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AMITY FELTON (Becker Chamber of Commerce) posed with the Easter Bunny during Saturday's Easter event at Faith Lutheran Church. (Photo from Facebook). See story on this page.

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Radunz waiting for the NFL to call

By Mark Kolbinger
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If you call his phone at the end of April, chances are Dillon Radunz won't answer. Unless, of course, you are an NFL General Manager.

In just one month's time, Radunz is poised to be the first-ever former Becker Bulldog to be drafted by the NFL, something he has been preparing for over the last several years.

"It was after my red-shirt sophomore season and my head coach at NDSU at the time sat down with me and said 'if you want to, you can play in the NFL' and ever since then I knew it was about my desire and ability to make it to that next level," says Radunz,

oped the physical stature, size and athleticism that has caught the attention of scouts from across the league.

"He played six years in a row and never lost a game that he dressed for from Becker to NDSU," says Dwight Lundeen, the Bulldogs' head football coach. "It's the first time in my 50 years [of coaching] that NFL teams are calling me to get info on a player."

Draft Prep

Radunz signed with an agent last October after he and NDSU played one fall football game and his life has been a flurry of preparation ever since.

He's been working out with Joe Staley, who played on the offensive line for the San Francisco 49ers

has helped me get ready."

After his college career was over, Radunz was invited to play in the Senior Bowl, a college showcase that allows the players to be instructed by some of the best coaching talent in the nation. It didn't take long for him to catch the attention of the officials at the Senior Bowl, as he was named Practice Player of the Week.

Videos of his blocking were rampant on the internet, as Radunz neutralized some of the best defensive linemen in college football.

"He also did very well at his Pro Day with 30 NFL teams watching," added Lundeen.

All of this attention has

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DILLON RADUNZ will become the first-ever Becker Bulldog football player to be selected by an NFL team in next month's draft.



DILLON RADUNZ (RIGHT) is pictured with his brother, Nick, during NDSU's fall of 2020 football game (Submitted Photo).

who starred for the Bulldogs as they won a pair of back-to-back state titles during his tenure.

After a stellar career as a three sport athlete at Becker, he went to NDSU and earned All American status, as well as a reputation for being an incredible blocker with impeccable form. It's also when his journey to the NFL really took hold as he devel-

oped for 13 years, and learning what it will take to succeed at the highest level.

"It's been great being able to dissect his knowledge of playing on the offensive line in the NFL," says Radunz, who has also worked with former NFL coach Paul Alexander. "I've been able to get a lot of wisdom from many different NFL veterans that

Faith Lutheran celebrates Easter early with fun

By Bill Morgan
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Faith Lutheran Church hosted an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday afternoon where well over 160 children and their families attended on a cloudy, rainy day.

Over 2,000 eggs were hidden on the property with 10 golden eggs sought for for nice prizes. Real bunny rabbits were on-hand as part of a petting zoo and of course, the human-sized

Easter Bunny was available for photo ops and just plain fun!

To top it all off, the real Easter story of Jesus Christ's rising from the dead was proclaimed to all who attended.

The event was sponsored by the Becker Chamber of Commerce, Sherburne State Bank, Charlie's Sports Bar & Grill, A/S Business & Tax Solutions and American Family Insurance - Amy Chmielewski Agency.



OVER 160 kids and their families attended Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt at Faith Lutheran Church in Becker. (Photo from Facebook).

Kiffmeyer, Benson tour COVID morgue, urge state to sell

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sent as a media release by the office of Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer).

Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer (R-Big Lake) and Sen. Michelle Benson (R-Ham Lake) toured the state-owned property that was purchased to use as a morgue



SENATORS MICHELLE BENSON (L) AND MARY KIFFMEYER (R) discussed on a video their experience touring the COVID morgue. (Video Capture).

for COVID fatalities last Wednesday. The morgue was purchased at a cost of \$7 million, assuming the morgues would be overrun. The property was purchased with appropriated money from the COVID-19 Minnesota Fund.

On the tour, Kiffmeyer and Benson were met with a stockpile of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including masks and surgical gowns, that have been damaged due to leaks in the roof. Boxes were wet and damaged, making the contents that were meant to keep Minnesotans safe unusable.

"Seeing this property was ut-

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BL WOT host Easter event at Lakeside Park

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The Big Lake Women of Today organization hosted an Easter Drive-Thru Saturday where they handed out Easter Egg Hunt Kits and candy and held an egg hunt.

Current Big Lake Ambassadors stopped by to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. The girls also had fun visiting and working alongside Miss Minnesota Kayla Kleinsteuber at a local pancake breakfast event.

Kleinsteinuber is a 2015 graduate of Monticello High School and was crowned Miss Minnesota United States on Aug. 15, 2020 in Brainerd.

The Big Lake WOT had 400 Easter Egg kits available for kids ranging in ages from birth to 12 years old.



BIG LAKE POLICE OFFICERS Chris Hoard and Todd Siebert were eager to hand out chocolate bunnies at Saturday's event. (Photo from Facebook).



BIG LAKE AMBASSADORS helped out at Lakeside Park after helping Miss Minnesota Kayla Kleinsteinuber serve a pancake breakfast at a local restaurant. (Photo from Facebook).

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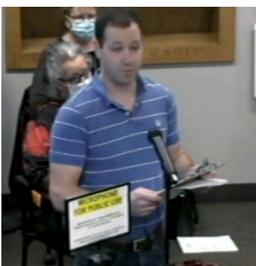
By Katherine Cantin
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Last week, the Big Lake City Council finally approved final plans for the controversial street improvement project.

Open Forum

Following the trend of the last couple of months, several individuals spoke during open forum on various topics around the city, and of course, Powell St. was the main focus.

Ketti Green stated that she was glad to hear many different sides of the issue from those who reached out to her as she is running for the vacant council seat. Brandon Backes presented two polls of his neighbors to the council, showing overwhelming support for sidewalks on Powell St. However, Cory Gardner, Kathleen Poslusney, and Rev. Donna Poulliot all urged the council to take the results of the poll with a grain of salt, since the results could be skewed by the way the poll was presented. Reanne Danielowski noted that Powell St. is a part of the "Safe Routes to School" program, and it



BRANDON BACKES conducted two polls regarding whether residents wanted sidewalks on Powell St. (Photo captured from online video.)

was important to make sure students walking to school could do so safely, and that the city may be liable for any accidents caused by a lack of sidewalks.

Street Improvement Project

Layne Otteson once again presented the street improvement project, requesting the council approve final plans and authorize the advertisement for bids.

After discussion with the Minnesota State Aid Engineer, it was discovered that Powell St. will not be eligible for funding from the state after all. However, if the city does not spend state funding on this project, their state aid account will continue to ac-

cumulate and more money will be available to the city at a later date for an eligible project. Council member Paul Seefeld suggested reevaluating the question of sidewalks on Powell St. since there will be no state aid available to help reconstruct the road either way. The council asked the city attorney whether they would be liable for accidents in areas that lack sidewalks on a "safe route to school" street. The attorney stated that anyone could sue the city for any reason, but liability is a tricky question. Likely, the city would not be found liable unless there was clear negligence.

Ultimately, the council decided to add sidewalks to Powell St., and approved the final plans with that stipulation.

Zoning Ordinance Change

City staff has been working on a map rezoning areas in the city to match with the city's Comprehensive Plan. Staff focused mostly on undeveloped areas, setting up a plan for the city to eventually develop those areas. Most of the changes involved rezoning land currently designated

as agricultural or business to be used instead for medium or high density land, though some designated residential areas were rezoned to be used for business.

Kamren Gaddes spoke against the ordinance change earlier in the meeting, saying the change would hurt his property value.

The council approved the change. Mayor Paul Knier said he liked the plan, and the blend it created with commercial and residential areas.

Marketplace Crossing Concept Plan Review

The council reviewed the plan for the upcoming Marketplace Crossing apartments. The developer wants to create a building with 60 units, varying between one, two, and three bedroom apartments. The developer anticipates putting in a second building sometime in the future. There is no planned underground parking, and no outdoor living areas (patios, balconies).

The council gave informal feedback on the plan. The council members all agreed they would prefer to see covered parking and outdoor living areas included.

One of the project repre-

sentatives explained that including underground parking could cost around \$30,000 per stall, adding millions of dollars to the project and increasing the cost for future renters.

Consent Agenda

In other news, the council:

- Approved claims and previous council workshop minutes;
- Made changes to public works positions;
- Changed Lucinda Meyer's employment status as city planner from probationary to permanent;
- Approved an agreement to use a grant of \$50,000 from the state towards the city recycling program;
- Accepted the resignation of Jake Osowski from the liquor store, as he is away at college;
- Approved the outside employment request form for 2021, which allows city employees to request employment outside of city government in addition to their city jobs;
- Approved the final plat for Big Lake Car Condos second addition;
- Approved the hiring of

John Koller as a fleet maintenance worker for public works;

• Made the final payment for the 2019 Street Resurfacing project to Knife River Corporation.

Mayor Knier removed the approval of the previous meeting minutes from the consent agenda, revising the minutes to more accurately reflect a statement he made. On page 10 of the minutes, it was stated that Mayor Knier said the city could not know today what the costs would be in the future (regarding the street reconstruction project.) Instead, the line will now read, "Knier stated that Ken [Halverson] was exaggerating the increase in costs when he used numbers like \$100 today and \$200 in four years, and that [the city doesn't] know it would increase to that extent."

While not included in the consent agenda, a later item that was approved without discussion was the acceptance of a \$4,000 donation to the Big Lake Police Dept. from the Eddy Family Foundation.

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According to data from the Newspaper Association of America (NAA), trends reflect that the print industry is evolving its business model in significant ways.

Some of these ways include connecting with developments in technology, tapping into consumer behavior, understanding advertiser interest, and more in order to grow audiences and diversify its revenue stream.

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I-94 Construction Ramping Up

Submitted Article

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

Motorists who are traveling on Interstate 94 for their work commutes noticed Wednesday that work crews are on the job and the result will be lane closures in the coming days, weeks and, in some cases, months.

Starting this week, there will be multiple traffic disruptions that motorists should be aware of. They include the following:

• **Monticello to Clearwater** - I-94 will be reduced to one lane in both directions between Hwys.

25 and 24 from 7 p.m. until 11 a.m. daily with the exception of Saturdays. This will continue through May;

• **Maple Grove to Rogers** - Through Thursday, April 1, eastbound I-94 will be reduced to two lanes between Hwy. 101 and Hwy. 610 and will be reduced to one lane from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly with the exception of Saturday night. Through Wednesday, March 31, eastbound I-94 will be reduced to two lanes between Hwy. 101 and Weaver Lake Road from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

• **St. Michael to Albertville** - Through mid-April I-94 will be reduced to a single lane in both di-

rections between west of Co. Rd. 19 and Hwy. 241. Through September, Hwy. 241 will be reduced to a single lane between I-94 and Oakwood Parkway.

A reminder that with the roadwork there will be reduced speeds and fines of up to \$300 for speeding in a work zone. Those who use these routes regularly are advised to prepare accordingly for delays and slowdowns.

SMALL-TOWN COMMUNITIES LOVE THEIR LOCAL PAPERS

A recent study found that 67% of small-town residents read their local paper at least one time per week. Out of the participants, 78% said newspapers were their main source for information about local news, and 71% of participants said newspaper inserts motivated them with their buying decisions.

Big Lake Area News

St. Cloud company delivers farm-fresh produce

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Dairy2U is a modern-day milkman company that was founded by St. Cloud's Brad Hagfors in 2019. Just this month, Hagfors and his company began to offer services within the areas of Patriot readership, including Clear Lake, Clearwater, Becker, Big Lake, and surrounding townships.

Readers interested in Dairy2U's services can visit their website at Dairy2U.com or check out their Facebook pages at [Facebook.com/Dairy2U](https://www.facebook.com/Dairy2U) or [Facebook.com/Dairy2UBigLake](https://www.facebook.com/Dairy2UBigLake).

Modern-Day Milkman

"They [local small businesses and farmers] were losing ground to the big box stores," Hagfors said, on founding his company.

Hagfors wanted to help those farmers and businesses in his area. So he came up with Dairy2U to help distribute quality local products around the area. Hagfors found a way not only to distribute food essentials to customers, but to do so in a way that is convenient for the customer. Every week, Dairy2U delivers food items such as milk, butter, eggs, freshly-butchered meat, locally made ice-cream and pizzas, and other items to area homes.

"Every time I go to the



DRIVER SHAWN QUARBERG (LEFT) AND OWNER/FOUNDER BRAD HAGFORS (RIGHT) of Dairy 2U have recently expanded their delivery range to cover all areas of Patriot readership. (Photo by Katherine Cantin.)

store, I grab a cart. By the time I go to check out, the cart is full of things I didn't come in to get," Hagfors said.

He says his service will save families money in the long run, since they won't have to spend extra on items they don't need that catch their eye while shopping.

Expanding Business

Hagfors and his driver for the Becker/Big Lake area, Shawn Quarberg, are excited to expand the business out of St. Cloud. Now, services are offered all down the I-94 corridor to Plymouth.

Quarberg, a Big Lake resident for the last four

years, said he was especially excited to offer services to Becker and Big Lake, since residents of those communities typically have to drive a ways, to Monticello or St. Cloud, in order to do their grocery shopping.

Local Driver

Quarberg is a Big Lake resident who runs a small magazine in Blaine. He decided to become a driver for Dairy2U for a couple of reasons. Firstly, because he is an old friend and colleague of Hagfors, and Quarberg admired the business his friend had set up.

"What was even more of a driving decision," Quarberg continued, "was

when I had my daughter try the milk. She said she won't go back to the other milk."

Quality Products

Since Hagfors sources his produce directly from farmers, his products are fresher than most products sold in grocery stores, and there is greater quality control. One family provides Dairy2U customers with beef that has been butchered just that week. Stony Creek Dairy produces milk products that always come from the same herd of cows, unlike the milk found in stores, which is sourced from many different farms and all becomes mixed together.

"It's fresher, non-GMO, healthier, and as organic as possible," Hagfors said.

The company even offers frozen pizzas and ice cream from local businesses.

"Jupiter Moon Ice Cream," Hagfors said, "is like the Ben & Jerry's of St. Cloud."

COVID-19's Impact on Farmers

One industry that was severely affected by the pandemic was the farming industry. Hagfors said that Stony Creek Dairy lost about 70% of its businesses last year. He hopes that he can continue to make their amazing products available, not just for the customers who want the best, freshest products, but for the farmers who desperately need support from the community.

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Newspaper Advertising Drives Action

A study by NAA found that 81% of adults acted upon a coupon or call to visit a brand's local store after seeing a newspaper ad in the past month. Over half of these consumers made a purchase because of the call to action. The study also found that newspapers ranked the highest of all other mediums as the source people use to plan for shopping.

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

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Wright, Sherburne Counties Included In Burning Restrictions

Submitted Article

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

With dry conditions and high winds, 25 Minnesota counties were placed under burning restrictions Wed. morning. Effective March 31, 14 more counties will restrict open burning, including Wright County.

The 14 counties in the new restriction list include Anoka, Benton, Chisago, Hennepin, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Ramsey, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Washington and Wright counties. No burning permits will be issued until the fire danger situation changes.

To see the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fire danger and burning restriction map, click here: https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/flraterating_restrictions.html.

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BL School Board planning for Prom/Graduation

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The Big Lake School Board held their March meeting last week. They have started to make plans for prom and graduation, after the state released guidelines for the events.

Prom and Graduation

The state recently sent out guidelines regarding prom and graduation. The school has a committee which has been working since December to find a way to host these events that meets state regulations.

The state gave guidelines requiring face coverings to be worn both indoors and outdoors and limited capacity, based on the venue. Food and beverage consumption must end at 11 p.m., and students who are eating or drinking must be seated. Groups are not to exceed six people, and must remain six feet apart from other groups while dancing or mingling. The Big Lake gym would be able to accommodate 460 people with these limitations.

The state also recommended that prom and graduation be held after the school year has ended, if possible, and for couples in the grand march to not hold hands, but possibly hold something between them, such as, for example, a "school colored pool noodle." They also recommended holding the dance and graduation virtually. Schools were also encouraged to limit participation to seniors only, and limit it to district students.

However, schools are allowed to make their own decisions about prom and graduation. Big Lake plans to hold prom in the high school gymnasium and open it up to both seniors and juniors. Typically there are only 100-some guests at prom, so there were no concerns about capacity.

For graduation, the state recommends having several smaller graduation groups rather than one big one, and suggests the schools supplement virtual or hybrid events by having special events surrounding gown pick-up and other graduation preparations. Families will be discouraged from interacting with one another. Those exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms should not attend.

Principal Bob Dockendorf, head of the prom/graduation committee, said the schools did a lot of this last year, plus some other special recognition for the graduating students, such

as signs around town and a video of all students walking across the stage (at separate times).

Dockendorf was concerned that holding prom could cause the COVID-19 disease to spread among students, then robbing them of their graduation. The solution he and his committee came up with was to hold graduation first, at the normal time, and delay prom until June. This could even possibly have the effect of having fewer restrictions at prom.

Financial Report

Enrollment is still down from what the board had budgeted for the year. Many students are being homeschooled or are attending part-time. In 2021, the school had 23 part-time students – students who only attended one or two classes and were homeschooled the rest of the day. This is up substantially from the 6-10 part time students in a normal year.

Director of business services Angie Manuel said she was not too concerned about enrollment, as it has been down all year. She thought it was possible some students would start to come back to school soon.

Since enrollment is down, some budget revisions were necessary. Otherwise, the school is staying consistent with the amount of money in its accounts.

The school received an upgrade to its bond rating from the state. The bond rating is based on the area taxpayers' ability to pay their taxes to the school. It also reflects on financial decisions made by the school board (in this case, positive decisions). Big Lake was at an A1 rating, which is average, but has now been upgraded to an AA3 rating, which is one step higher.

There is a holdup on distributing ESSER II funding to the schools, which had Manuel concerned, since the school will need some of that funding for summer school. If the school has to come up with the funding for the summer program, it is possible, though not guaranteed, that the money will be reimbursed to the school at a later date.

Manuel and Superintendent Tim Truebenbach went on to explain how they felt the ESSER funding was being unfairly distributed, being based on Title I allocations. A previous *Patriot* article explains this more fully, and is available at PatriotNewsMN.com.

Survey of Households

The Morris Leatherman Company will be conducting a survey on behalf of the school of 500 randomly selected households in the district. The board had considered doing a self-survey, but decided to hire out the process in part to hear the opinions of residents who do not have students in the school, but who are still voters who affect the outcome of ballot items for the school.

Some of the board members voiced concern over spending the money to complete this survey.

Tech Levy Updates

In 2017, the school had a lot of old technology in the buildings – old wiring and infrastructure. Part of the Tech Levy was used to update that infrastructure. It was also used to implement online classroom services, such as *Google Classroom*. Wireless systems in the building were updated as well. Staff and students have been provided with laptops and tablets to be able to work from home.

Student liaison Ella Dotzler said the tech services, while they had a few hiccups at first, was eventually very helpful for at-home learning.

Use of District Facilities

Allen Berg, director for community education, proposed an update to school code language regarding which groups can use school facilities. This provides guidance on who gets priority and discounted rates for school facilities. Lower rates and higher priority go to groups who are from the district, with higher rates and lower priority going to groups outside of the district.

Student Liaison Report

The Snow-Daze dance was a success, and Dotzler went on to thank high school staff for going on to make plans for prom and graduation, as those events are very important to the students. She plans to bring forward proposals for these events at the next board workshop.

Superintendent's Report

There will be a community meeting in April regarding Co. Rd. 43, which is part of the city's "Safe Routes to School" program, about installing a roundabout. One concerned parent asked about the safety of students walking to school during this project.

The school is continuing to pursue a grant to help combat underage drinking.

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Orrock Twp. board answers road questions

By Katherine Cantin
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During their regular monthly meeting, Orrock Twp. answered a couple of questions regarding road and road sign maintenance. They also heard updates from the sheriff's office and BLFD and prepared to be audited.

Roads
The board set up an emergency spending resolution, which sets up a hierarchy of representatives who are authorized to make decisions about road spending in the event of an emergency.

The clerk, Chris Weber, was granted authority to spend up to \$2,500 on signs for the township. The quote she received from Newman signs was \$2,142.03. The board approved the purchase, but asked that Weber collect one or two other quotes from different companies next time, to ensure the township was getting the best price.

One resident in the audience asked the board why it was necessary to replace road signs. Adams told him this was to meet state standards on reflectivity, and signs are replaced about once every 10 years. The citizen thanked Adams for the information, saying that he didn't know about the state requirements, and he was concerned about frivolous spending in the township.

The spring road tour is set to take place April 7 at 9 a.m. The public is welcome to attend if they choose.

Open Forum
One citizen spoke during open forum, asking about his driveway. He said that every year, the driveway became full of mud and it became difficult to navigate. Usually, he would fix the issue himself, but with a recent cancer diagnosis he is not able to do so. He thought the township was responsible for maintaining the area in question, where the driveway meets the

road. He said the township had maintained it in the past.

After looking at a satellite image of the property, the supervisors were able to determine the driveway was not their obligation to maintain.

Antiques Business
Orrock citizen Carol Gordon is looking to open up an antiques and furniture store in her garage. The business will be located on 168th St. off of Co. Rd. 4. Gordon will be open during weekends once she gets approval for the business.

The board had no issue with the application, and sent it on to the county planning commission.

2020 BLFD Report
The board heard the Big Lake fire report for 2020, which they were unable to hear during the annual meeting. There were 115 more calls than in 2019, but that is due in part to the department tracking more non-emergency calls. CARES funding from the township helped to purchase a new gear extractor, radios, and turnout gear for the department.

A house was recently donated to the fire department, and a live burn will be held after an inspection (to remove any asbestos or other hazardous products that shouldn't be burned.) The department will soon get a new brush rig.

Supervisor Bryan Adams brought up setting up a fire substation in Orrock. This will be something the board will revisit later.

Sheriff's Report
Sgt. Luke McLean gave an update for the sheriff's dept. He reported that there were fewer traffic stops for the month, possibly due to snow keeping drivers off the roads. While there were not many reported vehicle burnouts, the sheriff's dept. has found evidence of several. They encourage citizens to report these when they happen so offers can respond to the situation.

Supervisor Bob Hassett asked Sgt. McLean

about a complaint he had received from a resident about construction noise at night. Sgt. McLean reminded the audience that any complaints should be directed to the sheriff's office so officers can respond to the situation promptly.

Sgt. McLean finished his report by reminding residents about the spring weight limits on the roads, and he informed the audience about the youth ATV training the department is offering in conjunction with the Sherburne 4H extension. More information can be found on the sheriff's office Facebook page.

Audit
The township is due to be audited, and the finance committee has been preparing. They presented the board with a list of auditors, and the board will have to make a decision by April 28 on whom to hire. Bryan Adams suggested that the finance committee make a recommendation and move forward with hiring, and the board would back that decision. Treasurer Gary Goldsmith said the township was in much better shape than two years ago, but he suspected the township might get "dinged" during the audit, despite their preparations.

In Other News, the Board:

- Presented the draft of the annual meeting minutes (these will not be approved until the next annual meeting, in March 2022);
- Started to prep for recycle day, with supervisors Paul Ellinger, Janine Arnold, and Bryan Adams volunteering to help;
- Granted the clerk permission to sell an old desktop computer that is not being used, using Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist;
- Discussed the expectation of \$430,000 of stimulus money (though the board is still waiting on guidance for spending the money).

BL Twp. holds public hearing for cartway

By Katherine Cantin
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Big Lake Twp. held a brief regular meeting Wednesday, March 24. The board discussed franchise agreements and roads, as well as took care of some other regular business.

Cartway Public Hearing
The township held a public hearing about creating a "cartway" for a landlocked property. A cartway is a strip of land over another person's property used to access a property that doesn't have its own road access. The township was hesitant to allow the cartway, as it can be unclear who has the responsibility of maintaining the driveway, but, fortunately, the party who was inquiring about the cartway believed they may be able to find a solution with their neighbors without involving the township. The board then decided to recess the public hearing until their next meeting, April 14.

BLFD February Report
The Big Lake Fire Dept. received 25 calls for service in the month of February, trending upwards from last year. The department trained in search and rescue in February, and have been training with ladders this month. The training is currently taking place at a house that was donated to the fire dept. Chief Seth Hansen said he hopes the department will

soon be able to have a live burn in the old building, so firefighters can practice for an emergency situation.

Chief Hansen reminded citizens that conditions are dry at the moment, though he hoped the rain would help the situation. Regardless, conditions are ripe for wildfires, and he asked residents to avoid burning at this time.

Franchise Agreement
The township continued to make steps towards a franchise agreement with Midco. The board

bid came in significantly under budget, and Supervisor Bruce Aubol asked the engineer and the road committee to look into any other projects they could get done this year, as long as the funds were available.

The board also considered putting aside money to purchase swing-away mailboxes for township residents after having some issues over the winter. The road committee will review this issue, and information will be made available on the township website, and possibly through a mail flyer, if the township decides to provide mailbox posts to residents.

The annual spring road tour will take place this week, April 5 & 6, starting at 7:30 a.m. at town hall. Supervisors will use this opportunity to see for themselves the condition of the township roads. Residents are also welcome to attend.

Announcements
The Big Lake Twp. board of equalization will be held Thursday, April 8, at 9 a.m. Residents who wish to contest their property value as evaluated by the county may do so at this meeting.

There will be a frozen meal distribution for residents over 60 April 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lions Park. The meals are provided by Catholic Charities Senior Dining.



approved some details in the language of the agreement, such as the amount of money to be held in escrow (\$10,000). The board decided to send out copies of the agreement to Skynet and Charter as well, in case those companies wished to (respectively) create or renew a relationship with the township.

A public hearing about the franchise agreement will be held April 28 during the regular meeting.

Roads
After putting out a bid for overlays, the township approved Knife River's bid, being the lowest. The

2 local Businesses Victimized By Fire

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was sequestered from a posting on the Newsbreak.com website).

A fire destroyed two businesses in Big Lake early Monday, according to the city's fire department.

Fire crews responded to the 17000 block of 198th Avenue at about 2 a.m. There they found a commercial building on fire, with heavy smoke and flames coming through the roof and side of the building.

After crews extinguished the blaze, the building was declared a total loss. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Two businesses were destroyed in the fire — Busch Automotive and Boones Custom Cabinets and Woodworking.

No one was injured in the incident, crews said.

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The Sounds of Solitude

People can learn a lot about themselves and the world around them while sitting alone in a hunting blind, eagerly awaiting the sound of that solitary gobble that emanates from a hill or field beyond my sight.

For me, that single, solitary gobble can trigger a rush of adrenaline unduplicated by most of my life's other experiences. It brings forth an anticipation that a complicated dance is about to commence between me, armed with a slate call, and a bird with a brain about the size of a walnut (spoiler alert: the bird with the little brain usually wins).

There's nothing in the world like the springtime sounds of solitude one can hear as the only human in the woods. As the sun peeks over the horizon, there begins a slow eruption of creature chatter as the various other life forms awake from their slumber. It doesn't take long until there's a cacophony of noise: birds chirping, squirrels squealing and the occasional trumpet of a swan flying overhead.

My eyes will scan the horizon, but mostly it's work for my ears, probing deep into the crescendo of clamor, hoping to catch the familiar tune of the gobble among the hubbub.

I think the thought that encompasses my mind the most during those early morning hunts is the fact that I am an insignificant part of the great outdoors, an afterthought in the vast landscape that is home to Mother Nature.

For me, a big part of the lure of turkey hunting is that it is difficult to find success. DNR statistics show it has among the lowest success rates of all hunting in Minnesota, as last year there was just a 22% success rate for spring turkey hunters (similar to ar-



By Mark Kolbinger,
Contributing Writer

chery deer hunters but 10% below the success rate for firearms deer hunters). Historically, this number holds fairly steady dating back to 2005 (28% success).

The spring turkey hunt



allows me to unplug from society and to learn a lesson in patience each time that I enter my blind. There are plenty of decisions to be made, such as when to call, how much to call (less is usually better) and when to just sit and enjoy the silence. But the consequences for making the wrong decision (which I've done many times) is simply the chance to learn from the experience and try to apply it the next time I'm in the woods. What I usually learn is that if I would have just waited another 10 min-

utes to (fill in the blank), then that wily tom turkey just might have shown himself and provided a chance at a harvest.

One thing I'd like to point out is that the experience is very similar for people who are armed with a camera instead of a firearm or bow. The actual harvest is certainly an important part of the experience for me, but everything else that goes into the chase far exceeds that moment when I finally get to pull the trigger. In other words, even if a person doesn't like to hunt, they would reap some incredible benefits from staking out a corner of the woods and capturing the experiences on film.

A person would be surprised at what they would see by just spending several quiet hours in the woods. In fact, sometimes I think I see more deer when I am turkey hunting and more turkeys when I am deer hunting (I never said I was good at either!).

As a sportsman, I'm also keenly interested in the future of the outdoors activities that I enjoy, in order to ensure that they are sustainable and can be enjoyed by new generations of Americans.

In the world of turkey hunting, there is great news about the future of the hunt.

Last year, the number of permits issued by the DNR to youth hunters more than doubled from the previous year to an all-time high of 14,292. I've been racking my brain trying to figure out if there was anything different about the spring of 2020 that might have caused this activity to explode in popularity, but I guess the reason doesn't matter to me and I'm just happy that more youngsters are interested. For once they hear their first gobble, they'll be hooked for life.

Woodchucks are big squirrels

Woodchucks

This year we seemed to zip right past Groundhog Day without even noticing. Perhaps this is because during COVID time, everyday seems the same, just like the movie *Groundhog Day*. Nothing new or different. Just one day like the other. But for the Groundhog, also known as the Woodchuck, spring is a wonderful time. So, let's look at the Woodchuck.

Although the Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*) does not look like it, they are a member of the squirrel family. Let me clarify, the squirrel family is broken into two groups. The tree squirrels and ground squirrels. The Woodchuck is a type of ground squirrel along with many others such as Chipmunks and Pocket Gophers. The Woodchuck is the largest member of the squirrel family.

Measuring 24-28 inches from tip of tip of nose to end of tail, they sometimes appear as wide as they are long. They



By Stan Tekiela,
Naturalist

only weigh between 10-14 pounds, and become heavier at the end of summer when they are getting ready to hibernate, and less in spring when they emerge from hibernation.

Speaking of hibernation, the Woodchuck is a true hibernator meaning they must go into winter with enough body fat to last them all winter. At no time do they wake up to feed or replenish body fat, unlike the chipmunk which has a supply of food stored underground in the burrow. If the Woodchuck doesn't have enough fat to last the winter they will die in their

den before spring arrives. Even bears, who are well known for their hibernation wake up occasionally, especially if it is a female giving birth to cubs. During hibernation, the Woodchuck curls into a ball with its head between its front legs and doesn't wake at all. It's body temperature drops from 90 F to about 40 F. Breathing slows to one breath every six minutes and the heart rate decreases from 75 to four beats per minute.

The common name "Woodchuck" is from the Cree Indian word wuchak, which describes several small animals but apparently the name stuck for this animal. This is also the animal for which *Groundhog Day* was named. It is sometimes called the Whistle Pig because it gives a high-pitched whistle-like call when alarmed and it often looks fat as a pig.

This critter is solitary for most of the year except for mating or when a

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Letters To The Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing to support Kim Noding for Big Lake City Council in the special election on April 13. I've known Kim for years and I have personally seen that she loves and wants to serve Big Lake and its residents. She's had a lot of experience in volunteering for, starting, and running various community support organizations. When she saw a need for a place to have a unified gathering of information, she made it happen!

She and her family have owned and run a local business for almost 30 years. Kim also played a significant role in bringing a \$50,000 grant to Big Lake in 2016 because of her daily efforts in motivating people to vote for Big Lake during the Michelob "Celebrate Your Lakes" contest. I know her to be an honest, smart, compassionate and dedicated human being. Because of what I know of Kim's character, her instincts, and her experience, I believe she would be a great addition to the Big Lake City Council - so I encourage you to vote for Kim Noding on April 13.

Sincerely,
Kathy Arneson
Big Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

18 Congressmen and women spent the day at the border and took videos and spent 45 minutes reporting to all the journalists that were there. The Biden border disaster worse than they thought. The border patrol had begged Biden to keep Trump's policy in affect but, of course, did not. Now, it is a humanitarian crisis beyond control. We all know it is the democrat goal of fundamentally transforming the nation and this is it. Basically, almost everything Biden said in his press conference about the border was a lie. 17,000 children, mostly teenagers are being held in, yes, cages, so where is the media? Oh, that's right, Biden won't allow them in. Every Congressman/woman begged Biden and Harris to get to the border to see it but apparently, it is the plan they don't want to change because now, all they need to do is get these people registered to vote democrat. As the Congressman/woman said, this is a humanitarian crisis created 100% for political reasons and yes, they even saw dead bodies in the river. The cartels make roughly \$14 million a day in transporting these people and the border patrol are acting as babysitters instead of

catching the drug smugglers, their main job. As they reported, this is the greatest humanitarian man made disaster in decades and it is all for politics and votes - one that Trump had taken care of and all now reversed. Sick and sad indeed.

Regards,
Gordon Schmidt
Loretto, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

We elect legislators and school boards to represent us and our values... not bureaucrats. State employees share data and recommendations with our representatives who should write our laws.

Presently, many regulations, rules, and standards with the force of law are enacted by people appointed by politicians.

Just a few examples.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has the power to enact Minnesota's clean car initiative (based upon California's model) as a rule. There has been pushback. GOP state senators have threatened to take the rule-making authority from the state regulator, at least for auto emissions. The Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association sued the MPCA over the proposal.

Electricity costs are approved by state regulators, not elected officials. Minnesotans paid less than the national average for electricity before 2016. Efforts to increase renewable energy and reduce/eliminate fossil fuels have caused higher costs...paid for by us.

While school boards determine curricula for students, the academic standards for graduation are determined on a ten-year cycle. The governor appoints a panel to review and revise the standards that sends their findings to the commissioner. An administrative law judge makes the rule law.

In our representative government, we elect officials to act for us.

Barry VanBuren
Clearwater, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

On this Easter weekend I, one who professes faith in Jesus, believing Him to be the Son of God who came to this earth to die for our sins, who rose from the dead, and is preparing a place for us, must apologize.

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Honoring a Hockey Legend

(Editor's Note: The following article was unsolicited from Tom Emmer's office).

Wednesday, I was available to answer constituent's questions and discuss the important legislative items coming before the House of Representatives. I also was joined by an expert from the IRS to answer any questions related to Economic Impact Payments and tax season.

As stimulus checks continue to be dispersed and the individual tax filing deadline was pushed back to May 17th - there are plenty of important tax questions to address.

A Hockey Legend

Last week, I had the opportunity to introduce an important bill that would honor Willie O'Ree with the Congressional Gold Medal. Alongside my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, Mike Quigley, Brian Higgins, and John Katko, we introduced the Willie O'Ree Congressional Gold Medal Act.

Willie is known as the "Jackie Robinson of Hockey" - he broke historic barriers in 1958 when he became the first Black player to compete in the National Hockey League as a member of the Boston Bruins. More than 60 years later, O'Ree continues to have a profound impact on one of our nation's major sports as an active champion for diversity and opportunity - in hockey and beyond.

Despite adversity, he spent a long career spanning more than 22 seasons as a professional hockey player in both the NHL and minor leagues.

Following his professional hockey career, O'Ree became the NHL's official Diversity Ambassador - a role he continues to hold today. In the 1990s, he established the *Hockey is for Everyone* initiative to offer marginalized, disadvantaged, and underrepresented children an opportunity to play hockey and develop important life skills both on and off the ice - empowering them with lessons about leadership, inclusion, and



By Congressman
Tom Emmer

perseverance. The initiative now includes 26 non-profit organizations with over 40 program centers and has welcomed more than 120,000 new children to the game since its inception.

It was also wonderful to see, less than a week prior to reintroduction of our legislation, that the Ontario Reign, the American Hockey League affiliate for the Los Angeles Kings, formed the first all-black line since 1942. None of this would have been possible without Willie O'Ree's contributions to the expansion, growth, and accessibility of the game of hockey.

Innovative Technologies

I had the opportunity to join the virtual Security Token Summit to discuss blockchain and cryptocurrency regulation. This event was focused on security tokens and digital currencies, and covered custody, compliance, regulation, investing, marketing issues.

I recently wrote about the revolutionary impact fintech can have on our financial system for The Hill. Last week, the *Star Tribune* wrote about my work on blockchain technologies, like cryptocurrency.

As a member of the House Financial Services Committee and the Ranking Member of the Task Force on Financial Technology, I am interested in the way emerging technologies can serve the unbanked and underbanked. I believe these technologies have huge implications for countless aspects of our lives, and it will give us the power to do things, like improve access to our financial markets from our phone or com-

puter.

Vietnam Veterans

March 29, we recognized National Vietnam War Veterans Day, taking some time to focus on the bravery and sacrifice of those who fought for the United States. Over 1,079 Minnesotans lost their lives in Vietnam, and 10s of thousands of Americans and their families had their lives changed forever by the conflict. The service men and women who risked their lives for our freedom will not be forgotten.

The legacy of the Vietnam War is closer than you might think. You can hear first-hand stories from Minnesotans who served in the Vietnam War, and explore the Minnesota Remembers Vietnam Story Wall, a project of Minnesota PBS.

As your Member of Congress, I fight every day to ensure that those who served are given the respect and care they deserve. My newly-reintroduced SAVE Act will help veterans receive timely primary and mental health care by creating accountability measures for same-day treatment initiatives at Veterans Administration health facilities.

Local Police Engagement

Community policing is more important now than ever. As we continue a nation-wide discussion about the role of law enforcement in our communities, we should be focusing on efforts that connect police officers to the people they are sworn to serve and protect.

I recently reintroduced an important bill, the Community OutPost (COP) Outreach and Engagement Act. This bill would establish a national federal pilot program using as an example one of our local initiatives: the St. Cloud COP House.

Last week, the *Star Tribune* wrote about the COP House in St. Cloud. The house is a residential home where local residents can receive critical services like health screenings, and attend afterschool education programs while building relationships with law

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Area News

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enforcement in that community. With improved police-citizen communication, officers can more effectively establish trust and build rapport with the citizens that they are sworn to protect.

When the St. Cloud Police Dept. embarked on this new initiative, my office was honored to assist them in securing the location.

Recently, the *St. Cloud Times* also wrote about the COP Outreach and Engagement Act, my proposal would issue grants to establish COP Houses nation-wide. This effort works in St. Cloud and it can work in cities across this country if we are willing to invest in the community relations needed to build rapport between law enforcement and communities. As Chief Anderson puts it, this effort is helping to “humanize the badge,” and efforts like this should be supported and expanded.

Regional Airports

Recently, I announced that the U.S. Dept. of Transportation awarded both the Blaine and Buffalo airports with grant funding. Collectively, they received \$104,162 to help support operations and services at both facilities. This is a significant investment in our regional airport!

This money will be used for operation, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, and to combat the spread of COVID-19. These grants are funded by the Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, which I supported.

Regional airports play an important role in our region, and they make areas in our community economic hubs. These airports serve as vital connection points to ensure the region grows and thrives.

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

Jello Tapioca Salad
2 packages tapioca pudding mix;
2-3 oz. packages of strawberry jello;
3 cups water
1 small container of frozen whipped topping;
1-1/2 cups of cut up strawberries.

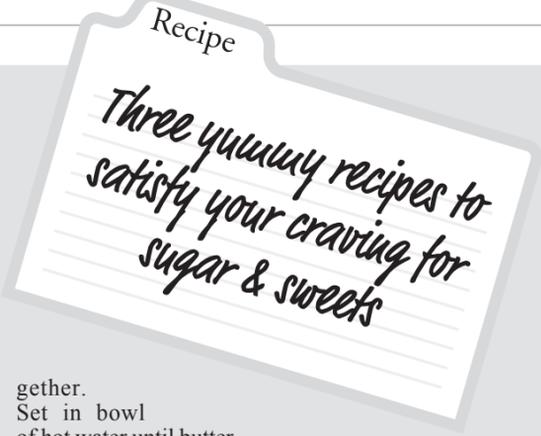
Mix pudding, jello and water. Boil for one minute. Cool. Add thawed whipped topping and strawberries. Refrigerate until ready to consume.

Lady Fingers
5 tablespoons sugar;
1 cup butter;
1 teaspoon vanilla;

2 cups flour.
 Mix sugar, butter, vanilla and flour. Roll in small fingers. Bake at 375° until light brown. When slightly cool, roll in cinnamon and sugar.

Canadian Bars
1/2 cup soft butter;
5 tablespoons sugar;
5 tablespoons cocoa;
1 teaspoon vanilla;
1 egg;
2 cups graham cracker crumbs;
1 cup fine coconut;
1/2 cup nuts;
4 tablespoons butter;
2 tablespoons instant vanilla pudding;
3 tablespoons milk;
2 cups powdered sugar;
1 package chocolate chips.

Stir soft butter, sugar, cocoa, vanilla and egg to-



gether. Set in bowl of hot water until butter is melted the consistency of custard. Mix crumbs, coconut and nuts. Add to cocoa mixture. Spread in a 9x9 pan. Cream 4 tablespoons butter, pudding, milk and powdered sugar. Spread on top of cocoa mixture. Chill a little while. Melt chocolate chips and spread on bars.

Submitted by Linda Keeler in memory of Hannah Keeler.

Interesting in submitting a recipe? Email it to reporter.bill@patriotnews.com (include a photo if you can)

BASC reopening in April at BCC

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by BASC).

April, 2021 marks the reopening of BASC in the new Senior Center at the Becker Community Center, Room 209.

The Senior Center will be open Monday through Friday from early morning until 5 p.m. Sign-in will be with BCC front desk staff as early as 5 a.m. There will be some Covid restrictions in place since BCC is a public (city) building. Masks are to be worn and social distance

spacing with participation limited to 10 persons in the Senior Center space at a time at first.

With the many hours now available, seniors will be able to gather together at various times throughout the weekdays. Restrictions will ease as conditions allow. Coffee and water will be available – snacks and lunches will come later, hopefully by May. A heads up to seniors that the monthly third Tuesday lunch and music will be at City Park for the warmer months starting May 18. Watch the May calendar for details.

• **Tuesday, April 6th**

, 10 a.m. at the Becker City Park building, Jeremy Schmidt, Becker School District Superintendent, will meet with area senior residents as the first BASC activity scheduled. Schmidt will update senior residents on the May 11 Becker Schools Referendum. The large indoor space will allow for more than 10 people to maintain social distancing to come and hear Schmidt. Masks will be required.

• **April 8th** is BASC's first “soft” opening day and, just as the other April Tuesdays and Thursdays, lists the activity, “Coffee and Conver-

sation.” The seniors have 13 months of catching up with friends to do!

• **Friday, April 16**, there will be “Lunch on the Run”. Meeting at the Brickyard in Clear Lake at 11:30 a.m.

Activity information is available at the Senior Center and published in the *Patriot Newspaper* in the BASC column. To receive the BASC calendar and newsletter by email send your email address to basc.becker@gmail.com. Contact BASC by phone at the BCC, 763-200-4271. The Becker Community Center address is at 11500 Sherburne Ave, Becker, MN.

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mother is raising her young. In addition, they are rarely far from their den entrance. When they feel threatened, they will quickly run back to their den and slip away underground. They will wait at the den entrance until danger has passed before slowing coming back out.

Unlike its common name suggests, the Woodchuck does not eat or throw wood. But instead, it eats green leaves of plants such as dandelion. In the spring before the grass greens up or the dandelions pop up, they sometimes will climb small shrubs or trees to feed on the newly emerging leaf buds.

Back at their den, they have a large underground tunnel system, which is often used by other animal such as Eastern Cottontail Rabbits, Raccoons, Opossums, and a variety of snake species. They have separate winter and summer dens. Their summer dens are usually located near open grassy areas with plenty of food nearby. The winter dens are often in the woods and are more of a single entrance hole with a hibernation chamber at the end.

Females breed at one year of age. Mating takes place during March and April. They only have a 30-

day gestation period before the young are born. They have about 3-6 offspring, only once per year. The young are born naked with their eyes closed and helpless. Eyes open and they start to crawl at week four. Childhood is very short for young woodchucks. They are weaned from mother's milk at six weeks and are out and on their own at 10 weeks of age. And you thought you had a tough childhood.

You can see these wonderful creatures along busy highways and in open fields on sunny days. I think they are marvelous, and I look forward to seeing them each and every spring. Until next time...



Stan Tekiela is an author / naturalist and wildlife photographer who travels the US to study and photograph wildlife. He can be followed on Facebook.com and Twitter.com or you can contact him via his web page at www.naturesmart.com

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LETTERS from page 6

As much as I would like everyone to come to know Jesus, I must admit that for much of my life I acted more like an enforcer, than one who trusted God.

While I convinced myself that I was acting out of love, I have since discovered that instead of demonstrating Christ love, I was focused on proving myself and trying to force my understanding upon others. In the process, I neglected what Jesus Christ did and taught.

Like those in Jesus' day who were keen on rules and on what must be done to make society “right,” I forgot that my main job was treasuring God and others as God treasures us. Simply put, “It is easy to love and to treat respectfully those who agree with us or those from whom we seek favor. But what about the others?”

And so, upon this Easter Weekend as we remember Jesus' willingness to suffer wrongs to invite us into a relationship with Him, I just wanted to let you know that despite how I or others may make you feel, you are treasured and are loved.
Humbly Yours,
Curtis Hed Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Years back, a TV showed an image of a Native American man with a tear rolling down his face superimposed over a roadway littered with trash.

We have allowed our culture to disrespect a lot of things—road ditches and waterways are disgusting visual proof.

Several days ago a Twin Cities TV news showed the Mississippi, near Minneapolis, with bottles and cans lining the shores. A recent National

Geographic dedicated many pages showing the oceans choking with trash. Our highways, county roads and even some farmland might as well be distinguished as landfills—although most of those are better kept. I saw a steer eating at a hay-bale with a plastic bag in its mouth.

You would think our local communities, and their businesses, would take more pride in their image—including roads at the edge of town. Street modernization, including pavers, and adding landscape are nice but it's all but lost when litter is allowed to filter in.

Communities could create friendly billboard competition “Help Us Keep Our Town Free of Roadside Litter”.

What's it going to take to create a healthier attitude—maybe one town to take up a little more pride.
Thomas Godlewski
Clear Lake, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

Stones can be used in many ways. Just like religious texts, our use of them depends on our perspective. If I look at an old shed, meaning to tear it down, I will use the hammer in my hand to destroy. If I look at the same old shed, wishing to restore it, I will use that hammer to build. Same tool, but used in completely different ways. Just like stones, our tools and words can be used for either destruction or construction.

But when we are a people being attacked, our tools often become weapons. This is a temptation for anyone. One persecuted group, believing their values and way of life were threatened, took up stones against a man they identified as “Satanic”. But this self-defense, that man proclaimed, was not the way

of his followers. For he was willing to die for those who called him “enemy”. Today, he's being stoned all over again by the people who wear his name.

Want courageous action? Look into your enemy's eyes. Look long and hard. You might just drop your stone. Because in locking eyes with the enemy, you might just see your brother, sister, mother or Father gazing back.
Brody Hed Becker, MN

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to a letter published last week and also to comment on a prior opinion article titled “Courageous Action.” This piece had a lot of new information to look into; I love being able to think deeper than just what I am told as I am sure many of us readers do. I personally read that article as an attempt to give eyes to see and make known pieces that seem to be missing; he was encouraging those, who are willing and called, to think critically and act boldly. Something in the later letter needing names reminded me of a “name” Mr. Morgan, at the restraint of finger pointing, all-out slander and malicious intent in the article, opened my eyes to-things that I think may be plain to see but hard to depict.

If you are looking for a “name” to identify who is behind the wrong going on everywhere, may I suggest a few? How about accuser, tempter, deceiver and father of lies?”

You see, we all face these battles of having cunning tricks played on us and are looking for whom to give the blame. Just the other day in consciousness my sixth-grade son said, “I wish I could run up to

the devil and keep saying, ‘JESUS! JESUS! JESUS!’ until he runs away crying by himself!” Can we see, too? These are the Davids who will learn to “unite and take down” the giants of our day. It's not up to Mr. Morgan to give us the answers. We will know by the fruit they produce. Let's devote ourselves to knowing better the Way, the Truth, and the Life so that we, too, can see clearly and carefully select smooth stones like David had done. We can be fully dressed with the Armor that we are promised, complete and invulnerable.
Rachel Pink
Clear Lake

TO THE EDITOR:

When someone runs for office, I want to know how they are going to vote. I don't really care what they have volunteered for in the past. We don't elect people because we owe them something.

There is a city council election on April 13. Although I cannot vote, what happens in Big Lake city affects me in the township. We need someone who will protect property rights, encourage business development, and keep Big Lake a safe, beautiful place to live.

I have known Kim Noding for almost 25 years. She loves living here in Big Lake and wants to give back to this community. She is a small business owner who has raised her children here. Kim Noding has views that she is not shy to express. Go to her Facebook page (Kim Noding for Big Lake City Council) and see where she stands. Then vote on her views. You'll see why she is the best choice.
Heidi Ewing
Big Lake, MN

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Sports/Area News

3 History-Making Wins and One Heartbreaking Loss

Last weekend was historical for the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's hockey tournament. All five of Minnesota's Division One hockey programs made it to the first round, a first for the same season.

The Bemidji State University Beavers, Minnesota State University-Mankato Mavericks, St. Cloud State University Huskies, University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs and the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers were the entrants.

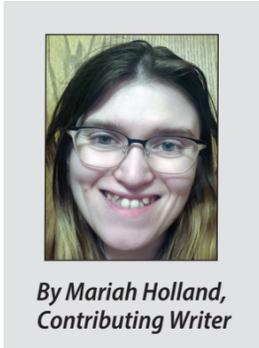
Growing up, my family had season tickets to SCSU hockey so we went almost every weekend and naturally I was a huge fan. The Huskies were my team and remained close, even when I went to a different college.

Back in the early 2000's when we would attend games, the atmosphere was like a MN Wild game. Everyone was super into it and the games were packed, I miss it a lot.

However, as one gets older, your allegiances tend to change as did mine. I went from a diehard SCSU fan, to choosing the University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks and they became my number one team. SCSU remained second and I cheer for both if they aren't playing each other.

So, on to tournament play. Bemidji unfortunately lost out but the others remained. MSU was the last to claim their place amongst the Frozen Four with a historic win over the U of M. That punched their first ticket to the finals.

The second win for Minnesota hockey was SCSU defeating Boston College. First, they got by Boston University then had to face BC. Many had BC picked to win but that didn't hold up. BC got the early lead however, SCSU



By Mariah Holland, Contributing Writer

was able to fight back and score just their second trip to the Frozen Four in their history. I was pretty happy still being an SCSU fan and all.

The third win was during a match-up that was rather difficult for me, UND had to play UMD to go on. I was obviously cheering for UND to win but that game turned out to be one for the books.

It was pretty even, up until the third period when UMD jumped on the scoreboard with two



quick goals. That was when things started to get heated for UND, that next goal was going to make or break it for them. It came down to the last minute and a half when UND stormed back, scoring two huge goals to send it to overtime.

Now typically, many expect overtime to end rather fast on a typical fluky goal. That wasn't the case with this game. UMD thought they had it won early in the first

overtime but it was deemed offside and overturned so back to overtime we went. Now, I don't know about you but during overtime games I tend to forget to breathe and that was no different with this game. Every close call came with a huge gulp of air.

One overtime went by with no change in the score. Then the second went by and a third, then a fourth and at that point it was starting to reach the point that was historic.

Once that fourth overtime ended and they made it to the fifth, they went on to be the longest NCAA tourney hockey game in history at 142 minutes and 13 seconds. So, in terms of hours, that's 2 hours, 22 minutes and 13 seconds when a normal game is around one hour, pretty crazy.

If you include stoppages and intermissions the game lasted over six hours. UMD finally scored in that fifth overtime to go on to play for their third consecutive NCAA Championship starting April 8. The other impressive thing about that game was the respect that went on following the conclusion.

There was the obvious celebrating by UMD and the utter disappointment for UND. However, UMD's goaltender and several other players went out of their way to skate over to UND's goalie and pat him on the back and just show respect.

Regardless of how the game ended, going into five overtimes, it's hard to watch anyone lose and that show of class and respect went a long way. I was very impressed and happy to see them care that much. No one would have expected it of them but they did it regardless. UMD, MSU and SCSU will join the University of Massachusetts in the Frozen Four starting April 8.

Coloring Contest Judges Announce Winners!



BENNETT BRENNY of Clear Lake captured first place in the age category of 1-5. (Photos by Bill Morgan)



HALEY GLEISNER of Clear Lake captured first place in the age category of 6-10. (Photos by Bill Morgan)



LILYANA STUART of Becker captured first place in the age category of 11-15. (Photos by Bill Morgan)

By Bill Morgan
Editor/Staff Writer
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Hallelujah! What great art! Over 71 local artists ranging in ages from 0-15 participated in the 2021 Easter Coloring Contest sponsored by our friends at Sherburne State Bank. The "canvas" depicted an Easter bunny holding a palette of paint while decorating an enlarged egg and cross of Jesus Christ. Above the head of the rabbit was a Happy Easter salutation and below was the logo of Sherburne State Bank.

It appeared the youngsters enjoyed breaking out their crayons and markers with an opportunity to color the bunny in a natural color scheme — or, just go wild and paint the long-eared mammal in unexpected hues and pigments. The giant egg was patterned in stripes and waves, giving the little Picassos a chance to be as expressive as they wanted.

Some even used the backdrop to design shapes, colors and patterns to enhance their masterpieces. The winners of the contest were chosen from the three categories — ages 1-5, 6-10 and 11-15. Staff at Sherburne State Bank were the judges.

The prize winner in the first category went to Bennett Brenny of Clear Lake (age 5). Haley Gleisner (age 9) of Clear Lake won the second category and Lilyana Stuart (age 12) of Becker won the third. Each winner will receive a \$15 gift card to area Subways as well as a chocolate Easter bunny "trophy".

All submissions of artwork for the coloring contest can be viewed in the lobby of Sherburne State Bank through the Easter season.

Thanks for participating and thank you for our sponsor, Sherburne State Bank!



Sherburne County Public Notices

County Highway 43 IMPROVEMENTS

Sherburne County is developing a preliminary design to improve safety, capacity, and operations along County Highway 43 from Highway 10 to the Elk River bridge in Big Lake.



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What is a buffer and who needs one?

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by SWCD.)

A buffer is vegetated land adjacent to a stream, river, ditch, lake or wetland. Who needs one? Anyone adjacent to a stream, river, ditch, lake, or wetland.

Buffers help filter out contaminants such as phosphorus, nitrogen, bacteria, and sediment from lawns, pastures, and agricultural fields so they don't reach our water sources; they are an important conservation practice to help keep water clean.

Studies by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency show that buffers are critical to protecting and restoring water quality and healthy aquatic life, natural stream functions and aquatic habitat due to their immediate proximity to the water.

What should you plant?

Native, water loving, species are best to not only help clean our water but also to provide

important habitat and pollinator resources.

If one already has non-native species, remember to let it grow and pull back any fertilizer or disturbance.

For any questions regarding buffers or installing them on your property, please contact the Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District 763-220-3434.



Sports News

Bulldog girls defeat Hornets in Section Finals, advance to State

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

UPDATE: The Becker girls basketball team opened up the state tourney with a 76-52 win over Alexandria Wednesday evening in Perham. Article to appear in next week's Patriot.

The Becker girls basketball team relied on a stifling defense last Friday to defeat the Big Lake Hornets in the Section 5AAA game, 69-33. With the win, Becker advanced to the State Class AAA Tournament for the third year in a row.

"Our All State players came to play," said Becker

coach Dan Baird. "We went on a great run before half-time and played excellent defense in the second half."

In fact, after taking a 42-21 halftime lead, Becker held the Hornets to just 12 second half points en route to Bulldogs' third straight Section title.

In the game, Becker held a significant advantage from beyond the 3-pt. line by hitting 7-of-19 shots, while the Hornets attempted just five and made two.

Becker also held an advantage in the steals department, netting 22 to the Hornets' seven.

Perhaps the statistic of



THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT BUT A BARE HOOP LAST FRIDAY after the Becker girls basketball team defeated the Big Lake Hornets for the section title. Each girl was able to take a snippet of the net as a souvenir to symbolize the team's third straight trip to the state tournament. (Submitted photo).

the game was the turnovers, and while Becker committed a higher than usual 16, they also forced the Hornets into throwing it away 34 times. Becker used that advantage to score 28 points off turnovers, while the Hornets netted nine.

Baird sang the praises of several of his players for their defensive performances in the game.

"Addy Kent did great job breaking down the defense and holding Mia Huberty to six points," said Baird. "Julia Bengtson shut down Caela Tighe and Megan Gamble was a beast on the boards."

With the win, Becker advanced to the State Tournament which has a bit of a different format this year with quarterfinal games being played across the state at different high schools.

Becker was seeded #2 in the North section and was

scheduled Wednesday night to face #3 seed Alexandria in an 8 p.m. game at Perham High School.

From there, the winner will advance to the state semifinals at the Target Center, April 6. The Semifinal matchups will cross brackets, with the Becker-Alexandria winner facing a team from the south bracket, the winner of #1 Hill Murray (the Class AAA top overall seed) versus #4 Austin.

The State Champion-

ship game is also scheduled for Target Center, April 9 at 6 p.m.

Becker scoring: Adeline Kent 11 (four steals), Maren Westin 7, Courtney Nuestr 7, Julia Bengtson 22 (five steals), Dani Nuestr 2, Megan Gamble 16 (nine rebounds), Ayla Brown 2, Liz Mackedanz 2.

Big Lake scoring: Hailey Millam 8, Ava Vizenor 4, Mia Huberty 6, Olivia Stockham 2, Emily Steen 5, Caela Tighe 6, Emma Jacobs 2.



BECKER'S ADELINE KENT was all smiles after cutting down her portion of the net after the Bulldogs secured a trip to the Class AAA State Tournament (submitted photo).

Norberg medals at State Tourney for Becker gymnasts

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

Becker's Riley Norberg competed at the State Class A Gymnastics Meet last week and came away with a fifth place medal in the vault competition for her efforts.

The meet was held in two sessions with four teams each in order to limit attendance, and then the scores from both were used to determine overall place winners.

Becker's section competed at Champlin Park High School in the first of two sessions and Norberg didn't hold anything back, even trying a new vault at the competition.

"Riley went into the meet with big plans of throwing a new vault she has been working on and we knew being in the early session that it would take a big score to stay in medal contention through both sessions," said coach Kayla Kalinowski. "Riley worked hard to make that happen and hit two beautiful vaults at the state meet and scored a 9.525."

Norberg's score was good enough for second place in the first session and after the second session she was able to land a medal by finishing in fifth place overall.

"While we were sad to not be able to see her up on the awards stand at the conclusion of the meet, she celebrated at home during the virtual awards ceremony," added Kalinowski. "We were so proud of Riley and her determination and work ethic this season, and to be able to compete a new vault at the state tournament and medal with all of the changes this season truly shows how mentally and physically strong she is."

Sections
Becker's entire team performed well at the Section meet, held on March 20 in Big Lake.

"Our team was ecstatic to be in the night session of the meet and to be ranked in the top four teams in the section," said Kalinowski. "We went in to the meet with a 'nothing to lose' mentality and had been working super hard in practice leading up to state



RILEY NORBERG competed well at the State Gymnastics Meet, as she earned a 5th place medal for her performance (Submitted photo).

to add in the last finishing touches to our routines."

Kalinowski said the team kept a small, but strong roster of eight gymnasts on the section roster, including Juniors Riley Norberg, Sarah Woelfel, Theresa Johnson, Justine Vilmo and Tessa Maruska. Freshman Lauren Woelfel and seventh graders Chloe Spear and Lauren Biegler rounded out the section team.

"These girls pushed each other all week and came into sections ready to have a great meet," added Kalinowski.

Becker started on the floor exercise and produced its strongest showing of the year, with Lauren Woelfel and Norberg getting season high scores of 9.075 and 9.1, respectively.

Next, the Bulldogs went straight to the vault and did well despite not having any rest in between events.

"It was a little crazy going straight from floor to vault with no bye in between like normal years, but the girls handled it well," said the coach. "Sarah Woelfel finished in the top 10 with an 8.95 and Norberg finished second, advancing to the state meet, with a 9.35."

The next event was the bars and the Bulldogs suffered a few too many missed connections, stops and falls that Kalinowski said led to lower than anticipated scores. Sarah Woelfel led the team with a 7.95 score.

Becker ended the meet on the beam and Kalinowski says the coaches were very happy with the results, especially those of the younger athletes.

"Our young seventh graders handled the pressure like champs," said Kalinowski. "Lauren Biegler led us off with a great stick routine to set the tone for the meet, while [classmate] Chloe Spear stuck her routine and is looking to be a force to reckon with in the future."

Norberg closed out the meet for Becker with a solid beam routine and an 8.725, good enough for a ninth place finish.

Overall, the team finished in fourth place with a 134.475 and because they ended the season on a high note, the coach is already looking forward to great things from her team during its next season.

"We can't help but look to the future with excitement as we have no graduating seniors and a ton of talent ready to fight for those top spots," said Kalinowski.

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terly shocking," Kiffmeyer said. "This building was purchased with federal funds and has gone mostly unused for the last year. The only use it has gotten is some security improvements, which again were unnecessary. It makes me wonder why, since the department knew of the leaky roof and general poor conditions, why they would designate this building as the storage facility for the remains of our loved ones. I have yet to find one benefit of this building and that is why I am pushing for the state to sell this unnecessary, leaky, and morbid building."

Kiffmeyer has introduced and held a hearing on SF 1836, which would force the sale of the state-owned property in St. Paul. Morgues in Minnesota did not have capacity issues during the pandemic, which means this makeshift morgue has only been used as a very expensive and ineffective storage unit.

"This building is not appropriate for storing PPE and it's not appropriate for storing the dignified remains of a human being," Benson said. "I cannot imagine how the Department of Health approved the purchase of this building, knowing it was in this condition. This was my second tour of the facility and since it was raining this time, we were able to see the extent of the poor condition of the building."

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- City in Transylvania
- Where astronauts go
- Men's hairstyle
- Indicates position
- One point east of due south
- Businessmen may have one
- Grass part
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- Unwavering
- Options
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- Greek mountain
- Pastas
- Fishes
- Wrap
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- Seize
- The Constitution State
- Upset
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- A notice of someone's death
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- Beats per minute
- Family of drugs
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- Type of microscope (abbr.)
- ___ or bust
- Icelandic poems
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- Very pale
- Metric linear unit
- Sea eagle
- Biblical judge of Israel
- Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Cool!
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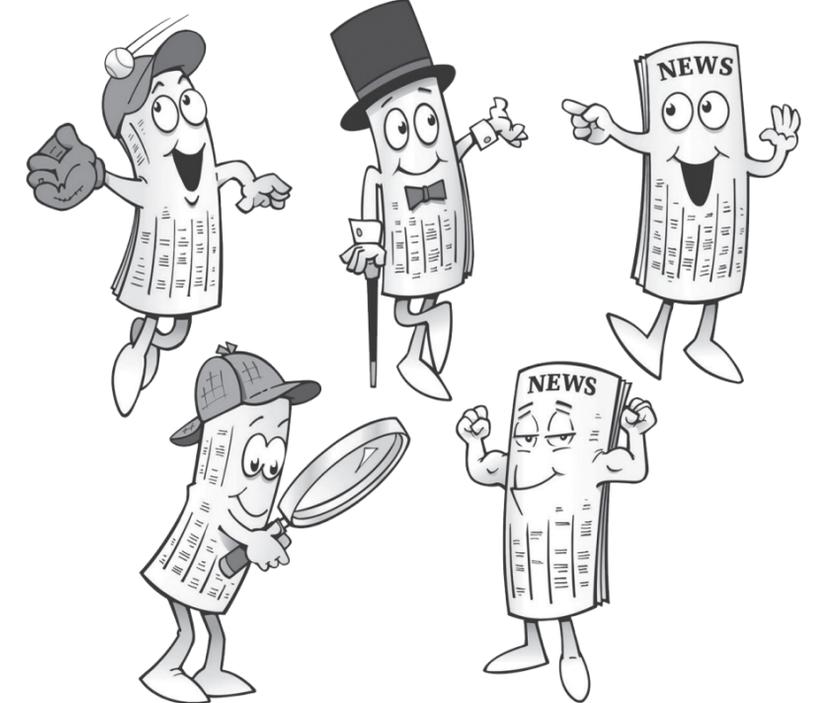
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Becker Lions Collecting Items to Recycle
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Becker Sons of the American Legion Squadron 193
Meets the third Tues. of each month at 7 pm at Becker Legion (old fire hall). Looking for new members. Commander 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.be-yondtheyellowribbon.org.

yondtheyellowribbon.org.

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

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

Big Lake Al-Anon
Meetings held Mon., 7pm by ZOOM. Please contact Laurie, (763) 218-5330 for more information & meeting log-in. Newcomers encouraged - we are a very welcoming group!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Big Lake Lioness Birthday Cards
When the Lioness could no longer deliver birthday flowers to local care center residents in Monticello, we had to think of something different to do for them. WALA!! We began [& will continue] to send birthday cards to those with birthdays each month. Along with holiday greeting card for every holiday!

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

We will be highlighting our seniors on MAY DAY by delivering May Baskets to local seniors in Big Lake. Each basket contains items such candies, pens, notebooks, greeting cards, snacks, instant cereals, books, etc for seniors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legion 7:30 pm. Clearwater Legion, Clearwater.

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

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

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

FREE Egg Hunt
Join Us at Living Waters Church in Clear Lake for a special Easter service with lunch & an Easter Egg hunt following. Service time is 10am with a meal following. Egg Hunt starting at 2pm.

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.

2021 Community Breakfast FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST SILENT AUCTION
Sun., Apr. 25, Jack & Jim's Event Center in Duellm. 9am-12:30pm, \$12 age 13+ (\$10 for seniors), \$6 children 12 & under; age 3 & under free. In person and pre-order drive in pick up available. All COVID-19 mandate guidelines will be followed.

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

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

Living with Parkinson's Under The Age of 60

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

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, social service agencies & the court system in Sherburne & Wright Co. (763) 295-3433 or 1-800-439-2642 or info@riversofhope.org. Free & confidential. Phones answered 24/7.

Snake River Free Mission Church Upcoming Events
Hymn sings are held every other month on the second Sun. at 4:30 pm. Check Snake River Church Facebook page for updates. Sun., Apr. 11, hymn sing 4:30 pm. Sat., May 8, 10 am - 2 pm spring sale. Plants, baked goods & soups for sale.
5 mi. N of Hwy 10 on CR 11, 1.5 mi. E n CR4 & then L on 180th Ave (8940 180th Ave), Becker. Mary (612) 219-8648.

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

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

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

Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) Upcoming Events

BASC is BACK!
Apr. 6: 10AM at Becker City Park building, Becker Superintendent of Schools, Jeremy Schmidt, will meet with Senior School District residents to discuss the upcoming School Referendum. All residents of the School District are able to vote. Space is large, is not expected to limit attendance. Masks required. Information about the Apr. 8 new BASC & Senior Center at Becker Community Center will be available. The weather forecast that day is mid 60's, partly sunny so put your lawn chair in the car & following the referendum discussion, we can adjourn to the Park patio for some coffee & conversation.
Apr. 8: - Tues. & Thurs. at Senior Center, limits 10 in the Senior Center at a time but open 5 days a week from early morning until 5PM daily so lots of chances to get-together. See the news article in the Patriot today for details.
Apr. 16: Lunch on the Run at the Brickyard, Clear Lake at 11:30.
BASC 763-528-0643
Email: basc.becker@gmail.com

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Help other older adults with basic tech issues on their smart devices. This position will be done in person within Elk River approximately 2-4 hours a week. Basic knowledge of smart devices is required for this position. As this position is in person, wearing a mask is required, as well as ability to maintain social distancing guidelines.
Medical Alert Service Volunteer with CentraCare
Volunteers assist the Medical Alert Service department with transporting equipment and paperwork between Medical Alert Service and subscriber's homes. Volunteers are needed to drop equipment off in the Becker and Monticello areas, with flexible weekly scheduling of 2 - 4 hours a week. Training and mileage are provided!
Driver with Great River Faith in Action
Especially now, people in the community struggle to get to and from medical and social services appointments. This is a great opportunity to help in driving individuals who just need a little help getting where they need to go. If you have a car and the time, this flexible position is perfect for you.
If you are interested in volunteering in these or other opportunities, please contact:
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Becker Baptist Church
Senior Pastor: Nathan Bucher, Youth Pastor: Kevin Drehmel, Director of Ministry to Children & Families: Amy Drehmel.
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Sunday Worship Service/Children's Church at 10:30 am - attend in person or watch live stream. Children's AWANA & Momentum Youth Group on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. www.beckerbaptist.org. Find us on social media.

Becker Evangelical Free Church
Pastors: Patrick Drury (Senior), Chris Salvevold (Youth), 763-261-4125, Becker High School, Office: 11373 150th Ave SE. Services: Sun. Worship/Teaching/Fellowship 10am.

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

Faith (Becker) Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Pastor: Yolanda Denson-Byers, 763-261-5751, 11755 Sherburne Ave. Services: Sun. Worship 9:30 am, Sun. School 10am.

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

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

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

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

Free Grace United
Pastor: Kevin Wilson, 763-245-0001, 14000 Clubhouse Ln. Services: Wed. Worship 6:30pm.

• **BIG LAKE**

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

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

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

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

Cornerstone Baptist Church
Pastor: Gordon Langdon, 763-263-7878, 15300 County Road 35.

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

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

Lord of Glory Lutheran Church
Pastor: Marty Mably, 763-263-3090, 15550 190th Ave NW. Services: Sun. 8am & 10am.

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

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

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

• **SANTIAGO**

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

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

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

Gethsemane Church (ELCA) - Ronneby
Pastor: Barbara Peterson, 320-983-5002, 14478 78th St. NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10am.

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

• **CLEAR LAKE**

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

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

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

• **DUELM**

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

• **CLEARWATER**

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

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

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

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

Tri-County Alliance Church
Pastor: David Fogal, 320-558-2750, 8464 160th St NW. Services: Sun. School 9am, Sun. Worship 10:30am.

• **SILVER CREEK**

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Pastor: Ken Tatkendorst, 763-878-2820, 11390 Elliot Ave NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am

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Obituaries

JAMES STANLEY KAMPA, AGE 81
ST. CLOUD (PALMER TOWNSHIP), MN
APRIL 12, 1939 – MARCH 30, 2021

Jim passed away peacefully at his home on March 30, 2021, after a bravely fought battle with cancer. Funeral Services will be 10:30 AM, Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at *St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Duellm.* Rev. Joseph Bachowski will officiate. Visitation will be from 4 to 8:00 PM, Tuesday evening at the *Foley Funeral Home* and will continue from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the church on Wednesday. Burial will take place in the Parish Cemetery. There will be a Celebration of Jim's life on July 31, 2021 at the Kampa Family Farm. Military Honors will be provided by the *Foley American Legion*. Service with Dignity provided by the *Foley Funeral Home*.



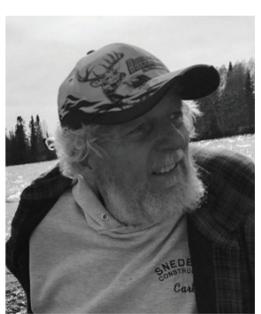
Jim was born in St. Cloud, MN on April 12, 1939 to Stanley and Frances (Miller) Kampa. He enlisted and served in the Army and was stationed in Germany before returning to Minnesota. He was joined in marriage to Lucy Galisto on May 28, 1959 and together they welcomed four children. Along with being a lifelong farmer, he also worked as a Construction Supervisor for Blattner Construction for many years before retiring and was then able to enjoy his Century Farm full time. After Lucy's death in 1999, he met and was then married to Virginia Posthumus on August 1, 2003 which blessed him with two stepsons. He was a gentle, generous

husband, father and grandparent who had a particular fondness for sweets, enjoyed exploring the country on horseback with his wife Ginny and their many trail-riding companions and he always had a story to share. Above all else, Jim cherished time spent with those he loved. A true patriarch, he spent his time on the farm working side by side with his family, who were as devoted to him and he was to them and he spent the winters in Arizona where he enjoyed many happy times visiting with relatives and wonderful friends there. His memorable smile and warm heart will be dearly missed by many. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

Jim is survived by his wife Ginny, his children and step-children, Nick (Cheryl) Kampa of St. Cloud, Julie (Dave) Dosh of Becker, Kevin (Kim) Kampa of St. Cloud, Jim (Amanda) Kampa of Eden Prairie, Kyle (Ashley Bierman) Posthumus of Waconia and Jarod (Terra) Posthumus of Phoenix, AZ., his grandchildren; Jackie, Andrew, Megan, Mitchell, Brandon, Ann, Grace, Joseph, Henry, William, Reagan, Maren and Quinn, seven great-grandchildren and sisters Lois (John) Blattner and Sue Lintgen. He is preceded in death by wife Lucy Kampa, his parents, his sister Jean Schloegel, his infant brother, Jack and his brother-in-law, Vito Galisto.

CARL CHARLES SCHULLER, AGE 67
BRIMSON, MN
NOVEMBER 18, 1953 – MARCH 29, 2021

Carl passed away accidentally on Monday, March 29, 2021. He was born on November 18, 1953 in St. Paul, Minnesota the son of Donald and Jeanne (Arland) Schuller. Carl C. Schuller and Nancy Ann Leach were joined in holy marriage. God blessed their marriage with three sons. Carl was formerly employed for over thirty years by *The Star Tribune*. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and was an avid outdoorsman.



Survived by sons: Spencer Schuller, Zachary (Alison) Schuller and Logan Schuller; grandchildren: Hailey, Natalie, Aubrey, Evelyn, Isaac, Hunter and Charlie; siblings: Polly (Jim) Nelson, Donna (Bill) Anderson, Joanie (Rick) White, Sue Armstrong, Kathy Schuller, Pam (Ron) Cline, Mark Schuller and Jackie Burton; cousins, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by loving wife Nancy Ann Schuller, his parents Donald & Jeanne Schuller and by his parents in law Bill & Dorrie Leach. Time of Gathering will be held Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4-8 P.M. at *The Peterson Chapel St. Michael-Albertville Funeral Home*. Prayer service will be held at 7:30 P.M.

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Public Notices

Assumed Names

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

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

ASSUMED NAME: **Northstar Technology Solutions**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **690 Humboldt Dr, Ste A, Big Lake, MN 55309 United States**

NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name:
R. L. Jacobs & Associates, Inc.
Address: **690 Humboldt Dr, Ste A, Big Lake, MN 55309 United States**

This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: **282782**
Originally filed: **03/27/2003**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties or perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: **Rebecca L. Jacobs, President**

Date Signed: **10/27/2020**

MAILING ADDRESS: **690 Humboldt Dr, Ste A, Big Lake, MN 55309 United States**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **Excluded**

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/s/ Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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

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ASSUMED NAME: **Carmies Creations**
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **231 LEIGHTON DR APT 2 Big Lake MN 55309 USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name:
CARMEN ELIZABETH DENZER

Address:
231 LEIGHTON DR APT 2 BIG LAKE MN 55309 USA

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

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

SIGNED BY: **Carmen E Denzer**

MAILING ADDRESS: **231 LEIGHTON DR APT 2 Big Lake MN 55309**

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: **wigglenotjiggle@gmail.com**

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/s/ Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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Foreclosures

NOTICE OF ASSOCIATION LIEN FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Declaration of Harrison's Cove Homeowners Association (henceforth the Declaration) dated August 11, 2003 and recorded in the office of the County Recorder in and for Sherburne County, Minnesota on August 18, 2003 as Document No. 518022 which said Lien covers the following described property situated in the County of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, to-wit:
Lot 4, Block 10, Harrison's Cove, CIC No. 39, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Sherburne County Recorder.

Street Address: 677 Independence Drive, Big Lake, MN PID #65-520-1008

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

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied single family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the unit owners must vacate the property if the lien is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on December 3, 2021. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate the property is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
Dated: March 17, 2021
HARRISON'S COVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FULLER, SEAVER & SWANSON, P.A.
/s/ Timothy D. Fuller 32694
12400 Portland Avenue South, Suite 132
Burnsville, MN 55337
(952) 890-0888

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

Probates

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court FILE NO. 71-PR-21-45

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OR DISTRIBUTION AND FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL NOTICE TO CREDITORS EXEMPT ESTATE
In Re: Estate of: **Suzanne Marie Aldrich, Decedent**

Notice is given that a petition has been filed requesting that the Estate assets be summarily assigned and distributed without probate administration.

The petition also requests the probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's last will dated August 24, 2007.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with this Court prior to the hearing or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections or claims are filed or raised, the Court may issue a decree distributing or assigning the Estate's assets.

It is Ordered and Notice is now given that the Petition will be heard on 05/24/2021 at 2:10 pm by this Court at the Sherburne County Government Center, located at 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, MN 55330.
/s/ Gina DeVilbissHendry, Court Administrator Deputy
Date: 03/24/2021
Attorney for Petitioner
John A. Markve, #264969
Kassandra K. Heinrich-Wydra, #396510
Markve & Zweifel, P.L.L.C.
11302 86th Avenue North
Maple Grove, Minnesota 55369
Telephone: (763) 450-1639
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Summons

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court FILE NO. 71-FA-20-108 Case Type: Dissolution without Children

Summons Without Real Estate
In Re the Marriage of: **Yasmin Ismail, Petitioner and Guled Hassan Mohamud, Respondent**

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

WARNING: Your spouse has filed a lawsuit against you for dissolution of your marriage. A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. This summons is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this summons carefully. If you do not understand

it, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for a dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this Summons.

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the Court a written *Answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* and you must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms are available from the Court Administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* upon Petitioner **within thirty (30) days** of the date you were served with this *Summons*, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer*, the Court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.

3. This proceeding does not involve real property.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS
Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

(1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.

(2) Neither party may harass the other party.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

(4) Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a non-profit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

Dated: 03/05/2021
SHERBURNE COUNTY MINNESOTA
/s/ Yasmin Ismail
2015 27th St SE #331
St. Cloud, MN 56304
(701) 630-9015
(Published in the *Patriot*: 03/20/21; 03/27/21; 04/03/21).

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 71-CV-21-210

Case Type: Consumer Credit Contract

SUMMONS

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff

vs. HAROLD MOORE

11981 191 1/2 AVE APT 106

ELK RIVER MN 55330, Defendant

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO EACH OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED.

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

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a **written response** called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at: STEW ART, ZLIMEN & JUNGERS, LTD. 2860 Patton Road Roseville MN 55113 Phone 651-366-6380 Fax 651-366-6381

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM.

The answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS.

If you do not Answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may

have information about places where you can get legal assistance.

Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

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

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

/s/ Kristine M Spiegelberg Nelson
Brad D Welp, #0344497

Michael P Arthur, #0397956
Kristine M Spiegelberg Nelson, #0308845

Attorneys for Plaintiff
Phone: 651-366-6380

Email: szj@szjlaw.com

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City Public Notices

CITY OF CLEARWATER Request for Proposals City Assessment Services

Notice is hereby given that the City of Clearwater requests proposals from assessment service providers to enter into a contract to provide valuation and assessment services. **Please contact Clearwater City Hall for a detailed proposal packet, if interested.** Proposals will be accepted until Monday, May 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Following committee review, the City Council will consider proposals at their meeting Monday, May 10, 2021. Notification will be sent out if an in-person presentation is requested by the City Council. The city reserves the right to reject any or all offers received, and to select the proposal that best meets the needs of the city.

Annita M. Smythe
City Administrator
PO Box 9
Clearwater, MN 55320
320-558-2428
asmythe@clearwatercity.com
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Self Storage Lien Auction Notices

SELF STORAGE LIEN AUCTION

KO Storage of Becker
13255 Bradley Blvd
Becker, MN 55308
(952) 314-7121

Auction Start Time: 03/30/2021 at 12:00 pm
Auction End Time: 04/07/2021 at 12:00 pm

Location of Auction: www.storage-treasures.com

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S026: dresser, mirror, tool box, guitar case, weed eater.

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Township Public Notices

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Baldwin Township 125th Overlay
BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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

<u>Estimated Quantities</u>	
Mill Bituminous	3,049 SY
Shouldering Aggregate Class 6B	154 TON
9.5 Wearing Course Mixture	1,911 TON
Topsoil Borrow	143 CY

and other necessary Appurtenances, according to plans and specifications as prepared by Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308.

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

All bids shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond, or certified check payable to the order of Becker Township for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid.

The Township Supervisors reserve the right to reject all bids or any alternatives; to hold bids for sixty (60) days; to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township Supervisors, serves the best interest of the Townships; and to waive any minor irregularities.

The bids will be opened on April 19th, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall of Baldwin.

The bids will be considered by the Township Supervisors at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. on April 19th, 2021 for Baldwin Township.
 Cathy Stevens
 Township Clerk
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CORRECTION
ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUOTES
142nd St SE Reconstruction
BECKER TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Becker Township will receive quotes at the Town Hall of Becker Township, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN 55308, until 10:00 A.M. on April 16th, 2021 for:

<u>Estimated Quantities</u>	
Full Depth Reclamation	15,160 SY
Class 5 Aggregate	1,000 TON
GEOGRID	1,833 SY
Common Excavation	700 CY

and other necessary Appurtenances, according to plans and specifications as prepared by Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308.

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All quotes shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bond, or certified check payable to the order of Becker Township for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount quote.

The Township Supervisors reserve the right to reject all quotes or any alternatives; to hold quotes for sixty (60) days; to accept any quote which, in the opinion of the Township Supervisors, serves the best interest of the Townships; and to waive any minor irregularities.

The quotes will be opened by the Engineer at 10:00 A.M. on April 16th, 2021 at the Town Hall of Becker.

The quotes will be considered by the Township Supervisors at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. on April 19th, 2021 for Becker Township.
 Lucinda Messman
 Township Clerk
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 03/27/21; 04/03/21).

CORRECTION
ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUOTES
164th Ave SE Reconstruction
BECKER TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Becker Township will receive quotes at the Town Hall of Becker Township, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN 55308, until 10:00 A.M. on April 16th, 2021 for:

<u>Estimated Quantities</u>	
Class 5 Aggregate	1,000 TON
15" Pipe Culvert	763 LF
Common Excavation	1,200 CY

and other necessary Appurtenances, according to plans and specifications as prepared by Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308.

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

All quotes shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, performance bond, or certified check payable to the order of Becker Township for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount quote.

The Township Supervisors reserve the right to reject all quotes or any alternatives; to hold quotes for sixty (60) days; to accept any quote which, in the opinion of the Township Supervisors, serves the best interest of the Townships; and to waive any minor irregularities.

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 Lucinda Messman
 Township Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF BIG LAKE
COUNTY OF SHERBURNE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 1010 CABLE ORDINANCE
AND
ORDINANCE NO. 1011 CHARTER FRANCHISE
ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 1010

The Cable Ordinance establishes certain regulations governing the delivery of cable service in the Town to ensure that all cable providers are subject to comparable obligations. The Cable Ordinance generally sets forth the conditions for the delivery of cable service and requirements for cable franchises under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 238.

ORDINANCE NO. 1011

The Charter franchise ordinance grants a cable television franchise to CC VIII Operating LLC d/b/a Charter Communications authorizing operation of a cable system and delivery of cable services in the Town pursuant to the Cable Ordinance. The franchise ordinance authorizes Charter to use rights-of-way in the Town to construct, operate and maintain a system to provide cable services, imposes a franchise fee, and sets-forth certain other agreements concerning operation of the system and delivery of cable services. The franchise ordinance was accepted by Charter and is effective. By Order of the Town of Big Lake
 /s/ Bruce Aubol, Chairman
 Town of Big Lake
 ATTEST: /s/ Brenda Kimberly- Maas
 Clerk, Town of Big Lake
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/03/21).

BIG LAKE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER
ISSUANCE OF FRANCHISE

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

The application requirements are set forth in Minnesota Statutes, Section 238.081, subd. 4. In addition:

- Applications in response to this Notice must be submitted to Big Lake Township by **3:00 p.m., April 19, 2021.**
- Applications must be in writing, notarized, and consistent with the application requirements. Applicants must submit an original and two copies of the application.
- Each application shall be submitted along with an application fee of \$10,000.00, in the form of a certified check made payable to the Big Lake Township. Applicants will be required to reimburse any expenses not covered by the application fee.
- The original application, one copy, and the application fee must be submitted to Town of Big Lake, PO Box 75, Big Lake, MN 55309. One copy of the application must be mailed or delivered to Robert J.V. Vose, Esq., Kennedy & Graven, 150 South 5th Street, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55402.
- Applicants are requested to be present at a public hearing before the Big Lake Township Board beginning at **6:00 p.m. on April 28, 2021.**
- The minimum system design and services to be offered are reflected in the Big Lake Township's Ordinance 1010 - Cable Ordinance.
- Upon review of the application(s) and completion of the public hearing, the Big Lake Township Board will make a recommendation regarding award of franchises. Such recommendation shall be based on applicable law and the record including the application, information provided by the applicant, and other relevant information received by Big Lake Township including the results of any negotiations with applicant(s) and any information submitted by the incumbent franchise company.
- In no event will submission of a conforming application entitle any applicant to grant of a franchise. Big Lake Township expressly reserves the right to reject both conforming and non-conforming applications.
- Any successful applicant(s) will be required to accept the franchise granted within thirty (30) days after adoption.
- Any questions concerning applications should be directed to Robert J.V. Vose, Esq., Kennedy & Graven, 150 South 5th Street, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN 55402; telephone (612) 337-9275; e-mail: rvose@kennedy-graven.com
 Date: March 24, 2021.
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CLEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
Important Information Regarding
Assessment and Classification of Property.
This may affect your 2022 property taxes.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Clear Lake, Sherburne County, Minnesota shall meet at the Clear Lake Township Hall, 7938 116th Street SE Clear Lake, MN 55319 on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 10:00 AM. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the Assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the Sherburne County Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the County Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.
 Gary Anderson
 Clear Lake Township Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Livonia Township 239th Overlay
LIVONIA TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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

<u>Estimated Quantities</u>	
Mill Bituminous	122 SY
Shouldering Aggregate Class 6B	722 TON
9.5 Wearing Course Mixture	2,135 TON

and other necessary Appurtenances, according to plans and specifications as prepared by Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308.

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

All bids shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond, or certified check payable to the order of Becker Township for not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid.

The Township Supervisors reserve the right to reject all bids or any alternatives; to hold bids for sixty (60) days; to accept any bid which, in the opinion of the Township Supervisors, serves the best interest of the Townships; and to waive any minor irregularities.

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

The bids will be considered by the Township Supervisors at the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. on April 26th, 2021 for Livonia Township.
 Jody Hammre
 Township Clerk
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NOTICE OF
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Livonia Township 2021 Projects
LIVONIA TOWNSHIP, SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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<u>Estimated Quantities</u>	
Mill Bituminous	4,800 SY
Class 5 Aggregate	1,274 TON
9.5 Wearing Course Mixture	522 TON
12.5 Wearing Course Mixture	301 TON

and other necessary Appurtenances, according to plans and specifications as prepared by Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Inc., 13076 First Street, Becker, MN 55308.

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 Jody Hammre
 Township Clerk
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Town of Orrock
Notice of Spring Road Tour

Supervisors of the Town of Orrock Board will be conducting the Spring Road Tour on Wednesday, April 7th, 2020 – beginning at 9:00AM

Be it advised, there will be a quorum of Supervisors participating in this road tour.

Only road conditions will be discussed. No other business and no decisions requiring board action will be made.

The public is welcome to follow the board on their road tour and inspection. Contact the Town Office if you would like to attend.
 /s/ Chris Weber
 Clerk, Town of Orrock
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/03/21).

PALMER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEALS AND EQUALIZATION
IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS
This may affect your 2022 property taxes

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Palmer Township will meet on April 13th, 2021 at the Palmer Town Hall at 9:00 am. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

The Palmer Township Board will be conducting the Annual Spring Road Trip on April 13th, 2021. This tour of the Township Roads will begin at the Town Hall immediately following the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting. Anyone with concerns should contact the clerk at 320-743-2100 or by email palmerwp@gmail.com before that date to allow the supervisors to observe the existing conditions at the time of the road trip.
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/03/21).

Sherburne County Public Notices

Public Hearing Notice

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 9:05 a.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the County Board Room, Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive NW, Elk River, MN 55330 to gather information regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Annual Report. The purpose is to obtain public input. There will not be a formal presentation.
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 03/20/21; 03/27/21; 04/03/21).

Sherburne County Administration
Notice of Sale

Sherburne County Administration will be selling a surplus vehicle. For complete information and bidding instructions check the Sherburne County website www.co.sherburne.mn.us
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/03/21).

Planning and Zoning Administration
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sherburne County **PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION** will meet at **6:00 P.M. April 15th, 2021**, at the Sherburne County Government Center, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Minnesota to hold a public hearing for all unincorporated areas of Sherburne County in which the County has zoning and land use authority, to consider the following application(s) and other planning and zoning related topics.

In response to COVID-19, we will continue to practice social distancing at our Planning Advisory Commission Meeting. The board room will be set up with 6' between chairs for our board members and applicants and residents that wish to comment. Masks are required to be worn at all times in the building. Depending on the amount of people in attendance you may be asked to wait in the hall outside the room until your particular hearing. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Merlin Valerius: Request for Interim Use Permit (IUP) for Mining. PID # 30-028-1400. Legal Desc: SE ¼ of NE ¼ subject to Easement Desc as (full legal on file). Sec 28, Twp 34, Rge 26, Livonia Township. 41.4 acres in the General Rural District and within the Tributary Stream District of Tibbits Brook.

Cantlin Lake Properties, LLC: Request for Preliminary and Final Simple Plat of "SCHUMACHER ACRES" consisting of (3) lots. PID # 15-025-3300 and PID # 15-025-3303. Legal Desc: S 1-2 of S 1-2 of SW 1-4 of SW 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 25, Twp 35, Rge 27, Blue Hill Township. 9.73 acres in the General Rural District.

Ryan Boogren (Property Owner Roger and Judith Orluck): Request for Interim Use Permit (IUP) for Contractor's Yard. PID # 30-028-4105 & 30-027-3205. Legal Desc: That pt of the 657.05 ft of NE 1-4 of SE and NW 1-4 of SW 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 28, Twp 34, Rge 26, Livonia Township. 23.98 acres in the General Rural District.

Carol Gordon (Property Owner Michael & Carol Gordon): Request an Interim Use Permit (IUP) for Home Business in an Accessory Building-Antiques & Furniture. PID # 35-015-2100. Legal Desc: W 1-2 of W 1-2 of NE 1-4 of NW 1-4 (full legal on file). Sec 15, Twp 34, Rge 27, Orrock Township. 10 acres in the General Rural District.

The hearing of these requests is not limited to those receiving copies of this notice, and if you know of any neighbor or affected property owner who for any reason has not received a copy, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this hearing.

Recommendations made by the Sherburne County Planning Advisory Board may be subject to further action by the Township of Baldwin, the Township of Livonia or the Township of Big Lake, and the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners.

Recommendations that are forwarded to the County Board from this public hearing will be heard at the May 4th, 2021 County Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:00 AM in the County Board Room located at the Sherburne County Government Center.
 Nancy Riddle, Zoning Administrator
 (Published in the *Patriot*: 04/03/21).

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Police & Sheriff Reports



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"ASK A TROOPER" by Sgt. Jesse Grabow of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I got rid of my vehicle a while ago. It needed some work and I gave it to my nephew to fix along with the title. I have no idea what he ended up doing with it. Now I'm getting contacted by a Law Enforcement Agency from another state due to the vehicle getting caught on their speed and stop light cameras. What can I do about this?

Answer: If the vehicle you sold/got rid of is involved in these types of incidents you will need to contact those law enforcement agencies and explain the situation. You should also contact your nephew. Here is what you should have done before the entire situation or anytime you sell/get rid of a vehicle. The steps below will help protect you as the seller or buyer of a vehicle from a private party.

When you sell a vehicle, you (owner/seller) are responsible for filing the "Notice of Sale" within ten days of the sale. This is located in the lower portion of the Certificate of Title. Doing this in a timely manner protects you and helps law enforcement to have access to the most current registered owner information. It is also helpful to create a receipt that contains the buyer's contact information and date of sale. This will serve as proof of when you sold the vehicle and to whom.

When purchasing a vehicle from a private party it is important that the vehicle title is transferred as soon as possible. Minnesota state law says that you have to transfer the vehicle's title within ten days of the date of sale, other than a sale by or to a licensed motor vehicle dealer.

New residents have a 60-day grace period in which to register their cars, passenger vans, 3/4 ton or less pickups, motorcycles, utility trailers, or house trailers as long as the displayed license plates are current. If your registration expires before the 60-day grace period is up, you must obtain Minnesota registration at the time of expiration.

For additional information visit: https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/forms-documents/documents/buyingorsellingmotorvehicle_just_the_facts.pdf

You can avoid a ticket - and a crash - if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

Big Lake Police Department Calls for Service - Jail Bookings Mar. 22, 2021 - Mar. 28, 2021

Call for Service Summary: Total Calls for Service for Week: 199; 2021 Calls for Service: 2,795; Traffic Stops/Enforcement: 62; Citations: 17; Arrests: 4; Medical Emergency Calls: 10; Mental Health Holds: 2; Civil Mediation (Child Custody-Property): 5.

Big Lake Police Arrests: Gage Maas - (Age 24 - South Haven, MN) - GM 3rd Degree DWI Refusal; David Booth - (Age 36 - Becker, MN) - GM 3rd Degree DWI; Lori Pankonie - (Age 61 - Elk River, MN) - 4th Degree DWI Controlled Substance; James Tribue - (Age 54 - St. Cloud, MN) - GM 3rd Degree DWI Refusal.

Sun., Mar. 28, 2021: 40 blk Lake St - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; 655 Norwood Ln - Theft - Report of property theft, investigation ongoing.

Sat., Mar. 27, 2021: 4200 blk Loon Loop - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint; 300 blk Pleasant Ave - Marijuana in a Vehicle - Officer stopped vehicle for a traffic violation, could smell burning marijuana, driver issued summons for Marijuana Possession.

Fri., Mar. 26, 2021: CR 73/CR 81 - 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.

Thurs., Mar. 25, 2021: 18400 Traverse Ln - Fraud - Officers investigating fraud complaint.

Wed., Mar. 24, 2021: Hwy 10/165th 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; 300 blk Fern St - Harassment - Officers investigated verbal harassment between parties.

Tues., Mar. 23, 2021: 700 blk Martin Ave - DWI - Driver stopped for a traffic violation and suspected to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Warrant was granted and sample obtained. Pending test results.

Mon., Mar. 22, 2021: Hwy 10/CR 81 - 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/Lakeshore Dr - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Eagle Lake Rd/Grace Dr - Revoked Driver - Driver stopped by officer for traffic violation, issued summons for Driving While Revoked; Hwy 10/CR 15 - Marijuana in a Vehicle - Officer stopped vehicle for a traffic violation, could smell burning marijuana, driver issued summons for Marijuana Possession.

Becker Police Department Activity Report Week of Mar. 22nd - Mar. 28th

22-Mar: 1 medical, 1 parking complaint, 1 public safety, 1 juvenile concern, 1 lift assist, 1 abandoned vehicle, 1 trespass, 1 traffic complaint, 1 speed warning, 1 welfare check

23-Mar: 1 agency assist, 1 speed warning, 1 lift assist, 3 medical, 3 record check, 1 public safety, 1 stop sign warning, 1 welfare check

24-Mar: 2 security check, 1 Winter Parking ordinance violation / Admin Citation #3734, 1 Winter Parking ordinance violation / Admin Citation #3735, 1 Winter Parking ordinance violation / Admin Citation #3736, 1 Winter Parking ordinance violation / Admin Citation #3737, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 open door, 4 record check, 2 mental health, 1 death, 1 parking complaint, 2 traffic complaint, 1 fire alarm, 1 equipment warning, 1 disturbance

25-Mar: 1 extra patrol, 1 public assist, 1 record check, 2 speed warning, 1 agency assist, 2 public safety, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 juvenile concern, 1 equipment warning, 1 lift assist, 1 security check

26-Mar: 2 security check, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 alarm, 2 agency assist, 1 accident / stop sign violation Citation #110, 2 medical, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 public safety, 1 record check, 1 domestic dispute, 1 traffic complaint, 9 equipment warning, 8 speed warning, 1 speed Citation #111, 1 following too close / turn signal warnings, 1 expired registration warning

27-Mar: 1 speed warning, 1 fail to obey traffic device Citation #112, 1 turn signal warning, 2 equipment warning, 1 speed Citation #113, 1 driving after revocation / no proof of insurance Citation #114, 1 speed Citation #115, 1 5th degree possession of controlled substance / Possession of small amount of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia Citation #116, 1 speed warning, 1 DWI arrest / Citation #117, 1 welfare check, 1 expired registration warning, 2 agency assist, 1 public assist, 1 suspicious activity, 1 traffic complaint, 1 warrant arrest, 1 driving conduct warning, 1 extra patrol

28-Mar: 1 speed warning / minor consumption Citation #118, 2 speed warning, 1 suspended object warning, 1 stop sign warning, 1 medical, 1 equipment warning, 1 expired registration warning, 1 driving conduct / distracted driving warnings / turn signal Citation #119, 1 suspended object warning / speed Citation #120, 1 suspended object warning / expired registration Citation #121, 1 miscellaneous officer, 2 civil, 1 HRO Violation



Sherburne County Sheriff's Department Activity Report Week of 03/22/2021 - 03/28/2021

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

Joshua Bennett Byker, 38 of Princeton, MN 55371 - FEL drugs 1st degree, FEL flee in motor vehicle, GM driving after cancellation - IPS, MSD flee on foot & drug paraphernalia. Tremaine Neshawn Bredesen, 27 of Princeton, MN 55371 - GM domestic assault. Javontay Romere Howard, 19 of Princeton, MN 55371 - MSD domestic assault. Giovanna Maria Easton, 18 of Stillwater, MN 55082 - FEL drugs 5th degree & MSD drug paraphernalia. Kevin Joe Mlodzik, 44 of Becker, MN 55308 - MSD domestic assault. Corey Paul Anderson, 36 of St. Cloud, MN 56304 - MSD harassment restraining order violation. Christopher Steven Kraabel, 34 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - GM harassment restraining order violation. James Wilson Tribue III, 54 of No Permanent Address - FEL 4th degree assault on Police Officer & GM 3rd degree DWI test refusal. Shelly Alice McDade-Ruff, 46 of St. Cloud, MN 56303 - FEL 2nd degree assault. Amanda Susan Potter, 35 of Fridley, MN 55432 - Anoka Co. warrant. Adrianna Lorraine Benjamin-Sam, 19 of St. Cloud, MN 56303 - Crow Wing Co. & Sherburne Co. warrants. Richard Brandon Standingcloud, 38 of Duluth, MN 55812 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Randolph Mark Hansen, Jr., 35 of Zimmerman, MN 55398 - Dept. of Corrections warrant. Kelly Jo Sweere, 41 of Sunburg, MN 56289 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Ta Raj Tondell Satari Bennis, Jr., 21 of St. Cloud, MN 56304 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Matthew Joseph Salk, 48 of Big Lake, MN 55309 - Sherburne Co. warrant. Malique Christian Vaz, 32 of Brooklyn Center, MN 55430 - Sherburne Co. warrant.

Joshua Robert Quade, 26 of Cold Spring, MN 56320 - Sherburne Co. warrant.

Citations Issued: 1 drugs - possess over 1.4 grams marijuana in motor vehicle, 1 drugs - possession of drug paraphernalia - use or possession prohibited, 3 motor vehicle registration - operate vehicle with expired registration, 1 traffic collision - collision with unattended vehicle - notify victim or police, 1 traffic - duty to drive with due care - speed greater than reasonable, 10 traffic - speeding - exceed limit, 1 traffic regulation - vehicle registration/permit/plates required, 3 traffic regulation - driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, 2 traffic regu-

lation-uninsured vehicle-driver violation, 1 driver's license - driving without a valid license for vehicle class or type, 2 traffic-driver's license-driving after suspension, 3 traffic-driver's license-driving after revocation, 1 Blue Hill - animal ordinance - running at large, 1 domestic assault-misdemeanor-intentionally inflicts/attempts to inflict bodily harm on another, 2 disorderly conduct, 2 harassment; restraining order - violate restraining order. **Total: 35**

Calls for Service: 1 stop arm violation, 4 burglary, 1 theft, 7 drugs/narcotics, 2 DWI, 6 disturbing the peace, 4 harassment, 1 property damage, 1 DAR/DAS/DAC, 3 crimes against administration of justice, 4 trespass, 3 fraud complaint, 1 property lost, 1 animal found, 1 accident - mv personal injury, 4 accident - mv property damage, 1 accident - mv property damage hit and run, 2 accident - vehicle v. animal, 2 conservation, 6 dog complaint, 1 dog bite, 1 fire - vehicle, 1 fire - grass, 1 alarm - fire, 3 death, 28 medical, 8 mental case, 7 domestic, 6 public assist, 22 agency assist, 7 alarm - security, 12 civil complaint, 118 officer-initiated traffic stop, 6 traffic complaint, 2 garbage/littering, 1 suspicious person, 12 suspicious vehicle, 7 juvenile complaint, 1 attempt to locate, 48 security check, 18 extra patrol, 6 check the welfare, 2 burning complaint, 4 ATV complaint, 3 repossession, 1 parking complaint, 3 jail medical, 6 paper service, 7 suspicious activity, 1 hazardous road conditions, 21 miscellaneous officer, 5 background check, 6 warrant arrest, 11 transport, 4 911 phone alarm, 6 911 hang up, 5 court book & release, 1 follow up, 1 juvenile run-away, 1 public lift assist, 1 tobacco, 4 vehicle lockout, 1 vehicle off road. **Total: 465**

Mar. 22nd: Daniel Turzinski reported a burglary & theft complaint at a property on 104th Ave SE in Palmer Twp. Items taken are a 2010 Yamaha Jet ski & trailer, Lincoln Electric ARC Welder & 4 aluminum canoes. Estimated value of the items taken is \$5,000; Richard Tembreull on 31st Ave SE in Haven Twp. reported the theft of a trailer. It is described as a small, steel, single axle 4 x 8 trailer. Value is \$500.

Mar. 23rd: David Savage reported a burglary at a residence on 17th St SE in Santiago Twp. Items taken were tools and two Stihl chain saws. Unknown value currently; Paul Christiansen reported a burglary at a property located on 277th Ave NW in Livonia Twp.

Wright County Sheriff's Department Activity Report Period Ending March 29, 2021

Mar.22: Travis Luke Magney, 36, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - theft by swindle violations. Matthew Brian Nelson, 37, of West St. Paul, was arrested in Ramsey Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree criminal sexual conduct violations. Jonathan Earl Swede Fitch, 19, of Minneapolis, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrants - domestic assault & 4th degree assault violations. Adrian Emmanuel Esterberg, 44, of Loretto, was arrested in Otsego - charge of violation of domestic abuse no contact order. Brenden James Hickman, 21, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - charge of domestic assault.

Mar.23: Peter Jeffrey Swenson, 27, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 4th degree DWI violations. Charles Robert Leff, 47, of Montrose, was arrested in Buffalo - MN Dept. of Corrections apprehension & detention order - 3rd degree possession of controlled substance violations. James Michael Britton, 34, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - violation of domestic abuse no contact order. Jami Lea Fernholz, 38, of St. Paul, was arrested in Annandale - Goodhue Co. warrant - obstruction of legal process. Jerico James Beith, 39, of Kimball, was arrested in Kokato Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - 3rd degree possession of controlled substance violation. Michaela Marie Spilde, 25, of Fergus Falls, was arrested in Clearwater - charges of 1st degree sale of controlled substance, 3rd degree possession of controlled substance & receiving stolen property. Aleshia Lynn Becklund, 39, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of obstruction of legal process & Wright Co. warrants - 1st degree sale of controlled substance, counterfeiting of currency, theft, false information to law enforcement & driving after cancellation inimical to public safety. Becky LeeAnn Myers, 49, of Lester Prairie, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Mark Anthony Peterson, 36, of Fergus Falls, was arrested in Clearwater - charges of 1st degree sale of controlled substance, 5th degree possession of controlled substance & false information to law enforcement. Sandra Ann Wells, 37, of Waverly, was arrested in Waverly - charge of violation of an order for protection.

Mar.24: Jake Steven Mattson, 25, of Blaine, was arrested in Monticello - charge of obstruction of legal process. Richard Joseph Hewett, 48, of Rush City, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrants - 5th degree possession of controlled substance & motor vehicle registration violations. Randy Lloyd Melchert, 60, of Winsted, was arrested in Victor Twp. - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Ross Norman Jordan, 39, of Clearwater, was arrested in Ramsey Co. - Wright Co. warrant - violation of harassment restraining order. Nathan Alexander Spielmann, 23, of Duluth, was arrested in Otsego - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & 3rd degree DWI. James Edward Krier, 66, of Annandale, was arrested in Albion Twp. - charges of 5th degree criminal sexual conduct & disorderly conduct.

Mar.25: Alexandra Rose Murphy, 29, of Montrose, was arrested in Montrose - Hennepin Co. warrant - theft. Latrell Shantez Cole, 28, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - Wright Co. warrants - violation of an order - protection & malicious punishment of child. Alexandra Rose Murphy, 29, of Montrose, was arrested in Buffalo - charges of tampering with motor vehicle & theft. Jordan Matthew Dow, 23, of Alexandria, was arrested in Buffalo - an Otter Tail Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Levi Eugene Moore, 45, of Minnetonka, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Cirilo Alejandro Tovar, 18, of St. Cloud, was arrested in Clearwater - charge - failure to obey lawful order.

Mar.26: Joseph Donald Post, 30 of Corcoran, was arrested in Dakota Co. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Shannon Marie Sizer, 44, of Sartell, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrants - disorderly conduct & theft vi-

olations. Andrew Joseph Rohwer, 37, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. apprehension & detention order - 3rd degree possession of controlled substance violation. Aaron Daniel Lynum, 34, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of violation of an order - protection. Brandon Lee Luhman, 23, of Delano, was arrested in Woodland Twp. - charge of criminal vehicular operation. Treyton Lawrence Vaillancourt, 26, of St. Cloud, was arrested in St. Michael - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & weapons violation. Dimitri Lamar Accardo-Rainey, 28, of St. Cloud, was arrested in St. Michael - charges of fleeing law enforcement & leaving the scene of an accident. Damian Michael Porter, 23, of Otsego, was arrested in Otsego - charge of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & MN Dept. of Corrections apprehension & detention order - parole violation. Renee Judith Stine, 59, of St. Michael, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Jestin Gonzalez, 30, of Montrose, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of disorderly conduct. Lance Keith Jude, 20, of Maple Lake, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of disorderly conduct. Melissa Dawn Neuberger, 38, of Big Lake, was arrested in Buffalo - charges of 5th degree possession of controlled substance & driving after cancellation inimical to public safety.

Mar.27: Tyler William Stier, 33, no permanent address, was arrested in Rockford - Scott Co. warrants - violations of domestic abuse no contact order. Christopher Stephens Maas, 48, of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Chad Allan Strefelder, 49, of Otsego, was arrested in Corrina Twp. - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation. Michelle Mercedes Parham, 30, of St. Paul, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 1st degree DWI, 4th degree assault of corrections office, false information to law enforcement & disorderly conduct. Josue Velez, 19, of Elk River, was arrested in Hennepin Co. - Wright Co. warrant - liquor consumption under 21 violations. Roger Melvin Westphal, 64, of St. Michael, was arrested in Hanover - Dakota Co. warrant - no proof of insurance. Anthony Todd Robert Barton, 29, of Annandale, was arrested in Annandale - charge of domestic assault.

Mar.28: Jean Paul Paquette, 41, of Minneapolis, was arrested in St. Michael - charge of 4th degree possession of controlled substance & Hennepin Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Natea Norvella Dixon, 20, of Prosper, TX, was arrested in Monticello - charge of motor vehicle theft. Matthew Earl Potter, 38, of Hayti, SD, was arrested in Maple Lake - Lac Qui Parle Co. warrant - 4th degree DWI. Brad Michael Cargill, 42, of Annandale, was arrested in Stearns Co. - Wright Co. warrant - weapon violations. Seng Yang, 33, of St. Paul, was arrested in Monticello - charge of 3rd degree DWI & Redwood Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance. Samantha-Jo Kathleen Welter, 32 of Buffalo, was arrested in Buffalo - charge of violation of harassment restraining order. Brandon Lee Wichern, 24, of Detroit Lakes, was arrested in Monticello - Becker Co. warrant - driving violations. Dustin Troy Parker, 31, of Clearwater, was arrested in Silver Creek Twp. - charge of 3rd degree DWI. Jeri Jerome Knopik, 39, of Litchfield, was arrested in Buffalo - Wright Co. warrant - 5th degree possession of controlled substance violation.

Mar.29: Alicia Joleen Lee, 27, of Clearwater, was arrested in Clearwater - charge of domestic assault. **There were** 20 property damage accidents, 5 personal injury accidents, 1 hit & run accidents & 8 car deer accidents. **There were** 10 arrests - DWI, no underage consumption arrests, 3 school bus stop arm violations & 95 tickets - miscellaneous traffic violations reported this week.

Local LAW Enforcement

NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY IS QUICKLY EVOLVING

According to data from the Newspaper Association of America (NAA), trends reflect that the print industry is evolving its business model in significant ways. Some of these ways include connecting with developments in technology, tapping into consumer behavior, understanding advertiser interest, and more in order to grow audiences and diversify its revenue stream.

Bulldog wrestlers compete at State Tournament

By Mark Kolbinger
Contributing Writer

Last week, the Becker Bulldog wrestling team was represented by four athletes who earned a spot to wrestle in the Class AA State Finals held at STMA High School. Two Bulldogs came away as place winners, with Caden DeWall earning second place at 182 pounds, while Kaden Nicolas finished in fifth place at 106 pounds.

"We are proud of these young men for their hard work and their good representation of their team and our community," said Co-coach Matt Aho.

Nicolas drew Simley's Brandon Morvari in the first round and wrestled him tough before falling in a 4-0 decision. Morvari would go on to place third in the state.

From there, Nicolas scored a 5-4 decision over CAFA's Gavin Peterson to secure a match for the consolation championship, (fifth place). In that match, the Becker eighth grader was dominant in an 11-2 major decision over

ALAR's Mason Mcgrane. At 145 pounds, Becker's Lukas Paulson had a tough draw and opened with a 12-6 decision loss to the eventual state champion from Thief River Falls, Brandon Kasprick. In his next match, Paulson dropped a close match, 3-2, to the eventual fifth place winner, WMML's Bryce Burkett.

"Lukas battled the eventual champion, as well as the fifth place winner," said Aho.

DeWall earned a spot in the 182 title match with a pair of impressive victories in his opening two matches.

In his opener, DeWall scored a 9-1 major decision over TCU's Brody Rud before going into the semifinals and winning 8-4 over Byron's Austin Freerksen.

In the finals, DeWall took on undefeated Bennett Berge from KAMA and fell in a 7-3 decision.

"Caden's finals match was a hard fought 3-7 decision," said Aho.

After the match, DeWall was able to keep his spectacular season in perspective.



BECKER'S CADEN DEWALL is in control of his opponent in his semi-final match of the State Tournament (Photo courtesy of Eric Kraushar-Chaska Herald).



KADEN NICOLAS HAD THE UPPER HAND early in his quarterfinal match at the State Class AA Wrestling Tournament (photo courtesy of Eric Kraushar-Chaska Herald).

"I'm grateful we were able to have a season and for all Becker wrestling has done for me," said DeWall.

Becker's final state wrestler, Kuschel, lost his two matches to the eventual third and sixth place finishers, but Aho credited him for his competitiveness in both matches.

Overall, it was an impressive performance for the Bulldog wrestlers who had sent a total of 10 wrestlers to the State Prelims the previous week.

Aho and Co-Coach Jeff Zimmer heaped praise on their wrestlers, who ex-

celled throughout the year to set a school dual meet win record and had just one regular season loss.

The two coaches felt that their wrestlers performed well under difficult circumstances.

"We were grateful to have a state tournament, but it most certainly was a very different experience this year," said Aho. "We are thankful for the tournament organizers, officials, competitors, and all others involved."

Youth wrestlers compete at state

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by a wrestler's parent).

Becker youth wrestlers competed at the MN/USA state tournament two weeks ago.

The youths all competed in 16 main brackets, with everyone having to qualify to be included into the state brackets.

Place winners include, Parker Trenz - fifth place-8U-61#; Easton Hamacher - fourth place - 8U-51#; Liam Hamacher-second place - 8U-49#; Harper Hamacher - sixth place - 10U - 71#; Blayne Kuschel - second place - 12u - 92#; Boston Kuschel - fourth place - 14u 83# and Bennett Kujawa - 14u - 92#.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT IN THE PICTURE, Parker Trenz, Blayne Kuschel, Liam Hamacher, Bennett Kujawa, Easton Hamacher, Harper Hamacher and Boston Kuschel. (Submitted Photo).



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led to the point where Radunz is in the discussion as a possible first round pick.

Prognostications

Radunz says that his agent keeps a close tab on possible draft order positions, but at this point it's still somewhat unknown where he will be drafted.

"I'm in the discussion for the top three rounds," says Radunz, who expects to be in the Becker area when the draft takes place. "It's wide open right now but it should narrow as we get closer to the draft and see where teams expect me to play."

A left tackle in college, teams have also looked at him as a guard and he thinks he could also move to center if needed.

"I believe I'm one of,

if not the most, versatile offensive linemen going into this draft," says Radunz. "It's all just such an exciting process to think that I am going to be on an NFL team."



Bulldog or Bison
Radunz credits both his high school experience, as

well as his time at NDSU as formative years in helping him to achieve his goal of being in the NFL.

For Lundeen, Dillon's success translates into a chance to help his current players be motivated to strive for excellence.

"He will be the first player drafted that played for the Bulldogs," says Lundeen. "Him getting drafted is encouraging to our present players to work hard and excel."

One can easily imagine Radunz going in the top three rounds, becoming part of an NFL team and earning a starting spot in the next couple of years.

So what happens when he earns his first start on MNF (Monday Night Foot-

ball), where each starter introduces himself on video - complete with identifying their high school or college program?

How exactly will Radunz introduce himself? As a Bulldog or a Bison?

"That's a great question . . . I've never thought about it before," says Radunz, with a laugh. "I love both programs and they each helped me to not lose a game in six years of football so I guess I'll try to sneak both of them in there."

One thing is for certain, area football fans will know he is a Bulldog. The first one ever drafted by an NFL team.

Coborn's announces retail produce manager awards

Submitted Article

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted via press release from Coborn's, Inc.).

Coborn's, Inc., is pleased to announce that Produce Managers Shawn Fast from Coborn's (Sauk Rapids) and James Keller from Hornbacher's Foods (Fargo, ND) are recipients of the 2021 United Fresh Retail Produce Manager Award.

This program pays special recognition to produce managers—essential workers of the food supply chain—who work to increase sales and consumption of

fresh fruits and vegetables. Shawn and James were nominated by operations specialists from their respective regions within Coborn's, Inc. As part of the awards program, winners will participate alongside a Coborn's, Inc., representative at the United Fresh 2021 Convention and Expo. Participation in the event will be a combination of virtual and in-person events to celebrate winners, given the unique circumstances of this year.

United Fresh Produce Association unites member companies together across the produce industry. Together with other members,

United Fresh empowers industry leadership to shape government policy and delivers resources and expertise to companies in managing their business while training and developing individuals in the advancement of their careers in produce.

Coborn's, Inc. employees strive each day to live out the words of the company's vision to "Be Remarkable" through excellent customer service and serving the communities it represents. Shawn and James both exemplify remarkable examples of leadership and treating every customer with respect and superior

product knowledge. Coborn's, Inc. congratulates Shawn and James for this highly-respected award and for being exceptional leaders.

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