk at either the Becker or Big Lake locations to receive a back to school bingo card. Bingo winners will be given their choice of school supplies and a book as prizes.

Take and Make

Creative kids and teens can pick up craft kits to take home. Becker will have kids' craft kits available every Tuesday and Thursday, and Big Lake will offer kids' kits on Wednesdays. Big Lake will also have tween/teen kits available on Fridays.

Story Stroll

Families with early readers are invited to come to Story Stroll. Pages from a story will be posted around the Big Lake Independence Elementary School on Mondays and around the Becker Community Center on Tuesdays. Kids and families can walk around and talk about the story in this fun, outdoors event.



THE BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING took place on August 12th. Attendees were welcomed by this powerpoint slide. (Photo taken by Katherine Cantin.)

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Turnout for Primaries

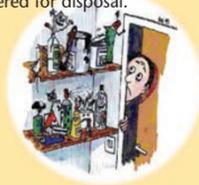
Four-hundred eighty-nine township residents voted in the 2020 primaries on August 11, out of 5,257 registered voters. These voters broke down into the following precincts: 164 voters from precinct one; 123 voters from precinct two; 110 voters from precinct three; and 92 voters from precinct four. The next election is November 3.

Vandals at Lions Park

Vandals have been targeting public toilets at Lions Park. The outhouses have been tipped and vandalized several times, including once after being chained up at the ball field. The Big Lake Police Dept. has been requested to patrol near the park more frequently in order to apprehend the vandals.

Road Sealant

Some roads in Big Lake Twp. are going to receive new sealant. The Big Lake Township board will test different types of sealants on some



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August 29 9am-1pm Becker Public Works, 12002 Morris St., Becker
September 14 3pm-6pm KJ's Refuge Bar & Grill, 26211 184th St., NW, Orrock
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Clear Lake/Big Lake News

Palmer Board reviews variance requests

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

There were several variance requests on the agenda August 10 when the Palmer Township Board held its monthly meeting. After reviewing each request, the board approved sending favorable comment to Sherburne County where the final decision will be made.

Richard Vosika was requesting a five foot Right of Way setback to upgrade his septic system, while Kent Jorgensen wants to place a portable shed on a concrete slab that has been on his lot since he purchased it eleven years ago. Also receiving a favorable comment was a setback variance for Mark Neimann, who would like to install a larger holding tank on his property.

The board also voiced its approval to James and Charlene Langowski who are requesting a CUP to build a personal storage structure on the property they recently purchased across the street from their residence.

Sheriff, Fire Report
Captain Bob Stangler presented the statistic report for July, which showed 83

calls for service, approximately half the call load of 2019. Included in the calls were 14 boating complaints and 15 traffic stops.

Chairman Mike Ganz asked Stangler if extra enforcement could be directed to speeding complaints in the early morning on 42nd street, as well as the new tar that has been placed on 54th street.

Fire Chief Ron Koren provided an update from the Clear Lake Fire Department, which noted 18 total calls during the last service period, including eight in Palmer Township.

Clean Up Day
Palmer will hold its annual clean up day on August 29th with a few COVID-19 modifications for this year. A standard fee of \$20 will be charged per load, along with having residents unloading their own vehicle and trailers. Volunteers will still be on hand to direct traffic. It was noted that appliances, electronics and hazardous waste will not be accepted at this year's event.

Trailer Purchase
The board moved ahead with the purchase of a dump trailer that can be used for tar patching, as well as for

picking up brush and miscellaneous items that are discarded on township right of way property. The 14 foot trailer from Crawford Equipment will be purchased for \$7,778.61.

CARES Act Funding
Supervisor Steve De-meules reported to the board

submitted for the money. Funds must be used by November 15th or they will revert to the county. Treasurer Roger Johnson noted that he has created a new claim form specifically for COVID-19 related expenses to help the township track these dollars.

In other news, the board:

- Learned that the second pickle ball court has been striped;

- Heard from De-meules that the new officers were elected at the recent Lake Association meeting;

- Clarified that the supervisor salary increase will apply to any meeting that is advertised, has a quorum and requires minutes;

- Heard an update on the boiler replacement needs, as additional quotes are being sought;

- Listened to Ganz, who read a thank you from library volunteer Donna Schmidt. The board decided to personally acknowledge Schmidt for her dedication in keeping the library up to date and highly organized on a weekly basis.



that he attended an informational meeting at the county regarding funding for townships related to the CARES Act. Palmer is eligible to receive \$62,000 based on the township's population and the application has been

Mayors minutes for Aug. 12, 2020

By Big Lake Mayor, Mike Wallen

Workshop
• Layne Otteson, Karen Blake and Linda Paulson gave us an update on the new location for the Freedom Rock project. It will be placed North of the maintenance garage at Lakeside Park with delivery schedule for Sept 19th.

• Public Input Hearing (aka: Truth in Taxation) will be at our November 25th Council meeting.

• We discussed the Safe Routes to School improvement project and approved by consensus the \$11k cost increase. Time to get this project moving.

Regular Council Meeting

• Consent Agenda passed with the removal of item 6K as we decided to have the Enterprise Funds discussion at our workshop...no sense in having



an additional (Special) 10 minute meeting.

• We started the meeting with a few moments of silence to Remember Council Member Rose Johnson and had a "Rose" ceremony. It was a sad opening.

• Layne presented the opportunity for Sherburne County to place the historic Kern Bridge over the Elk River for our walking path.

Unanimous consent for providing a letter of support.

• Accepted a \$500 cash donation to the BLPD from Fanberg Auctions to be used for non budgeted expenditures. They have been a great supporter of our PD and we appreciate this donation!

• Had a very short discussion on what to do with the vacant seat on the Council. All Council Mem-

bers agreed to leave it vacant until the November 3 election.

• Great monthly reports from Chief Scharf (PD), Assistant Chief Hedstrom (FD), Layne Otteson (Engineering).

• In her inaugural update, Ella Dotzler (School Liaison) brought us up to date on what's happening at our schools. It's great to have this voice to go both ways on info for the city/schools.

"A final note...the death of Rose has hit all of us quite hard and my personal condolences go out to her family and all of us that will miss her greatly."



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Becker previews Business Park video

By Bill Morgan,
Staff Writer

Becker City Council met Tuesday to discuss a domestic clarifier coating project, grant writing, Snuffy's Landing, city rule changes for COVID-19 and a video presentation recently created for the business park.

Video Release

Marie Pflipsen told council the Becker EDA has been working with a videographer to capture current business attraction and expansion projects taking place within the Becker Business Park. The video will be used to showcase to local residents and national site selectors.

Pflipsen told council she wanted the video played during the city council meeting for its official launch before publishing the following day.

Pflipsen also noted the city is working on further video projects moving forward.

Clarifier Coating Project For 2020

Phil Knutson said the domestic WWTF was constructed in 2008 and noted that as of 2019, the clarifier mechanisms in both domestic clarifiers were showing significant signs of corrosion, especially on the center feed column.

Knutson said WWTF staff expected to get 20 to 25 years of life out of these mechanisms, however, to get that life out of the existing mechanisms, the corrosion that is occurring needs to be addressed.

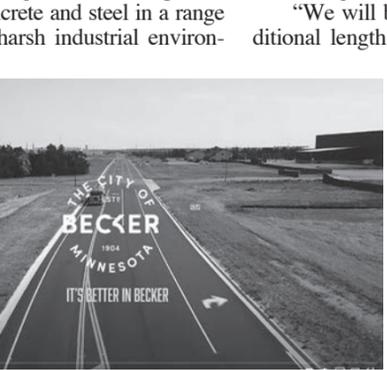
In 2019, council approved the coating of domestic clarifier #2. Knutson says staff are now asking council for approval to address the corrosion on domestic clarifier #1.

Staff spent time discussing this work with an industrial coatings' expert and were able to get three bids to apply the coating recommended for

this application. Staff would like to hire Nelson Industrial Coatings, LLC. to prep (sandblast/chloride wash), prime as specified, and apply two coatings of Sher-glass Flake filled epoxy finish to the metal mechanism of domestic clarifier #1. Sher-glass FF is a glass flake reinforced epoxy coating formulated to protect concrete and steel in a range of harsh industrial environ-

ments including wastewater treatment facilities. By taking this action now, Knutson says, the city will be taking the necessary steps to ensure the clarifier mechanism will be in operation for the service life expected.

Knutson said the 2020 Domestic WWTF CIP has \$45,000 budgeted for the coating of domestic clarifier #1. The winning bid came in at \$45,623. Fresh Blast quoted \$47,400 and Swanson & Youngdale quoted \$119,251.



Grant Writing
Knutson said the city is looking for possible grant opportunities for projects within the CIP or budgets. The particular grant Knutson spoke about Tuesday would be for a cooperative effort with the Becker Youth Basketball Association and the city to establish a new full court basketball court either at Kolbinger Park or the BCC campus.

Snuffy's Landing
Knutson said staff has been working with the DNR and the Sherburne County Water/Recreational Patrol regarding the current landing and river access to the

Mississippi river at Snuffy's Landing.
Knutson said over time the river has pushed sediment and boulders into the current landing. He says the project would coordinate efforts with city staff and the DNR to move the sediment and boulders to create a more accessible landing.
"We will be adding additional length to the existing ladder and looking to create a better 'pool' for loading/unloading watercraft into the river," Knutson said. "We are really trying to spruce up our parks."

Up Next
The next Becker City Council meeting is Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.

Suspension of Rules
Pflipsen said due to COVID-19 and multiple executive orders from Gov. Walz, businesses are having to change operations. In order to ensure businesses are able to advertise their change of operations, staff proposed to suspend the code related to temporary signage. With restaurants expanding or adding patio space, staff also recommended extending the suspension of rules related to outside sales and consumption of alcohol within the patio areas to the end of the year.

Up Next
The next Becker City Council meeting is Sept. 1 at 6 p.m.

St. Cloud hosts Trump event



WOMEN FOR TRUMP. Kris Goenner of Becker was excited to be a part of the Women For Trump 2020 event in St. Cloud earlier this week. (Submitted photo).

Becker Twp. moves to protect first responders

By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

The Becker Township Board has appropriated CARES Act funding in the past several months to prepare for safe elections and to ensure transparency by bolstering its ability to broadcast meetings for the general public. Monday evening, they took action to provide a level of safety for the Becker Fire Department by approving the purchase of coveralls and turnout gear.

Supervisor Luke Babler reported that the fire board has been working with Chief Doug Kolbinger to prioritize a list of needs for the department when it comes to protecting personnel who are serving on the front lines of the pandemic.

The resulting list includes coveralls used for medical calls, another set of turnout gear for all firefighters, an additional LUCAS device (used for chest compressions on medical calls), and some additional training and cleaning supplies.

The department actually serves three entities including Becker Township, the City of Becker and Santiago Township. All three governmental agencies are working with the department to access CARES Act dollars where possible. Currently, there is a great deal of sharing of equipment between Station 1 in Becker and Station 2 in Santiago. For example, personnel responding to Station 2 do not have access to a washing machine and must drive to Becker to launder their gear, which is now recommended on a

much more frequent basis due to COVID-19 concerns.

Once the turnout gear is washed, it can take up to four days for it to properly dry. Having an extra set would allow more frequent washing of the gear and having another set dry and ready to go for the next call.

Chairman Brian Kolbinger, who also serves with the fire board, noted that the list isn't just a wish list, but in his opinion is responsible and is focused on firefighter safety and efficiency.

After some discussion about meeting the timelines associated with the CARES Act, as well as the funds available and expectations for future expenditures, the board felt the most prudent action was to purchase the coveralls and the additional set of turnout gear for all firefighters. Doing so will help ensure it arrives before November to comply with the rules of the CARES Act. As such, they approved a motion to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$135,000.

ATVs

Sherburne County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Dan Frank presented the report for the previous period, which noted 187 calls for service including several 911 hang-up calls that were actually the result of flooded phone lines. For some reason, when the water gets into certain lines they malfunction and automatically dial 911.

In addition, Frank reminded residents that as of August 1st, ATVs are allowed to be ridden in the ditches south of Highway 95 as the bird nesting season is completed.

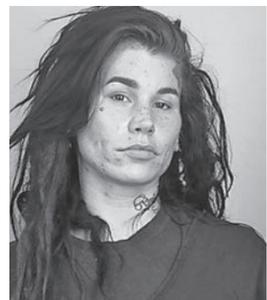
In other business, the board:

- Approved a gambling permit for B-BL hockey to operate at Monty's Tropical Hideout;
- Sent favorable recommendation to the county for a shoreline variance application for Roxanne McGill who lives on Danzel Slough;
- Approved Wes Davis' recommendation for a partial payment for concrete apron work on 185th Avenue;
- Reviewed the easement drawings for the turn around on 112th Street;
- Approved the relocation and installation of several mailboxes on 77th Street as they were originally moved on a temporary basis to help with road construction;
- Directed Davis to develop plans for 164th Avenue to assist in future budgeting. As the project begins to take shape, the board plans to speak with the surrounding landowners about the scope of the project;
- Approved the new Logo for the township to use in coinciding with next year's 150 year celebration;
- Approved the purchasing of iPads to replace the current tablets that are outdated and unreliable at over ten years old;
- Tabled a funding request from the Sherburne History Center until more information is gathered;
- Decided to explore placing garbage receptacles at the front of the building because of the increase in foot traffic and business in the area.

Suspect charged with possession of meth

Submitted Article

August 12, at approximately 2:01 a.m. Officer Tyler Hecht of the Big Lake Police Dept. stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. Officer Hecht observed a small rubber container, commonly used to store controlled substances, on the floorboard of the vehicle. The lid for the container was laying next to it. Officer Hecht observed a white crystal residue in-



TIFFANY MAHIN of St. Cloud (Booking Photo).

side of it, consistent with the appearance of methamphetamine.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of a small gray makeup bag, inside a blue bin, in the trunk of the vehicle.

The passenger, Tiffany Mahin, age 29 of St. Cloud, stated the blue bin and its contents were hers. A search of the makeup bag resulted in the discovery of a loaded hypodermic needle with 26 milliliters of

a clear liquid, which field-tested positive for methamphetamine. The makeup bag also contained various drug paraphernalia.

After the makeup bag and its contents were discovered, both the driver and Mahin denied any knowledge of the makeup bag.

Mahin was arrested and transported to jail. Mahin was charged by criminal complaint with; Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance.

Officer Hecht arrests Columbia Heights man for meth

Submitted Article

July 26 at approximately 2:39 a.m., Officer Tyler Hecht of the Big Lake Police Dept. stopped a vehicle in connection to a driving complaint. Officer Hecht spoke to the driver, Terry Van Guilder, 41 of Columbia Heights, and while doing so, could smell the odor of alcohol emitting from the vehicle. Hecht also observed Van Guilder had bloodshot, watery eyes. Officer Hecht performed standard field so-

briety tests and Van Guilder showed signs of impairment during the three tests. A preliminary breath test was conducted, and Van Guilder was over the legal limit.

Van Guilder was placed under arrest and searched. In Van Guilder's left pocket, a clear zip lock baggie was located that contained a substance that later field tested positive for methamphetamine. The methamphetamine weighed 2.2 grams. During the vehicle search a methamphet-



TERRY VAN GUILDER of Columbia Heights. (Booking Photo).

amine pipe was located under the driver's seat.

Van Guilder's breath test showed a reading of .07. A Miranda statement was taken where Van Guilder admitted he picked up the bag of methamphetamine yesterday.

Van Guilder was charged by criminal complaint with; Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance.

More BL Block Party Fun!



THE BIG LAKE AMDASSADORS, all wearing bright yellow shirts, spent some of their time decorating rocks at Big Lake's Block Party Saturday. (Photo by Bill Morgan).

Editorial/Opinion

Letters to Editor

Teacher A Master Of More Than Just Art

Those who knew Henry High School Art Teacher Harold Bobgan just raved about his kindness, his brilliance, his patience and his care for his students. He was the epitome of a good teacher and was always encouraging, thoughtful and gave us a landscape of opportunities for expression and achievement.

Last weekend, that master of art left this earth to join other masters in the vaulted museum of the promised land.

And this former Henry Patriot student will forever be grateful for the circumstances that allowed Mr. Bobgan to mentor me and pave my future.

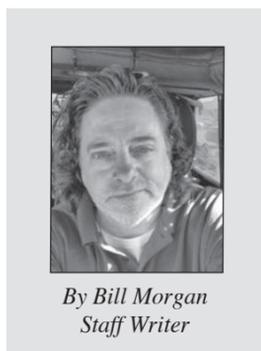
Harold Bobgan taught art at Henry from 1959 to 1985. I was a graduate of 1980 and because of his death at 93, I never got to tell the man the impact he had on me and my career.

For years, I tried to track him down to tell him of my gratitude but to no avail. That was until about two months ago when a former classmate posted on Facebook that the man was still alive and kicking. I garnered his home phone number and intended to call him, but I let the opportunity slip through my fingers.

A regret I'll carry with me for the rest of my life.

I was never a great student throughout my school years and by the time I got to high school, I had my eyes set on moving on with life after "just four more years". My freshman through junior years were spent at Fridley Grace HS where most of my brothers and sisters had attended.

As I said, school was not my forte and by my junior year I was told by the school office that I was going to be short a few credits for graduation, thus I would have to spend my pre-senior year in summer school. I was devastated. I told my best friend and he suggested I transfer to Henry, which allowed for more credits per year.



By Bill Morgan
Staff Writer

Yikes, that meant I had to try and get my parents to go along with the idea which — to my surprise — they gave me full blessing.

As many kids can attest, switching to a new school in your high school years is never an easy thing — especially when it's your senior year. But again, I had my eyes set on "getting through" high school and getting on with my regular life.

That's where Mr. Bobgan entered.

Art classes at every level of schooling was always my favorite and thanks to my natural talent of being able to draw, I excelled. At Henry, I took Mr. Bobgan's art class the first trimester and loved it. By the end of the first trimester, I had a couple cool paintings, some posters and some ceramic pieces I was super proud of.

I took another Bobgan art class the second trimester. One day, as I sat at the group table, Mr. Bobgan saw my notebook open and requested to see it. Most student's notebooks typically had "notes" from classes they were taking... mine had pencil and pen drawings.

This was on a Friday and when the class bell rang, I noticed Mr. Bobgan at his desk perusing the pages of my notebook, in no hurry to return my "diary" of favorite sketches. I shrugged and went on to my next class.

The following Monday, as I walked up to school, several students

rushed up to me and congratulated me for my art. I was dumbfounded and when they ushered me to the third floor just outside Mr. Bobgan's classroom, I saw behind a glass case my drawings carefully removed from the notebook and hanging on the wall. A cardboard placard was placed in the middle that said, "drawings by Billy Morgan".

Wow. I was stunned and a little embarrassed but — with all the attention I was getting — I was sort of proud, too.

As was Mr. Bobgan.

He never mentioned a word to me about the display but when class commenced and he announced to the students the next assignment, he pulled me aside and quietly whispered to me, "Billy, you don't have to do any of the assignments moving forward if you don't want to — you can just sit there at the table and draw."

Did I hear him right?

When I looked up he smiled and gave me a wink.

Then, as the third trimester began and the final weeks of my high school career launched, Mr. Bobgan came up to me and asked where I was going to college. I told him I had no plans.

He turned around, went over to the telephone at his desk and started dialing. Moments later, he came back with a little piece of paper and told me he had me pre-registered at North Hennepin Community College in the Commercial Art program.

Again, I was stunned.

He must have saw something in me I didn't recognize or find value in. The saddest part of this story is I never got the opportunity to tell that man how grateful I was for investing his time, his care and his attentiveness to me.

But I figure, if he's looking down from his canvas in the clouds, I'm sure he's still smiling and winking.

the months ahead.

The PFA administers and oversees the financial management of three revolving loan funds and other programs that help local units of government construct facilities for clean water, drinking water, and transportation infrastructure projects. These PFA programs allow local governments to access low-interest loans to complete these projects at a saving for local taxpayers.

More PFA information is available at www.mn.gov/deed/pfa.

TO THE EDITOR:

During the run-up to the general election in November, where he will be up for re-election, I find Sen. Mathews piece, "19 Year Old Cooks?" to be nothing more than a way to get some election year print.

Governor Walz, himself a veteran officer of the MN National Guard, would be the last person to denigrate his fellow service people. His statement was, rather, a compliment to those men and women who may come from any background, including humble private lives, to serve their country. His statement was a way to drive home a point that the Guard is not a full-time standing army, but rather our friends and neighbors who are called on to step up at a moment's notice to serve and protect.

If anything, I think Sen. Mathews owes those in the MN Guard an apology for interpreting Gov. Walz' message as an insult rather than a reflection of who they are.

Nancy Hassett
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

To my fellow white, Evangelical Christian:

Jesus was Jewish. As the coming "Messiah", he was supposed to free his fellow Jews from the oppressive Roman government. Instead, however, he routinely gave up opportunities to take power and ultimately, was willingly murdered by Rome. Then he rises from death and tells his followers to deny their power and take up their crosses... giving themselves away for the benefit of those in need. While the world says to hold on to power, Jesus taught to give it up.

Now, let's look at America. Who's in power? Of the 56.8% of evangelical voters who cast their ballot in 2016, 81% of us voted for President Trump. I hear many exclaim that we need this man to stay in that particularly shaped office or else...

Or else Evangelicals lose the power that the Jesus we claim to profess said to give up? No wonder the world looks at American Christianity and says, "Unbelievable".

Don't get me wrong, voting as a Christian and wanting a person who upholds your values in office is terrific! But when our loyalty to a person, party or country blinds us from their flaws and demands our utter allegiance, then we have pledged to serve the world. Not God.

So let's stop hijacking the Lord found in the powerless of this Earth by making him fit into our earthly leader's agenda. He won't be found there.

Jesus will be found in the street, on the hospital floor, in the prison and at the border. With the hurting, confused, abused, deported, ridiculed, cast out, and minority. Jesus will be found in the places and with the people we so-called-Christians are too righteous to have anything to do with.

And if you disagree, I'd re-read those words in red (in Bible) - just in case.

Brody Hed
Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Fear is a great motivator, but it is not great at helping us to make wise, unity building, decisions.

No! Fear separates us. It

causes us to justify acts that are not built upon our trying to understand one another or on the giving of each other grace. Rather, fear makes us believe that we must find ways force our will, our beliefs, our knowing what is right, upon others.

Fear makes us say, "In normal times I would not respond to others in this way, but these are not ordinary times!" or to say, "Normally I would not condone others whom are acting in a particular way, but since they are agreeing with me and what I believe needs to be done, in this instance, it is not only OK for them to act in that way but it is needed." Or we somehow enlist the idea that God is for us and is therefore using these "unsavory" behaviors as a way of carrying out His will.

As for me, one who believes in God, and who claims Jesus Christ to be his Lord and Savior, I believe fear, even that which is based on wanting to keep others from doing what I believe to be wrong, make me a prisoner onto myself and makes me believe that I must know what is best and true for others, as opposed to my entrusting others, myself, and our nation, fully into the hands of God.

This is not about calling what I believe to be right, "wrong" or wrong "right." This is about learning not to act out of fear, but in love. It is about my coming to understand that love that produces acts in me that are based on fear is not godly, but something that destroys the very relationships I claim to value.

Curtis Hed,
Becker, MN

Celebrating Startup Week

We had some exciting news recently: our Adjutant General Jon Jensen of the Minnesota National Guard was recognized nationally for his outstanding leadership and was named the Director of the Army National Guard. His assumption to this command is an honor and we are so proud of him.

I want to congratulate Brigadier General Shawn Manke, who will assume the role as the next Adjutant General for the Minnesota National Guard this week. Our Guardsmen and women are lucky to have his leadership and guidance.

The Minnesota National Guard is made up of incredible individuals who serve their fellow Minnesotans both at home and abroad. Whether they are serving on deployment or addressing civil unrest in the Twin Cities, we are extremely grateful for their service.

Celebrating Startup Week

Last week, we celebrated the entrepreneurial spirit with Congressional Startup Day, recognizing entrepreneurs who are taking risks to create business opportunities. Our jobs, economy, and even national security depend on entrepreneurs that take risks, build businesses, and propel this nation's economy to be the strongest in the world.

Minnesota and the "Tech Cities" as our Twin Cities have been dubbed, are considered the Startup Capital of the North for fostering innovation and entrepreneurial success.

In February, I gathered with a group in St. Cloud to learn about gBETA, a free seven-week accelerator for early-stage companies with local roots. They help support the innovative startups already trying to grow in Minnesota. With 16 Fortune 500 companies and numerous startups, we have attracted venture capital totaling almost \$500 million. We're earning our nicknames!

In Congress, I am the



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

Ranking Member of the Fintech Taskforce. This enables me to learn about and help foster new innovations and technologies at our financial institutions.

Transportation in Central Minnesota

I announced some important news last week: the United States Department of Transportation has awarded the state of Minnesota \$4,412,890 under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program. This funding will replace and rehabilitate older buses and help acquire new ones as well.

Our bus facilities and vehicle fleet throughout Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District are vital for many Central Minnesotans. They rely on buses to get them to work and to other important places in their lives. Mobility for residents of our community is critical, and efficiency is key.

This grant will improve both the St. Cloud and Buffalo area bus fleets. These areas serve as a hub for many commuters, and this funding will be a welcome update for citizens across the Sixth.

The expansion and maintenance of roads and bridges in our district is a top priority.

I recently introduced the National Bridge Replacement and Improvement Act which creates a grant program for bridge improvements, replacements or repairs. In Minnesota alone, an estimated 1.5 million crossings over structurally deficient bridges happen every day.

My new legislation will prioritize existing funding to help achieve the U.S. Department of Transportation's stated goal of eliminating the backlog of bridge projects by 2032.

Autumnwood Farm

Recently I visited Autumnwood Farm, which is operated by the Daninger family in Forest Lake. Pat Daninger inherited this farm, and it was originally started by his grandparents who emigrated from Austria in 1902. This family has been working on this land for nearly 120 years in the dairy business.

Sharlene Daninger, Pat's wife, operates the farm with him. Pat and Sharlene have grown and expanded the farm, including 300 acres where they plant corn for silage, hay, winter wheat and use some for pasture ground. Along with the farm, they also have an on-site creamery where they sell directly to customers and retailers. Sharlene had me try some of their chocolate milk, which was outstanding! They currently sell their milk products in over 40 stores in the Twin Cities in addition to being sold at their creamery.

Dairy is one of the top agricultural products in Minnesota, and I've seen firsthand the work our dairy farmers are doing to support the nation. The industry in Minnesota is home to 3,470 dairy farms, which are responsible for nearly 9,500 jobs. Each year Minnesota dairy farmers produce nearly 10 billion pounds of milk!

I shared with the Daninger family legislation that I introduced to provide flexibility to dairy farmers under an existing risk management program. This additional voluntary option for our hard-working farmers will allow the program to more accurately reflect actual production of the operation, resulting in better risk management. Read about the bill here.

ATTENTION: For agricultural producers, farmers and ranchers fac-

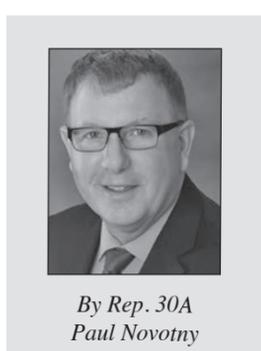
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\$3 Million For Big Lake Water Treatment

The Public Facilities Authority (PFA) announced today that they have approved a new round of grants and loans to cities statewide including the community of Big Lake. Big Lake is set to receive \$3,057,950 for improvements to the city's wastewater treatment facility.

Financing for the project is provided through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority as part of a \$122 million round of loans and grants for water and infrastructure projects throughout Minnesota recently announced for the first half of 2020.

I extend my gratitude and appreciation to the PFA



By Rep. 30A
Paul Novotny

for providing the funds needed to complete this critically important public infrastructure project. This project will pay huge dividends for the citizens of Big Lake and I look forward to monitoring its progress in



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Announcements

BECKER SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Becker Public Schools will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) this summer. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered in Minnesota by the Minnesota Department of Education, Food and Nutrition Service.

Service will occur on Tuesday's between 11:00am and 1:00pm at Door #3 of the High School and is free to any child 18 and under.

Dates of service are: August 18, and August 25. Each bag will contain 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches that meet the meal pattern requirements set by USDA. To participate in this program please contact Felicia Kittok: fkittok@isd726.org.

Following information from the previous district survey, each building will have an individualized plan that considers the three models of learning already provided by the MDE. Within each of those models, we have chosen four priorities: Health and Safety, Choices, Social Emotional Well being, and Student Success.

We have also identified safety measures for a safe return to school in-person or in a hybrid model. Some specific safety precautions we will utilize include:

Dual Filtration Systems and Monitoring of Ventilation Systems; Daily Use of Electrostatic Disinfecting Sprayers in Buildings and Transportation; Increased Access to Water Bottle Filling Stations; Face Shields for Staff Members; Mask Requirement per Executive Order 20-81; Room Specific Sanitizers; Increased Social Distance Opportunities; Hand Sanitizer Dispensers in Common and High Traffic Areas; Personal Protective Equipment for Specific Staff in High Risk Areas; COVID Specific Signs and Decals in and around Restrooms, Classrooms, Fountains, etc.; Limiting of Non-essential Visitors/Volunteers/External groups

In-Person Model

The in-person model for Becker Public Schools will create as much space between students and teachers as is feasible during the day, but will not be held strictly to enforcing 6 feet of social distancing during primary instructional time in the classroom.

Hybrid Model-Elementary (Primary/Intermediate)

Similar to the In-Person Model, Becker Primary and Intermediate school will continue to have in-person options available to 100% of our students. Some additional safety changes taking place in the Hybrid Model will be increased social distancing due to the utilization of a variety of non-conventional spaces.

Hybrid Model-Secondary (Middle/High)

The Hybrid Model for Becker Middle School and High School will take place in groups. Group A will be students A-K, and Group B will be students L-Z. 50% of students would be present on either Monday/Tuesday (Group A), or Thursday/Friday (Group B). Wednesdays would be designated as a Distance Learning Day for all students. Additionally, days that students are not in school would be designated as Distance Learning days depending on their Group schedule. Some additional safety changes taking place in the Hybrid Model will be increased social distancing due to a limited number of students within the building at one time.

Distance Learning Model

If COVID case numbers increase and guidance suggests a distance learning model, students will be participating in a synchronous learning environment, meaning their classes will take place with a licensed teacher during the same time as they would in the in-person model. School will be available for emergency child care and other required or vital functions.

CLEARVIEW SCHOOL INFORMATION

The Board of Education approved Wednesday night the district's recommendation to begin the 20-21 school year in a hybrid learning model. The plan follows the Governor's Stay Safe Minnesota matrix based on local county health data.

Details of the plan by level:

Elementary
Grades K-2: Learn in school four days a week, Monday-Thursday, while following social distancing and 50% capacity guidelines, and distance learning on Fridays.
Grades 3-5: Learn in school two days a week, either on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday and three days in distance learning.

Some students who receive special education or early multilingual learners, along with homeless and migrant students, may attend school Monday- Thursday and distance learn on Fridays.

Each Friday, the State releases local county health data, and we will share that data with families and staff weekly.

We know that COVID-19 case rates fluctuate, and local health data may at times require us to transition to either a more or less restrictive learning model. If the case rates rise to a point that requires us to be more restrictive (such as moving to K-12 distance learning), we will transition on the Monday following the data release.

If case rates decrease, we will monitor the health data to ensure rates either remain stable or decrease over the span of three weeks. We would then transition to a less restrictive model the following week.

BECKER / BIG LAKE MEALS ON WHEELS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES / MEALS ON WHEELS

AUG 24-28
During this COVID-19 pandemic
Mon-Fri meals are:
"What's on the Menu - Frozen Meals"

Frozen meals are available for weekends.
1% milk is served with every meal. Menu subject to change. Call 763-856-4082 for more information. Suggested contribution for persons 60+ & volunteers is \$4.25 - \$8.

Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC Seniors! Tues., Aug. 25: Conversation, lunch & music 10:30-1. Join us at Becker City Park on the patio behind the park building. Lunch, coffee & water provided. Music by Joel Hagberg. Use the main parking lot. Bring a lawn chair & join BASC friends with social distancing. Masks available.

Sept. 1, the weekly Tues. morning coffee hour, 9:30-10:30, will move to the Becker City Park patio as the Dog Park near the north parking lot will be opening. Bring a chair & beverage of your choice for the coffee gatherings. Park in the main lot.

Becker American Legion Auxiliary
Meets the first 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 All School Reunion
Scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 10, has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The annual Becker All School Reunion is usually held the Thurs. after Labor Day at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker.

Plan to attend next year's All School Reunion, Thurs., Sept. 9. All are welcome. For more info contact Audrey Orton 320-743-2636.

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 Pebble Creek Bar & Grill. Dale Seavert 320-290-5342.

Becker Lions Collecting Items To Recycle

Items are: eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones & printer ink cartridges. Collection boxes are located at the Becker Community Center (entryway) & Insight Eye care.

Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193

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

Becker Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Meeting

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

Big Lake OPEN AA Meetings

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

Big Lake Al-Anon

Meetings held Mon., 7pm at the Church of Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, 440 Lake Street N, Big Lake. (church basement). Contact Laurie, 763-218-5330.

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 Community Food Shelf

The Big Lake Community Food Shelf exists to provide food & supplies for families in need residing in the Big Lake community & to direct them to other services that may be helpful to them in manner that preserves the dignity & respect of our clients.

Our hours of service are Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-7:30 pm & Wed. 9-11 am. We also serve clients every "Freebie Friday" from 10:30-11:30 am., 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 763-263-2218.

Big Lake Lioness

The Big Lake Lioness Club are women who take an active interest in the cultural & social welfare of the community in which they live. They believe citizens joined together can initiate & carry out programs which will make their community a better place in which to live. Our goal is to unite members of the club in friendship, fellowship & mutual understanding of our community & the world around us.

Over the summer months, Lioness members 'take a vacation' from their meetings & projects & this summer has been no exception. Even with COVID-19 & its precautions, the Lioness have managed to remain 'in touch' via email with its membership & have begun planning for upcoming projects.

Mon., Aug. 17, the Lioness will be assisting the Big Lake Food Shelf with their monthly produce distribution at Independence Elementary School in Big Lake 4-5:30pm. Anyone may visit & receive a variety of locally grown produce. On Sept. 26, 8am-2pm the Lioness will be holding their annual Garage Sale at Lions Park on CR 5. Household items, clothes, items for men, & other miscellaneous 'finds' will be available for sale. Stop by & see the selection. Proceeds from the sale go towards community projects sponsored by the Lioness. Watch Community News for more upcoming Lioness projects.

Anyone who wishes to obtain more information about the Lioness may do so by contacting any Lioness member or Lioness President Sue Stang at 763-263-3052. Meetings are held the second Mon. of the month at Lions Park on CR 5 in Big Lake. Social begins at 6:30 pm with the meeting following at 7 pm. All are welcomed to attend & learn more about this service organization.

The Big Lake Woman 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.biglake-womenoftoday.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.

Clear Lake Lioness

We are searching for & welcoming new members who are interested in serving our communities.

Meetings are the 4th Mon. of each month @ Nelson Brothers Restaurant in Clearwater. Dinner 6:30, meeting to follow.

We are in search of your fresh new ideas & energy. Sue: 320-743-3534 or Linda: 763-260-8858.

Clearwater AA/Alanon

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-Anon.

Clearwater AA Meeting

Mon. nights, 7 pm at Church of St. Luke, 17545 Huber Ave. NW, Clearwater. 320-558-2124.

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. Senior Lunch first Thurs. of the month at noon at 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 at 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

1st & 3rd Wed. of the month 2-4 pm at Independence 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. Everyone is welcome. Justin or Renee at 612-384-9069.

FREE - The Saint Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease

(PD) Support Group invites you to "Coffee & Conversation" the last Wed. monthly at 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.

GRRL Offers Streaming Service

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) is excited to announce its first-ever streaming service! The streaming service "Hoopla" is now available to access by using your library card.

Learn more about GRRL's new streaming service at griver.org/services

Homebuyer Education: Are YOU Ready for Homeownership?

Take a Zoom class from the comforts of your own sofa. Wright County Community Action (WCCA) offers the homebuyer's workshop (Home Stretch). A variety of topics in the home buying process will be covered in the workshop. Experienced area mortgage lenders, real estate agents, home inspectors & other housing professionals instruct the workshop. Volunteer instructors for the workshop are professionals who work in the Wright County area.

Participants receive a certificate after completion of the workshop. The certificate may assist the participants with a requirement of specialized mortgages, down payment assistance or other programs that could make homeownership more affordable.

Home Stretch will be offered through a Zoom format on September 15 & 16, 4-8 pm. To register, call Wright County Community Action (WCCA) at (320) 963-6500, ext 238. (Class fee of \$30.00 per household). Once registered and full payment, participants will receive confirmation and a Zoom link.

Libraries Open to Computer by Appointment

All libraires will be open to computer by appointment. This service is in addition to our curbside pickup & Print2Go services.

To access a library computer, call your local library or the GRRL Hotline number 1-833-GET-GRRL (1-833-438-4775). Safety measures & capacity guidelines visit griver.org/locations or local library's Facebook page.

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

If you or anyone you know is 60 or under & has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, you are welcome to attend our group. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Sarah Lutheran Church, 311 Lake Street So., Big Lake, MN 55309.

Specific topics will be scheduled along with open forum. Spouse/Care Partner/Family are encouraged to attend! Any questions, please call Camille Johnson at 763-350-7401.

Mental Health Discussion Group

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

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Meets third Mon. of the month, from 1-2:30 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, the 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.

Pastor Rob Olsen

You're invited to celebrate the retirement of Pastor Rob Olsen on Sun., Aug. 30 at Becker Baptist Church from 3-5 pm with a 2 pm program.

Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events

Hymn sings are held every other month on the 2nd Sun. at 4:30 pm. Check Snake River Church Facebook page for updates.

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.

The Monticello Rod & Gun Club

For the past 60 years been the longest continuously we have running Firearm Safety Program in the state of MN. Due to restrictions placed on us by the MN Dept of Administration & the DNR, all in-class & on-line field days are canceled for 2020. We hope to see you again in April 2021. Monticello Firearms Safety Team, Bob Weiman

Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent

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

Wright County Community Action

You have been affected & are having or are anticipating having difficulty paying your mortgage, **WCCA is here to help you navigate your options & keep your home.** Our advisor not only helps people to achieve ownership, helps owners facing financial difficulty to maintain ownership & avoid foreclosure. **To speak with a homeownership advisor, call Wright County Community Action at 320-963-6500 ext. 238 today.** Services are unbiased, confidential & free of charge.

Young @ Heart

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Obituaries

**JOHN (JACK) LEROY HANSON, 70
BECKER, MN
NOVEMBER 16, 1949 – AUGUST 12, 2020**

Died at his home, surrounded by his loving family and caregivers after being diagnosed with Stage 4 Glioblastoma in May of 2019.



(Kathy), Angela and Chris (Sara), Goddaughter Natalie (John) Schmidt, grandchildren Emma, Abby, Nicolas, Christopher (Kennedy), Drew (Josie), and Jack, great grandson Bentley,

Jack was born November 16, 1949 in Grand Forks, ND the son of Gilmore and Hattie (Eissinger) Hanson. He attended and graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in Devils Lake, ND in 1968.

Jack loved golfing, traveling in their RV, spending winters in AZ, attending his granddaughters' horse shows, playing cards with family and friends, the Minnesota Vikings, classic country music, making and enjoying root beer floats with his family and, of course, Dairy Queen stops. Give Jack an open road and wind in his face and he was a happy man on his Harley with Barbara riding behind him. Many miles and trips were enjoyed over the years. Jack was a member of St. Henry's Catholic Church, H.O.G. (Harley Owners' Group) and the Iron Workers and Carpenters Union.

Jack is survived by his wife Barbara (Domke) and their three children John

sister Linda (Bruce) Ray, brother Pat (Brenda Hanson), mother-in-law Delores Shelby, father-in-law Earl (Barbara) Domke, sisters-in-law Patti (Denis) Sipe, Mary (Greg) Davis, Pam (Bob) Hoel, Tracy (Mike) Davis, brothers-in-law Ketzel (Debbie) Domke, Todd (Vicki) Domke, and many nieces and nephews. Jack was preceded in death by his mother and father Hattie and Gilmore Hanson and brother Richard Prozinski.

A Celebration of Jack's Life will be held on Friday, August 28, 2020 p.m. at St. Henry's Catholic Church, 1001 East 7th Street, Monticello, MN with visitation beginning at 1:00. Mask mandate and social distancing will be observed. Private family interment in Devils Lake, North Dakota.

In lieu of flowers or memorials the family wishes thoughts of kindness be directed to Heartland Hospice, 1257 Second Street North, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379.



September Sherburne County Health and Human Services - Classes are as follows:

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

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



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GAME ANSWERS to page 10

This Weeks Calendar Events:

- Sun. - Aug. 23, 2020**
 - ** Health Unit Coordinators Week (8/23-8/29)
 - ** Indianapolis 500 - Mile Race
 - ** Southern Hemisphere Hoodie-Hoo Day
 - ** Virgo, The Virgin (8/23-9/22)
- Mon. - Aug. 24, 2020**
 - ** National Waffle Day
 - ** United States Open Tennis Championships (US Open) (8/24-9/13)
- Tues. - Aug. 25, 2020**
 - ** Be Kind to Humankind Week (8/25-8/31)
 - ** National Park Service Founders Day
- Wed. - Aug. 26, 2020**
 - ** Woman's Equity Day
 - ** National Dog Day
- Thurs. - Aug. 27, 2020**
 - ** "The Dutchess" Who Wasn't Day
- Fri. - Aug. 28, 2020**
 - ** National Bow Tie Day
 - ** Rodio Commericals: Anniversary
 - ** Colorado State Fair (8/28-9/7)
- Sat. - Aug. 29, 2020**
 - ** United Nations: International Day Against Nuclear Tests

THE VOLUNTEER BRIDGE

RSVP/The Volunteer Bridge
BBBS Virtual Mentor – With these uncertain times, the youth and families Big Brothers Big Sisters serve are among the hardest hit, and they are doing everything they can to keep them safe and supported. Children are needing mentorship now more than ever! They now offer virtual matching - you can attend an Info Session, be interviewed and meet your Little through Zoom! This is a one-on-one volunteer opportunity to provide friendship and guidance to a child in Central MN. The volunteer will meet with their Little 3 - 4 times a month for 12 months.

Great River FIA Friendly Visitor – A vast majority of older adults face social isolation. Help a community member by being matched through Great River FIA and provide regular visits and/or phone calls to an older adult facing isolation. It's easy to combat loneliness, all it takes is one visit or phone call a month. Only requirement is to keep client information confidential and keep up a convenient schedule for the ones in need.

Sherburne County Government Center Greeter – Help your local government by being the first point of contact for community members entering the Government Center. Assist in greeting patrons, directing phone calls, and answering questions. Current needs are for Wednesday AM and Wednesday PM shift. Background check will be required and must be able to sit at a desk for at least one 4-hour shift a week. Training provided! Precautions are in place to ensure volunteers' health and safety.

If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:
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ASSUMED NAME: **Blue Thistle Prints**
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 NAMEHOLDER(S):
 Name:

Kelly Kristine Leedy
 Address:
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DESIGNED BY: **Kelly Leedy**
 MAILING ADDRESS: **320 Fairmont Ave S Montrose MN 55363**
 EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **kelly@kkristine.com**
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STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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 /s/ Steve Simon
 Secretary of State
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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Woods at Elk River Station Association, (hereinafter the "Declaration") recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Sherburne County, Minnesota on December 30, 2003, as Document No. A537145, which covers the following property:

Legal Description: Unit No. 3604, Woods at Elk River Station, Common Interest Community No. 46
Property Address: 17183 Monroe Drive NW, Elk River, Minnesota 55330
PID: 75-719-3604

THAT pursuant to said Declaration, there is claimed to be due and owing as of July 29, 2020, from Steven Fowler, title holder, to Woods at Elk River Station Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, the amount of \$6,875.00, plus additional assessments and other amounts that may have accrued since the date of this notice, including the costs of collection and foreclosure;

THAT prior to the commencement of this foreclosure proceeding, Lienor complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said lien, or any part thereof;

THAT the owner has not been released from his financial obligation to pay said amount;

THAT pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 515B.3-116, said debt creates a lien upon said premises in favor of Woods at Elk River Station Association, as evidenced by a lien statement dated June 19, 2020, recorded on July 10, 2020, in the office of the Sherburne County Recorder as Document No. 895627;

THAT pursuant to the power of sale granted by the owners in taking title to the premises subject to said Declaration, said lien will be foreclosed by the sale of said property by the sheriff of said County at the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, in the City of Elk River, County Sherburne, State of Minnesota, on October 1, 2020, at 10 a.m., at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, to pay the amount then due. The time allowed by law for redemption by the unit owners, their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of said sale.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the owner must vacate the property if the account is not brought current or the property redeemed under Minn. Stat. § 580.23 is April 1, 2021. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is

the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

REDEMPTION NOTICE

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE OWNER, THE OWNER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

WOODS AT ELK RIVER STATION ASSOCIATION, Lienor
 Dated: July 29, 2020
 By /s/ Thomas P. Carlson
 Thomas P. Carlson (024871X)
 Carlson & Associates, Ltd.
 1052 Centerville Circle
 Vadnais Heights, MN 55127
 (651) 287-8640
 ATTORNEY FOR WOODS AT ELK RIVER STATION ASSOCIATION
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STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

08-01-2020
Court File No. 71-PR-20-84
Estate of Louise A. Mulvaney, Decedent

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 10/22/20, at 2:50 PM, a hearing will be held in this Court at Sherburne County Court House, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, July 25, 2007, and ("Will"), and for the appointment of Virginia Mulvaney, whose address is 13600 Timber Crest Drive, Maple Grove, MN, 55311 and Janette Blount, whose address is 7311 207th Avenue NW, Elk River, MN, 55330 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. This hearing will be heard remotely. Please contact court administration for instructions.

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

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated: August 10, 2020
BY THE COURT
 /s/ Melissa Arbogast
 Deputy
 /s/ Patricia A. Kuka
 Court Administrator
 Attorney for Petitioner
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STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 71-PR-20-96
Estate of: Magdalen M. Kroll aka Maggie M. Kroll aka Maggie Kroll, Decedent

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on 11/12/2020, at 1:50 p.m., a hearing will be remotely held in this Court at 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent, dated February 23, 2016, and separate writing(s) under Minnesota Statutes section 524.2-513 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Fidelis A. Kroll whose address is 18310 Fair Meadows Circle, Big Lake, Minnesota 55309 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with

full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

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/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry
 Court Administrator Deputy
 Dated: 8/13/2020
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STATE OF MINNESOTA TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION

Court File No. 71-PR-20-61
Estate of Daniel S. Peyla, Decedent

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

Notice is given that on 10/22/2020, at 2:10 pm, a remote hearing will be held in this Court at Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, June 1, 2016, and ("Will"), and for the appointment of Jessica P. Nagtalon, whose address is 7546 28th Avenue NW, Seattle, WA, 98117 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

Dated: 8/11/2020
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CLEARWATER VETERANS Arnie Searcy, Ron Lashinski, and Mike Hanson were awarded Quilts of Valor at Three of a Kind's annual fundraiser in July. (Photo by Penny Leuthard)

pore, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and finally Okinawa, Japan before flying home.

"I saw a lot of places the average person won't ever see," he said.

He left the service a corporal and with a number of ribbons and citations, including the National Defense Service Medal Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal Ribbon, and RVN Campaign Medal Ribbon.

After his service, Lashinski worked at Landy Packing in St. Cloud for three years before going to work at the Sherco power plant in Becker, which he retired from after 33 years.

"I was totally taken by surprise, which usually doesn't happen," said Lashinski when asked about being awarded a Quilt of Valor. "I would encourage people to consider joining the service because it offers some good benefits, including education and health care, and it's an opportunity to see the world."

Lashinski is a member of the VFW, the DAV, and a 40-year member of the American Legion, where he is currently serving as commander. Living in the Clearwater area since 1979, he and his wife, Judy, have eight children.

Arnold Searcy
 Arnold 'Arnie' Searcy joined the army when he was 17 and served from 1960 to

1963. Growing up in North Dakota, his parents moved to Idaho for two years before coming back to Minot. By that time all of Searcy's friends had moved away, so he decided to join the service because he was bored.

He was sent to Germany as part of the 24th Engineer Group, where he first joined the rifle team before spending two years as a chauffer driving. He found driving on the autobahn to be a terrible experience, so after he had his first accident he was transferred to another division and sent to France. He was only there a few months before General Charles de Gaulle kicked all service personnel out of the country, so he was sent back to Germany to finish out his service.

While in Germany Searcy met his future wife, Renate, during Octoberfest. She could barely speak any English, and he could only speak a little bit of German, but he managed to talk her into marrying him and moving to the United States.

"It took some doing," he said. "I asked her three times before she agreed."

They were married by German law on June 21, 1963, and by American law the next day at Ramstein Air Base.

Back in the states, Searcy worked for a farmer near Alexandria for a few months before moving to Minot and

starting work in construction. He used the GI Bill to attend auto mechanic school and become a wheel alignment specialist, which he worked as from 1966 to 1995.

In 1969 he was working at the Ford Dealership in Minot, ND, when his youngest son was born with a heart defect and had to be treated at the U of M every three months, so the family, which included five children, moved to St. Cloud. In 1980 they moved to Clearwater where they lived for 38 years. He and Renate moved back to St. Cloud two years ago.

Searcy continued working as a wheel alignment specialist, working for Sears, JCPenney's, and Peters Body Shop before he retired.

"My daughter-in-law told me she wanted me there, [Three of a Kind fundraiser]" said Searcy when asked about being awarded a Quilt of Valor. "I knew she had something up her sleeve, but I didn't know what. It was a real surprise."

He recommends anyone thinking about joining the service do so.

"It's a tremendous experience," he said. "I learned a lot there and it helped me when I got out. I enjoyed every moment of it."

Mike Hanson
 Mike Hanson was not available for an interview.

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perhaps worse, than simply sending students to school physically. Any families who are uncomfortable sending their kids to school in-person, or who have children who show signs of having COVID-19 are welcome to opt-in to distance learning at any time.

Becker 6-12
 Students grades six through 12 will follow the hybrid model once the school year begins on Sept. 8. This means that students will spend two days in school and three days learning online.

Students whose last names begin with letters A-K will be in group one, and will attend school physically on Mondays and Tuesdays, and virtually on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Students with last names L-Z will attend virtually on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and physically on Thursdays and Fridays.

Wednesdays will be reserved for thoroughly sanitizing classroom spaces.

Although students may be attending virtually, they still will be required to attend classes at the scheduled time, via an instant video stream. School will be held during normal hours. If any students or parents are uncomfortable with in-person learning, or if students show signs of having COVID-19, then they can opt-in to distance learning at any time.

Big Lake K-6
 Big Lake Schools will try to keep elementary school children attending physically as much as possible, given their natural resistance to COVID-19.

K-5 students will have individual appointments for assessment September 8-11, and regular classes will begin Sept. 14.

Students will follow an altered schedule for school hours and drop-off times.

The bus drop-off time for students attending Liberty Elementary School will be at 7:15. School will begin at 7:35 and end at 2:25. The drop-off time for Independence Elementary School will be at 8:45. School will begin at 8:45 and end at 3:40. All students will get a temperature-check upon entry into the school.

In order to reduce the sharing of electronic devices, students grades K-2 will be given iPads, and students grades 3-5 will be given Chromebooks, if determined to be necessary.

Big Lake 6-12
 Middle and high-school students will be following a hybrid model of learning.

Students assigned to Group A will attend school in-person on Tuesday and Thursday, and from home on Wednesday and Friday for the first week only, then will attend school in-person on Mondays and Tuesdays and at home on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for the rest of the school year.

Students in Group B will attend school in-person on Wednesday and Friday, and be online on Tuesday and Thursday, for the first week only. For the rest of the school year, they will attend in-person on Thursdays and Fridays, and at a distance on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Though complicated, only the first week will be different, and the rest of the time the schedule will be fairly simple, with each group being in school two consecutive days of the week, and at home the rest of the time.

Students in grades six through nine will begin school on Sept. 8, and students in grades 10-12 will begin on Sept. 9.

Six through 12 students will also follow a new schedule for school hours and bus drop-off

times. Middle school students will be dropped-off at 8:45. School will begin at 8:45 and end at 3:45. High school students will be dropped off at 7:15. School will begin at 7:15 and end at 2:15.

Middle and high-school students will be given Chromebooks as needed in order to reduce the sharing of devices.

Big Lake Online
 Big Lake students may also opt to attend school online only. Students who choose to learn online will also be given access to Chromebooks or iPads. Students online will still have complete access to one-on-one time with teachers, albeit virtually. They will also be able to participate in school events, such as picture day, the yearbook, and family engagement events, as normal. They will also be able to participate in sports leagues (as long as they are continuing as normal).

Other Precautions
 Other precautions being taken to ensure the health of students and staff will be the frequent sanitization of classrooms, hallways, and other high-traffic areas of the school.

Students will be required to wear masks, as per Executive Order 20-81. Students who are unable to wear a mask may use a face shield. Parents of students who are unable to wear either a mask or a face shield should reach out to their school directly for instructions. School staff is willing to work with families to make sure that every student is able to access their education.

It is possible that the plan for students to attend school will change, and could change quickly. Parents are asked to come up with back-up plans in case the schools decide to switch to distance or in-person learning, instead of the hybrid model.

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BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE - JAIL BOOKINGS WEEK OF AUGUST 10 - 16, 2020

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 303; 220 Calls for Service: 10,364; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 80; Citations: 22; Arrests: 6; Medical Emergency Calls: 11; Mental Health Holds: 0; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 3.

BLPD Jail Bookings – Also Reflected in the Sherburne County Sheriff's Officer Booking Report:

Richard Spartz – (Age 56 – Big Lake, MN) – GM 3rd Degree DWI; **Dustin Cestnik – (Age 38 – Motley, MN) – GM Cancel-Inimical to Public Safety;** **Shelly Evans – (Age 56 – Big Lake, MN) – Misdemeanor 4th Degree DWI;** **Cody Young – (Age 22 – Big Lake, MN) – Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance;** **Joseph Knase – (Age 28 – Big Lake, MN) – Domestic Assault;** **Tiffany Mahin – (Age 29 – Fergus Falls, MN) – Felony 5th Degree Controlled Substance.**

Sun., Aug. 16, 2020: 5530 blk Aberdeen Way - Juvenile Complaint - Report of juvenile lighting fires behind a garage, mediated by officers. Lakeshore Dr/Sherburne Ave - 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/Industrial Dr - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked. 20040 blk Truman Dr - Disturbance - Officers dispatched to mediate a verbal disturbance. Hwy 10/Industrial Dr - Cancelled IPS Driver - Driver stopped for a traffic violation, found to be Cancelled Inimical to Public Safety, arrested and booked into jail.

Sat., Aug. 15, 2020: 20040 blk Truman Dr - Disturbance - Report of people having a party and lighting off fireworks. Mediated by officers. 40 blk Lake St - Disturbance - Report of an intoxicated female sitting near the train tracks. Officers arrived and mediated. Lakeside Park - Disturbance - Officers dispatched to mediate a disturbance between two females at the park. 40 blk Lake St - Disturbance - Officers dispatched regarding an assault that took place the night prior. Investigation ongoing.

Fri., Aug. 14, 2020: 4150 blk Lake Ridge Dr - Harassment - Officers investigated a report of harassment via social media. 4760 blk Sterling Dr - Fire Call - Assisted Big Lake Fire with a house fire from a lightning strike. No injuries. 4580 blk Highland Trl - Fire Call - Assisted Big Lake Fire with a house fire from a lightning strike. Family pet perished due to the heavy smoke. 100 blk Jefferson Blvd - Fire Call - Assisted Big Lake Fire with report of a transformer on fire from a lightning strike. 560 blk Westwood Dr - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked.

Thurs., Aug. 13, 2020: Hwy 10/Industrial Dr - DWI - Driver reported to be impaired, found to be under the influence of alcohol, arrested and booked into jail, see bookings for charges. Hwy 10/Lakeshore Dr - Felony Narcotic Arrest - Officer stopped vehicle for traffic violation, could see THC vape cartridge in plain view. Driver arrested and charged. Hiawatha Ave/Hill St - Marijuana in a Vehicle - Officer stopped vehicle for a traffic violation, could smell burning marijuana, driver issued summons for Marijuana Possession. 655 Norwood Ln - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint. 100 blk Henry Rd - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.

Wed., Aug. 12, 2020: 110 blk Henry Rd - Domestic Assault - Officers dispatched to a domestic disturbance, on individual found to have been assaulted, suspect arrested and booked into jail for Domestic Assault. 330 blk Monroe St - Domestic Disturbance - Officers mediated a verbal domestic altercation. 200th St/CR 17 - Felony Narcotic Arrest - Officer stopped vehicle for traffic violation, officer saw drug paraphernalia in plain view, searched vehicle and located narcotics, passenger arrested and transported to jail.

Tues., Aug. 11, 2020: 330 blk Monroe St - Disturbance - Officers dispatched on a report of someone shooting a gun. Gun was found to be a potato gun. Lakeside Park - Fight - Officers investigated a reported fight between teenagers. Citations for disorderly conduct and assault were issued.

Mon., Aug. 10, 2020: Lake Liquors - Theft - Report of theft of liquor, suspect located and charged with theft. 20100 blk 204th Ave - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.

SHERBURNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S ACTIVITY REPORT WEEK OF AUGUST 10 - 16, 2020

The following individuals have been booked into the Sherburne Co. Jail for the alleged offense(s):

Clinton Ross Berg, 46 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - FEL 5th degree drugs. Jeremy Edmund Brandt, 28 of Elk River, MN 55330 - MSD domestic assault. Brett Jason Hallow, 30 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL 2nd degree murder. Sarah Kay Hallow, 28 of Elk River, MN 55330 - FEL 2nd degree murder. Andrew Daniel Hedin, 40 of Howard Lake, MN 55349 - FEL 3rd degree drugs. Joseph Dale Knase, 28 of Monticello, MN 55362 - MSD domestic assault & Wright Co. warrant. Tiffany Marie Mahin, 29 of St. Cloud, MN 56301 - FEL drugs 5th degree. Michael Duane Mckenzie, 40 of Woodbury, MN 55125 - FEL DANCO violation, GM 3rd degree DWI refusal, criminal damage to property & Sherburne Co. warrant. Jamarcus Jamond Morris, 18 of St. Cloud, MN 56304 - FEL fleeing in a motor vehicle & MSD no valid driver's license. Kirstin Ann Person, 36 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - FEL 3rd degree possession. Joshua Thomas Smith, 25 of Elk River, MN 55330 - GM 5th degree possession, MSD possess hypodermic needles & MSD domestic assault (2 counts). Matthew Ethan Cox, 42 of Clear Lake, MN 55319 - Sherburne Co. Apprehension & Detention Order. Eugene Nathaniel Arnold, 42 of Chicago, IL 60608 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Jacob David Denny, 30 of Carlos, MN 56319 - Anoka Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Tyler Dennis McCracken, 25 of NPA - Sherburne Co. & Wright Co. warrants. Justine Rose Sweeter, 22 of St. Cloud, MN 56303 - Sherburne Co. warrant.

Citations Issued: 2 operate vehicle with expired registration, 23 speed, 1 pass parked emergency vehicle - 2 lanes in same direction, 1 unlawful passing, passing in no passing zone, 2 driver fails to stop for stop sign or stop line, 1 seat belt required - driver and passengers must use, 6 liquor - consumption by persons under 21, 1 sale of tobacco to children, 1 DNR rule - fail to display valid ATV registration/decals, 1 ATV - prohibited on youth operation/passenger under 18 - helmet required. **Total: 39**

Calls for Service: 2 burglary, 6 theft, 1 theft - mv, 4 drugs/narcotics, 4 disturbing the peace, 4 harassment, 6 property damage, 2 liquor violation, 5 fraud complaint, 3 animal lost, 1 animal found, 3 property found, 2 abandoned vehicle, 1 search warrant, 7 accident - mv personal injury, 5 accident - mv property damage, 3 accident - vehicle v. animal, 2 animal complaint, 1 conservation, 10 dog complaint, 1 fire - other, 1 fire - dwelling, 1 alarm - fire, 2 gas leak/smell, 1 death, 36 medical, 2 mental case, 2 alarm - medical, 1 miscellaneous public, 5 domestic, 8 public assist, 16 agency assist, 14 alarm - security, 15 civil complaint, 1 administrative, 128 officer initiated traffic stop, 9 traffic complaint, 2 suspicious person, 19 suspicious vehicle, 5 juvenile complaint, 1 attempt to locate, 14 security check, 7 extra patrol, 2 loud music complaint, 13 check the welfare, 36 boating complaint, 3 ATV complaint, 1 shooting complaint, 1 reoperation, 1 fireworks complaint, 2 cross arm malfunction, 1 parking complaint, 5 jail medical, 19 paper service, 13 suspicious activity, 7 hazardous road conditions, 15 miscellaneous officer, 3 background check, 3 warrant arrest, 18 transport, 1 pick up orders, 2 911 phone alarm, 10 911 hang up, 1 court book & release, 1 extradition, 3 public lift assist, 4 vehicle lockout, 1 warrant attempt. **Total: 529**

BECKER POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2020

10-Aug: 1 speed warning / expired registration Citation #307, 5 record check, 1 suspicious activity, 1 found property, 1 speed warning, 1 traffic complaint, 1 welfare check, 1 medical, 1 Dog at Large Admin Citation #3578, 1 miscellaneous officer

11-Aug: 1 welfare check, 1 suspicious activity, 1 expired registration warning, 3 speed warning, 1 traffic complaint, 1 medical, 1 speed Citation #308, 1 fraud, 1 expired registration warning / Driving after Revocation Citation #309, 2 warrant attempt, 1 equipment warning, 1 turn signal warning, 1 obstructed plate / expired tabs warning / Driving after Suspension & No Insurance Citation #310

12-Aug: 2 speed warning, 2 security check, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 juvenile concern, 2 welfare check, 1 expired registration warning / driving after cancellation Citation #311, 1 no plate warning, 1 no plate warning / unregistered vehicle Citation #312, 1 fail to move over for emergency vehicle warning, 1 stop sign warning, 1 distracted driving Citation #313, 1 suspicious activity, 1 theft from vehicle, 1 harassment, 1 dog at large / Admin Citation #3563, 1 equipment warning

13-Aug: 3 security check, 5 speed warning, 1 stop sign Citation #314, 1 theft, 1 speed Citation #315, 1 lift assist, 1 fraud, 2 traffic complaint, 2 miscellaneous officer, 1 fire alarm, 1 equipment warning, 1 public assist, 1 equipment / suspended object warnings

14-Aug: 2 security check, 1 wrong way parking warning, 1 sidewalk parking ordinance, 1 fire alarm, 2 record check, 1 agency assist, 1 vehicle lockout, 1 fraud, 1 theft, 1 suspicious activity, 1 Juvenile in possession of tobacco/electronic devices Citation #317, 1 disturbance, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 parking complaint, 1 speed warning, 1 suspended object warning, 1 equipment / expired tabs warnings, 3 equipment warning, 1 driving conduct / expired tabs warning, 1 speed Citation #318, 1 turn signal warning

15-Aug: 2 public assist, 2 driving conduct warning, 1 turn signal warning, 2 equipment warning, 1 alarm, 3 speed warning, 1 miscellaneous officer, 1 speed warning / distracted driving Citation #319, 1 dog complaint, 1 stop sign warning, 1 speed / expired registration warnings, 1 medical, 1 traffic complaint

16-Aug: 3 speed warning, 2 agency assist, 1 expired registration warning, 1 traffic complaint, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 public assist, 1 speed warning, 1 Pass in no passing zone Citation #320, 1 equipment warning



WRIGHT COUNTY SHERIFF'S ACTIVITY REPORT PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 17, 2020

Aug. 10: Joseph Robert Faricy, 28, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Ramsey Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Chad Michael Hastings, 40, of Anoka, was arrested in Anoka - Wright Co. warrants - domestic assault & violation of domestic abuse no contact order. Valerie Lee Bos, 59, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Mandi Marie Elken, 44, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 3rd degree DWI.

Aug. 11: Brandon Lee Gardas, 37, of St Michael, was arrested in St Michael - weapons violation charge. Michael Paul Wood, 37, of Owatonna, was arrested in Steele Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree criminal sexual conduct violations.

Aug. 12: Crystal Jo Larson, 34, of Upsala, was arrested in Morrison Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of methamphetamine. Jason Ray Jacobs, 43, of Chisholm, was arrested in St Louis Co. - Wright Co. warrants - 1st degree sale of controlled substance & domestic abuse. Ryan Jay Siemsen, 25, of Sebeka, was arrested in Monticello - Wadena Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & Dakota Co. warrant - nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images. Elizabeth Nicole Thompson, 22, of Maple Grove, was arrested in Albertville - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Helen Marie Huncha, 54, of Delano, was arrested in Delano - charge of 2nd degree DWI refusal to test. Graham August Will Dahlheimer, 23, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Howard Lake - charge of domestic assault. Jake Neal McSpadden, 33, of Big Lake, was arrested in St Michael - Wright Co. warrant - theft violations. Carla Christine Swenson, 42, of Bemidji, was arrested in Monticello - Morrison Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation.

Aug. 13: Chad Allen Landry, 32, of Merarex, LA, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Chad Andrew Hasselius, 40, of Rogers, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - stalking violations. Patrick Bradley Barth, 29, of Howard Lake, was arrested in Kokato - Wright Co. warrant - 1st degree criminal sexual conduct violations. Charles Thomas Dellwo, 35, of Princeton, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI & Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI test refusal violations. Nathan Robert Guptill, 33, of

Spicer, was arrested in Kandiyohi Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Calvin Thomas Portz, 22, of Delano, was arrested in Delano - charge of domestic assault. Michelle Marie Harris, 37, of St Cloud, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Orlando Andrade, 44, of St Paul, was arrested in Monticello - Ramsey Co. warrant - domestic assault.

Aug. 14: Taylor Matthew Karjala, 27, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Mackenzie Charles Gabert, 28, of Cambridge, was arrested in Delano - charge of check forgery & an Anoka Co. warrant - check forgery & an Isanti Co. warrant - domestic assault. Terry Henry Grunwald Jr, 36, of Zimmerman, was arrested in Anoka Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 2nd degree DWI. Steven Richard Essert, 60, of Rockford, was arrested in Rockford - charge of 3rd degree DWI.

Aug. 15: Dillon Scott Hagedorn, 26, of Delano, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 2nd degree DWI & Wright Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & driving after suspension. Trinity Paul Case, 23, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - an Anoka Co. warrant - domestic assault. Joshua Thomas Wiley, 29, of Monticello, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Richard Allen Mitchell, 26, of Kokato, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Richard Allen Klatke, 57, of Loretto, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Bradley James Ritzema, 32, of Milaca, was arrested in Annandale - charge of 2nd degree DWI. Zachery Alan Freiberg, 30, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - charges of interference with 911 call & domestic assault. John Charles Wagner, 35, of Plymouth, was arrested in Montrose - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance.

Aug. 16: Kevin Neil Amlee, 33, of Albertville, was arrested in Albertville - charge of domestic assault. Tyler Bradley Swanson, 30, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of domestic assault. Kara Anne Hershey, 48, of Buffalo, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 2nd degree DWI.

There were 25 property damage accidents, 4 personal injury accidents, 3 hit & run accidents & 4 car deer accidents. **There were** 111 arrests for DWI, 2 underage consumption arrests, & 119 tickets for miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

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Information provided by Sgt. Jesse Grabow, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I enjoyed your article "Trailer Wheel Bearing Talk." Could you talk more about tire safety? I look around in parking lots and see many tires that are unsafe. Thanks!

Answer: This is certainly a good topic. Tire talk is an important conversation as their main functions include supporting the vehicle load, transmitting traction and braking forces to the road surface, absorbing road shocks, and changing and maintaining the direction of travel. To ensure these functions are being adequately met, there are some important things to inspect on each of your vehicle's tires on a regular basis:

- Tread depth of your tires
- The air pressure. Check tire pressure with a tire gauge. Tires can be as much as 50 percent under-inflated before it is visibly noticeable.
- The wear or any damage or signs of deterioration. Tread or sidewall cracks, cuts or snags deep enough to expose the body cords

Tread depth is essential to a well performing tire. Water accumulates on the road during wet conditions. Tires need tread for better traction during these harsh conditions. The grooves on your tires work to siphon water away from the surface of the tires when the road is wet.

- Checking the tire tread depth. Tires with a tread depth of one-sixteenth of an inch or less are unsafe. Place a penny head first into the tread grooves nearest the center of the tire at three locations equally spaced around the circumference of the tire. If you see the top of Lincoln's head, you need new tires.
- Tread wear indicators (wear bars) are located at the base of the main grooves and are equally spaced around the tire. The tread wear indicators which look like narrow strips of smooth rubber across the tread, will appear on the tire when the point of wear is reached. When you get to this point, you need new tires.

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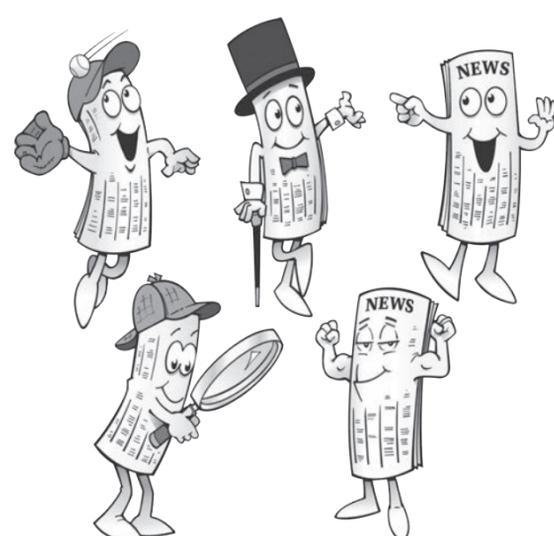
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Clearwater Area News

Lynden Twp. continues fire contract discussion

By Penny Leuthard,
Contributing Writer

During their July and August meetings, the Lynden Twp. Board of Supervisors discussed road projects, permits, and the Clearwater fire contract.

Fire Contract
A Zoom meeting was held between Lynden Twp., Clearwater Twp., and Twp. Attorney Mike Couri to discuss negotiations on the fire contract with the City of Clearwater.

Discussions and proposed changes included that in the absence of dollar amount on the original contract, the annual total budget is not to exceed \$350,000, and approval of the agreement is contingent on an accurate Exhibit B – mapping out the fire service areas within both townships.

A motion carried authorizing the clerk and chair to sign the contract with the changes and accurate Exhibit B.

Couri suggested a regular meeting time for the fire study commission and to appoint one supervisor to the fire advisory committee; Clearwater Twp. Supervisor Scott Miller and Lynden Twp. Supervisor Tom Plaggerman were ap-

pointed. Regular meetings for the fire study commission will be scheduled for the second Monday of the month at the Clearwater Twp. Hall beginning in August.

Road Report
Supervisor Dennis Niemi informed the board he had received a quote from Knife River for the 200th St. and Edison Circle

further grant applications. The board discussed the restrictive speed sign request for 17th Ave. E. Supervisor Tom Plaggerman informed the board the road meets the requirements under 169.011sb. Niemi agreed a 35mph zone is appropriate for the area.

A motion carried to adopt Resolution 2020-07 to Establish a Speed Zone in a Residential District, along 17th Ave. E. between Stearns Co. Roads 145 and 46.

Niemi informed the board a culvert has been installed directly over a gas line on Matthew Smart's Eaglewood Road property. He has requested it be moved and the required permit be submitted.

The township's road maintenance study group met on July 23; discussions included the double dust application that was applied to 200th Street and 6th Ave. and continued monitoring. The group is comparing costs of dust application and other options for the road.

The group determined an overweight permit form isn't cost effective; neither Fairhaven Twp. nor Clearwater Twp. use one. Niemi will follow up with Couri.

Also on the group's agenda was the speed limit

inquiry for 200th Street west of 6th Ave., which is pending; Niemi will follow up with a traffic counter over several weeks.

CUPS
Twp. Building Official Nancy Scott was present to challenge Stearns Co. to show where it says that a warehouse in an industrial district needs a CUP to have office space in its building in their zoning ordinance 439.

Jennifer Buckentine from Stearns Co. Environmental Services replied via email that Stearns Co. Ord. 439, Section 9.11 is up for interpretation by the township. The board will make a determination on the issue so there is consensus going forward. Chairman Dave Johnson will follow up with Couri.

A Conditional Use Permit application was submitted by Michael Nadeau of Newport Leasing Group for office space, outdoor sales lot, and truck space leasing at 20041 Edison Circle along with the \$750 fee. A public hearing was held July 29.

Other Business
A discussion was held on the building inspection services contract with AllSpec, which states the company will investigate any building code related issues. Scott agreed she will do so when requested

by the board with the understanding a billing will be generated when no permit is actually needed; there will be no billing if a building permit is issued. The board agreed.

Jeanne Schermer, appointed by Twp. Treasurer Dan Torgersen, accepted the township's deputy treasurer position.

Planning Commission Member James Kantor may not be a township resident as of September 1. Because of this, he cannot be a voting member of the planning commission but will continue as an ex-officio member and will be available as administrator and IT support.

Clerk Jenny Schmidt and Torgersen will compile all COVID related billings by the November deadline; preliminary amount available to the township is approximately \$53,000.

A motion carried changing the township's official newspaper from the *Citizen-Tribune* to the *Patriot*.

Cleanup day is set for Oct. 3 at the Clearwater Twp. Hall on State Hwy. 24.

The next Lynden Twp. meeting will be Sept. 14 due to the Labor Day holiday.



project to raise the weight limit from seven to nine tons; the quote came in at \$416,360. Over \$203,000 of the project estimate is for the section of 200th St. from 21st Ave. to Co. Road 44. He is waiting on a second quote.

Grant information for the project was received from State Rep. Lisa Demuth. A motion carried authorizing Niemi to research

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Becker Evangelical Free Church Located at Becker High School. Patrick Drury, Senior Pastor 763-261-4125. Chris Salvevold, Pastor of Youth Ministries. www.beckerfreechurch.org. Office: 11373 150th Ave SE. Sunday Worship: Becker High School, Worship/Teaching/Fellowship for all ages 10am Sunday school for ages birth-adult during school year. Wed night kids ministries ages K-5. His Kids for K-3 boys & girls, Gym 45 for 4th & 5th grade boys & G.I.R.L.S. Group for 4th & 5th grade girls. ELEVATE for 6-12th grade students.

Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church
Father Mike Kellogg, 763-447-3339, 12100 Sherburne Ave, Becker, 440 Lake St N, Big Lake. Temporarily, all Masses are being held at the Becker location at 5 pm on Saturday and 9:30 am on Sunday.

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers, 11755 Sherburne Ave, Becker. Sundays Worship at 9:30 am (Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays) Nursery provided Sunday school at 10:00 am, Refreshments & fellowship at 10:30 am. Wednesday 5:15 5th & 6th Grade "Grapple", 6:30 7th - 9th grade confirmation, 7:30 Youth Group. Bible Study: Wednesday 9:30 am. 763-261-5751.

Oakwood Community Church Assemblies of God Senior Pastor Gerry Bass & Sarah www.oakwoodcebecker.org Services: Sunday Adult Bible Study Class 9:00 am, Children's Sunday School Class 9:00am, Worship Service 10:00 am, Children's Church 10:45 am, Wednesday Night: Royal Rangers & Missionettes (Nursery-6th grade) 7-8:30 pm, Youth Group (7th to 12th grade) 7-8:30 pm, Adult Bible Study 7-8:30 pm. Location: 13140 1st St., Becker (in SW corner of Becker Furniture World) 763-263-6004.

Snake River Free Mission Church Sunday Worship & Sunday School 10:30 am. Hymn Sing Second Sunday every other month 4:30 pm. Pastor Steve Johnson. 5mi N of Hwy 10 on Cty Rd 11, then 1.5 mi E on Cty Rd 4, 3/4 mi. N on 180th St. 612-219-8648.

Becker Christian Center & Abundant Grace Church Ken Hanson, Pastor 763-262-2177, 15455 59th St SE, Becker, 6 mi N Junction 23 & 16. Praise & Worship 9:30 am Sunday; Wednesday 7 pm all family growth fellowship.

Beacon House of Prayer 12264 Pleasant Ave. Becker. Worship Hours: 6:30 pm. Pastors Brian & Linda Holmes. 763-263-3771.

Maranatha Baptist Church Pastor Glenn McCarver. Sunday School 10 am, Worship 11 am.

Wednesday Prayer Service 7 pm. 763-262-1571.
Free Grace United Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001. Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Pebble Creek Golf Course, 14000 Clubhouse Ln, Becker.

• BIG LAKE
ACTS Seventh-Day Adventists Community Church 763-263-2287, Pastor Bill Nixon, 20455 187th Ave NW, Big Lake, Sat. 9 am Worship, Saturday. Sabbath School 10:15am.

Bethany Bible Church 511 Eagle Lake Road, Big Lake, 763-263-2167, Sunday school: 9 am, Worship 10 am.

Bridgeview Assembly of God Pastor Steve Royalty, Service Times: 763-263-6274, 10 am Sunday morning, 6:30 pm Wednesday evening, www.bridgeviewchurch.org

Community Covenant Church (SYEA) Pastor Dan Mutter, 763-263-6322, Cty. Rd. 15, 6 miles north of Hwy. 10 Worship, 10:30 am, nurse provided.

Cornerstone Baptist Church Pastor Gordon Langdon, 763-263-7878, 15300 Co. Rd. 35, Hwy. 10E, N. on Co. Rd. 15, N. on Co. Rd. 35, 1/2 mi. on left.

Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Orrock Pastor Steve Seiffert, www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com, 612-788-4349 or 763-263-7990 (LM) 8 mi. N. of Big Lake or 7 mi. W. of Zimmerman or 12 mi. NE of Becker Cty. Rd. 4.

IFLESIA AMOR VIVIENTE
Living Love Church 221 Lake St N, Big Lake, Saturday 6 pm. 763-607-5403, Juan & Patricia Aguayo-Pastores. juan.aguayo@amorvivamente.com.

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church 4 miles E of Big Lake, off Hwy 10 & CR 15, 763-263-3090, Pastor Marty Mably, Sundays: 8 & 10:30 am Worship.

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Riverside Church Phone: 763-263-2410; Hwy 25 & Cty Rd 14, Big Lake. Schedule: 8:45 am, 10:30 am & 12:05 pm. Info @ www.MyRiversideChurch.com

Saron Lutheran Church 311 Lake St. S (Hwy 25), Big Lake, 763-263-2209, www.saron.org. Pastor Kyle Sidlo, Worship Sundays, 9:30 am indoors or live stream. Currently, Saron is not offering Sunday School.

• SANTIAGO
South Santiago Lutheran Church ELCA Angela LaMoore, Pastor, Hollie Holt-Woehl, Pastor, 14675-37th St, Clear Lake, MN 55319, 763-662-2048. Sundays 8 am drive-in worship. 9:30 am sanctuary worship. For faith formation schedule and information, please visit our website at: sslcmn.org.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church E.L.S. & Princeton Evangelical School Timothy Zenda, Pastor. (3 mi E of Cty 11, Santiago on Cty Rd 3). Sunday: Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 am, Divine Worship 9 am. Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday.

Glendorado Lutheran (ELCA)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), Pastor Shari Routh 920-573-0193. Church office 763-662-2241. Sun day Good Shepherd worship 9 am, Glendorado Worship 10:30 am.

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Barbara Peterson 320-983-5002. Sunday Worship 10 am.
Glendorado Evangelical Country Church Pastor Sam Alfano. Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am, 3rd Sunday of each mo. 6 pm Singing Inspiration Public Invited. Wed. Awana & Bible Study 7-8 pm for all ages.

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Living Waters Church Pastor Mark Stahl 320-292-0250. Sunday morning worship at 10 am (Children's Church provided). Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm (Fellowship Meal at 5:30 pm). 7830 Church St. P.O. Box 26, Clear Lake. lwchurchus@outlook.com web: www.livingwaters.us

Trinity Lutheran Church Missouri Synod George Sagissor III, Pastor 320-743-2919. Sunday Worship 8:45 am; Sunday School 9:45 am, Adult Bible Class.

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• CLEARWATER
Clearwater United Methodist Church 405 Main St, Clearwater 320-558-2581. Pastor Allison Hendley. Sunday Worship at 9:30 am.

Freedom Bible Church Old Clearwater Post Office. 605 Lime St 9:30 am & 6 pm Sundays -Bible Study; 10:45 am Sundays - Worship Service; 7 pm Wednesday - Bible Study.

Rejoice Lutheran Church - ELCA 1155 Cty Rd 75, Clearwater. Pastor: Jim Bump 320-558-6851. Wednesday night Worship 7:30 pm. Sunday Worship at 9:30 am, 10:30 am Fellowship. Sunday School, Adult Ed, Cappuccino Bible Study (Jr. & Sr. High) www.rejoicelutheran-church.org

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Buzzards silence Pipers, Bullheads to advance

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer

The Becker Buzzards baseball team finds itself in uncharted territory after a pair of wins last weekend in the state MSMABA tournament. By defeating the Rosemount Pipers 2-1 and the Searle's Bullheads 6-2, Becker finds itself in the Class AA division of the tournament for the first time in team history.

“It’s an exciting opportunity for us, as our team has won a state title at every division within Minnesota’s senior men’s baseball except for the largest AA class,” says Manager Jason Baune, who has been at the helm for three of Becker’s four titles.

“Now we are just two wins away from becoming the first team in state history with five titles to be declared the champion at every level.”

Becker will play Saturday (today) at 4 p.m. versus Waconia and should they win, they will play for the championship Sunday, also at 4 p.m. against the winner of Saturday’s Alexandria versus Jordan game. If Becker loses on Saturday, they will play for third place Sunday at 3 p.m. All games are in Alexandria.

Getting to the big dance, however, proved to be a nail-biting experience for Becker.

Versus Rosemount

It took extra innings Saturday evening to defeat Rosemount, as the Pipers used a great performance from its starting pitcher, Big Lake graduate Jeremy Belisle to keep the game close throughout. But as he has done throughout the year, Becker pitcher Tanner Bakker was one step better than his opponent. Bakker went all eight innings, scattering five hits and striking out six batters.

Rosemount took the lead with a single run in the top of the third inning and made that hold up until the bottom of the 7th inning when Becker tied it up. In that inning, Jason Wald and Rich Petty singled before Jason Pffingsten walked to load the bases. With two outs, Matt Koester brought home Wald on a fielder’s choice to force extra innings.

In the extra stanza, wily veteran designated hitter Kevin Krenz coaxed a one out walk and moved to second on a fielder’s choice. With two outs, Wald stepped to the plate and hit a 2-2 pitch for a hit to the outfield. Because Krenz was running on contact, he was able to score the winning run.

For scoring the tying run and claiming the game winning hit, Wald was named Tri County Lumber player of the game.

Versus Searle
In Sunday’s win, Becker was able to beat a 16th seeded Searle’s team

who a day earlier had upset top seed Burnsville.

Becker started out fast in the first inning, as Steve Newman and Rich Petty each had singles and Newman scored on a Chico Schroeder single to the outfield. With two runners on and two outs, third baseman Matt Koester nailed a 1-0 pitch off the left field foul pole for a big three run home run and a 4-0 lead.

“That was a big blast for us as it gave us the early momentum,” said Baune. “The ball echoed right off the foul pole and it turned a lot of heads at the ball park.”

Baune credited Koester’s hit with giving Becker confidence against the Searle’s pitcher who was relying on a repertoire of eephus pitches to keep the hitters off balance.

“That could have been trouble for us, as on Saturday we faced a guy who

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had a very good fastball,” noted Baune. “Sometimes that’s hard to make the adjustment the next day, but our guys battled at the plate and came up with some big hits when we needed them.”

Becker’s other big hit was a third inning, two out single from Nick Allerson that netted him a pair of RBI’s.

It was all starting pitcher Jason Pffingsten would need for Becker, as he pitched the complete game victory. The Bullheads scored just one run in each of the first two innings, but Pffingsten settled

in and faced just two batters over the minimum over the final four innings.

Baune expects Waconia to be a solid opponent Saturday, as they have one starting pitcher who is a hard thrower.

“We’re going to go up there and give it our best shot,” said Baune, who expects Bakke to start Saturday’s game. “Tanner has earned the right to pitch in the game to get us to the championship.”



THE HORNETS 11 AND UNDER team went 11-1 this season and brought home the title of AA District 1 Champions. Front row: Abe Langager, Brendan Goedker, Caelin McConville, Jaxon Corey, Caleb Martin, Caleb Nikle, Teddy Rasmussen, Weston Jones. Back row: Team Manager Brian Goedker, Assistant Coach Jeremy Corey, Liam Mayer, Dillon Spaeth, Assistant Coach Mark LaRoche, Jackson LaRoche, Conway Gust, Mason Spoden, Head Coach Chuck Spoden. (Submitted photo.)

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A "dialed-in" day for GRFIA golf

By Bill Morgan,
Staff Writer

If one could "dial-in" a perfect day to be outdoors, enjoy some fellowship and whack a white ball around acreage of grassy real estate — Monday would have been that day.

On a glorious, 80° day in Becker, 19 teams and 76 "whackers" spent the afternoon Monday playing in the annual Great River Faith in Action golf tournament at Pebble Creek.

Four chiropractic students from St. Cloud took home the first place prize in the scramble format with an impressive -11 tally.

The youngsters each won a future round of golf at Pebble Creek and four \$35 gift cards for the Becker golf course's clubhouse.

A delicious meal was served following the play that featured a dinner salad, beef and gravy, colorful vegetables, potatoes and a breadstick.

Over \$6,000 in prizes were donated to GRFIA and dispersed. Tony Bailey's ticket was drawn from the putting contestants who "holed" a putt and Bailey received \$265 cash, which he quickly donated back to GRFIA in a kind gesture.

The top raffle prize went to Phil Heinkel, who received a 2

night stay at Rutger's Bay with meals included and unlimited golf (valued at \$600).

Sponsors of Monday's event included: Pellico, Darter Plastics, Northwest Machine, M&M Machine, Beaudry Oil, Becker Furniture, Victory Ministries, UMC, Community Dev Bank, Bergan KDV, ReMax (Mel Beaudry), Helix Solutions, Bremer Bank, Liberty Paper and First Bank ER.

"On behalf of myself and the board of directors we want to thank Ian, Tyler and their staff at Pebble Creek for having the course in great condition and serving a wonderful meal," said GRFIA Executive Director Darin Bohlken.

"It is such positive image for our organization to partner with them in putting this event together each year."



DAVE MORGAN of the Morgan Brothers foursome, sent this putt towards the hole while brother Tim (L) looked on. The Morgans finished at -9, good enough for third place at the GRFIA tournament at Pebble Creek Monday. (Photo by Bill Morgan).

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street and all the supervisors reported satisfaction that the area is being used.

Engineer's Report
Township Engineer Terrence Vander Eyk presented several items to the board, including a partial pay request for \$13,585 for the septic system that was installed at the new town hall the last week in July. The board approved this along with a payment to Astech for \$33,198 for the seal coating project.

The last item Eyk presented was a change order in the amount of \$2,000 for installation of erosion control and landscaping around the north side of the building. Because the area will be seeded with native grasses, this will help keep the building cleaner and will result in less maintenance in the long run. The board approved the order.

Solar Project
Board chair Gary Gray provided an update on the Geronimo Energy Solar Project that seeks to encompass 2,500 acres of property within the township. Gray reported on some of the economic benefits of the project and said that there are plans for him to meet with Clear Lake City Mayor Tim Goenner and Sherburne Commissioner Felix Schmiesing in the near future to discuss the aspects of the proposal.

Several details still need to be worked out, including the current 1,000 foot setback requirement around the envi-

ronmental lakes in the area. Ultimate approval of the development will rest with the Public Utilities Commission, but the company is seeking positive recommendations from the local governments in the area. Representatives of the company are expected to attend a board meeting in the near future with further plans, as they hope to have the proposal on the desk of the PUC by February 2021. If approved, the plan would be for the solar array to be operational by fall of 2023.

"I've been told it takes about a year for a project like this to go through the PUC's approval process," said Gray.

In other action, the board:

- Approved adding gutter covers to the new town hall;
- Heard an update on the right of way agreement for 76th street, as legal counsel is now reviewing the document;
- Received a copy of the proposed lease agreement with the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office for space in the new town hall. Gray asked the others to review and bring back any comments next month.

• Heard from Gray that the town hall might be ready for occupancy by late September. However, this year's general election will still be held in conjunction with the City of Clear Lake and will be held at City Hall.

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GEL Scholarship 2020 winners

Submitted Article

Each year, several Becker student athletes are awarded the GEL Scholarship in honor of the late Jerry Lindbom. This year, four talented athletes are claiming the scholarship - Allison Hendrickson, Jordan Gruenes, Jalissa Johnson, and Ethan Holm.



individual events at the championship meet. She is a biology and pre-vet major.

Her future goals are to become a veterinarian. She will be starting her Junior year and will start applying to vet schools this year.

Ethan Holm



Ethan graduated from Becker High School in 2018. He was involved in student council for four years, National Honor Society for three years, basketball for three and a half years, and track and field for four years. He was the captain of track and field team and a three-time letter winner for track. He is currently on the University of Sioux Falls track and field team as a heptathlete and decathlete.

His future goals are to follow in the footsteps of past athletes of the University of Sioux Falls and leave his mark on campus by bettering his performances on the Top-10 list and potentially hitting a school record in the decathlon or the heptathlon during his time there. Academically, he is a Biology major and a Chemistry minor with goals of going to graduate school to pursue medicine. He is looking at the fields of anesthesiology and orthopedic surgery.



Allison graduated from Becker High School in 2018 with a 4.0. She was captain for cross country and track and field for two years.

Her goals for the years to come include completing her Movement Science undergrad, with a Psychology minor, at Winona State University before moving on to graduate school to earn a doctorate degree in Occupational Therapy. She plans on specializing in pediatrics once in the career field. While at Winona, she'll continue to compete in cross country and track and field, with the goal of becoming a team captain.

Jordan Gruenes
Jordan graduated from Becker High School in 2019. Jordan graduated at the top of his class with a 4.0. He was involved in soccer, cross country, and track and field. He was the captain of the soccer team

for two years and the track team for one year.

He is attending the University of Minnesota Duluth, where he is working for his mechanical engineering degree. He intends to graduate in 2023. As the student representative for his track team, he would like to work in a leadership role in the Student Athletic Advisory Committee helping to give student athletes a greater voice in terms of legislation of the NCAA or proposals that affect college athletes.

Jalissa Johnson



Jalissa graduated from Becker High School in 2018 with honors. In high school she was on both the swim team and basketball team. She joined the University of Minnesota Morris swim team her freshman year of college. This year will be her 3rd year on the team. Her favorite event is the 200 freestyle. Last year she made it to finals in two

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