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### **PATRIOT**



**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT** the Patriot's special graduation section for Becker graduates starting on Page 1B. We feature all the classmates as well as some informative articles to help students and parents prepare for further education and activities as well as a couple feature articles on two exceptional students. Next week, we will do the same for Big Lake High School!

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#### **BIG LAKE**

Three generations of the Bachmann-Prom families are teaching in four area schools. See the story on page 11.

#### **BECKER**

Xcel Energy has broken ground on a new solar farm project projected to be the Midwest's largest. See the story on page 3.

#### COUNTY

Members of the Sherburne County Board approved a proposal to conduct a feasibility study for a permanent household waste facility at a cost of \$79,000. Check out the story on page 8.

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## Two choir shows, one fun night



ON MONDAY, MAY 22ND, 250 students in the BHS choir program including these seniors performed two choir shows called "Movie Night" which featured a medley of 52 movie songs from the past several decades. First row, L to R: Bruce Kraemer, Aaron Fingarson, Brady Paumen, Kevin Vogl, Julias Hendricks, Nolan Muellner, Cooper Wright, Harrison Kent, Eli Scheideman, Caden Hartkopf, Ryan Bengtson, Alex Weiss, Ethan Duncombe, Sophie Studer, Katelyn Uecker, Brianna Bichler and Slate Smaby. Second row, L to R: Amanda Rooney, Rowan Berry, Jada Soltau, Madi Makarrall, Dani Nuest, Korona Lucas, Addie Daluge, Bella Duncombe, Kaejen Tatge, Hannah Bartlett, Kennedy Drehmel, Lauren Winter, Zoe Hanson, Tia Schaap, Evelyn Kreft, Ayla Brown, Colette Koscieniak, Avary Maunu, Julia Kyaw, Kate Mehelich, Ryland Beutz, Carolee Stout. Third row, L to R: Emily Meyer, Eleanor Pancoast, Erin Deering, Ella Rick, Bryce Berger, Presthel Appleton, Nick Gruber, Kaden Wilson and Gretchen Bordson (Director). (Submitted Photo).

New stadium will be named after Becker's legendary coach

## EMR gifts \$300k to Becker Schools

Becker Public Schools announced last Friday that two incredible honorees who have made a signifi-

cant impact on our school

community were cele-

als Recycling) awarded Becker Schools with a \$300,000 donation which will bring a state-of-the-

art LED screen to the new multipurpose stadium

being constructed. The

scoreboard will enhance

the experiences of Becker's

athletes and spectators. The school adminstrators said

they were extremely grate-

ful for EMR's belief in their

mission and commitment to

Also announced

in recognition of his 50+

years of dedicated service,

Becker football's head

football coach, Dwight

Lundeen, will have the new

stadium named after him!

Coach Lundeen has shaped

the lives of countless stu-

dents and exemplifies the

spirit of mentorship and

excellence.

EMR (Northern Met-

**Submitted Article** 

excellence. Becker school officials said they are proud to honor him in this special

Congratulations to EMR and Coach Lun-

deen. Their contributions have made a lasting impact on Becker schools, and the district is grateful for their



BECKER HEAD FOOTBALL COACH DWIGHT LUNDEEN (L) and Northern Metals Recycling CEO Scott Helberg (R) made headlines last week when it was announced Lundeen will have the new stadium named after him and EMR is donating \$300,000 to go towards the new scoreboard display at the stadium. (Photo from Becker Public School Facebook page).

## Orrock opts not to upload meeting recordings

At the previous Orrock Town Board meeting, the board discussed, and tabled, a motion to upload

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer reporter.katie@patriotnewsmn.com

video recordings of their meetings. Supervisor Felber pushed hard for the motion, but failed to get a second, and so the motion failed, and the township will not be uploading recordings of the town board meetings. Supervisor Paul Ellinger cited a few reasons as to why he didn't offer his support, including seeing the poor video quality of similar uploaded videos for municipalities in the area, and not wanting to bother with it during the town hall

building construction.

**Open Forum** 

During Open Forum, Gregg Felber (former board member

spouse to current board member Anne Felber) spoke in support of better pay for board members. He noted the amount of work the position requires and believes better pay would encourage others in the community to consider

future. Land Use Plan

running for the board in the

Marc Schneider of Sherburne County approached the board seeking input on the county land use plan. County staff was not proposing many changes for Orrock, but still wanted input from the township.

The county staff is considering adding a new district, called a "Shoreline Residential District." Since so many people live along shorelines in the county, a distinct zone with its own set of ordinances makes sense near sensitive lakes and rivers. This would affect development in Orrock in the future.

Supervisor Felber expressed her concerns over small lot sizes, less than 2.5 acres, as they provided little space for animals' natural habitat. Schneider noted

More information about the land use plan will be presented to the county

ORROCK to page 3



## **Memorial Day** services all around the area

Memorial Day Monday is more than just a day off of work..it's an important day to honor and mourn the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.

Local Legions and organizations have many

services arranged on routes that visit gravesites, cem-

eteries and war memorials.

Big Lake will have a 9 a.m. service at the war memorial along Hwys. 10 & 25. Then, there will be a cemetery service at 10 a.m. Organizers have arranged to have a bagpipe player at each service. Lunch will follow at Lions Park in Big Lake Twp. Also, a Beautiful 1960s Patriotic-Themed Fire Truck will be on display all day in front of Third Rail Bar and Grille.

The Becker American Legion will visit the Elk River Bridge on Co. Rd. 24 at 8:30 a.m. then move on to the Snake River Cemetery at 9 a.m. From there, they will visit Santiago Reeds Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. and South Santiago cemetery at 10 a.m. The final two stops are at the Danish Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. and the Becker Cemetery at 11 a.m. The Becker Auxiliary will provide lunch from noon until 2 p.m. at the Becker Legion Hall.

Clear Lake/Clearwater

The graveside services for Clear lake/Clearwater start at 9 a.m. at the St. Marcus Cemetery then proceeds to the cemetery on Hwy. 10 near Clear Lake at 9:15 a.m. At 9:45 a.m., they visit the Highland Cemetery in Hasty followed by a visit to Mt. Hope Cemetery at 10 a.m. At 10:15 a.m., the Legion visits St. Luke's Cemetery before heading to Acacia Cemetery

A brief ceremony will be held at Clearwater Legion with lunch provided.





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on the 1st & 3rd Sundays)
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• www.hopeintherefuge.weebly.com.
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• www.lordofglorylutheran.org/home

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63-263-2410, 20314 County Road 4. Services: Sun 8:45am, 10:30am & 12:05pm • www myrc church

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• www.saron.org.

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Pastor: Shari Routh, 920-573-0193, 1100 186th Ave NE. Services: Sun

Shepherd 9am, Sun. Glendorado 10:30am. • www.godsgreaterglory.org Gethsemane Church

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

Worship 10am. • www.facebook.com/ profile.php?id=10006901611334. Glendorado Evangelical

Interim Pastor, 763-662-2244, 16999 Glendorado Road NE. Services: Sun. Worship 10:30am. ces: Sun. Worship 10:30am https://m.facebook.com/Glendorado-Evangelical-Coun-try-Church-734989370230509.

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• www.freedombiblebaptist.com.
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Worship 10:30am. • http://tcachurch.

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business.site.
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4282 114th St NW. Services: Sun. Worship 9am • https://silvercreekcommunitychurch.net.

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## Editorials/Opinions/News

## **Democrats push** extreme agenda

The 2023 legislative session concluded Monday and I say it will be most remembered for a Democrat trifecta treating a narrow majority as a sweeping mandate for passing a farleft agenda. The new two-year

state budget Democrats approved will increase spending by more than 40 percent, from \$52 billion to \$72 billion, adding Democrats approved almost \$10 billion in tax increases despite a \$17.5 billion state surplus. This includes raising the state's gas tax by 3.5 cents per gallon and tying it to inflation, increasing license tab fees, adding a 50-cent delivery tax, a new payroll tax that will hit employers and employees alike, and more. It was quite clear from

the start of this session the Democrat trifecta had no interest in doing what was best for everyday Minnesotans and were bent on catering to metro-centric activists with carve-outs for their political allies. They are using a paper-thin majority to push an extreme agenda on the whole state. Democrats passed mandates into law this session so extreme numerous lawsuits likely are to be filed in short order, costing taxpayers even more. This could have been avoided but, instead of listening to Minnesotans, the Democrats muzzled half of Minnesota and continued pushing measures that only serve to divide people in our state.

Meanwhile, I said Democrats failed to provide a full elimination of the state's Social Security tax despite nearly universal support for that move. And, after Gov. Tim Walz began the session by supporting \$2,000 surplus rebates for joint filers, the Democrats ultimately approved just a fraction of that amount – \$260 per person, or \$520 per couple with income thresholds of \$75,000/\$150,000.

In reality, these rebates will be far outweighed by the \$10 billion in tax increases Democrats approved. In fact, those who do qualify for a rebate might want to just consider it a stipend to pay for one month of tax increases.

Aside from state finances, I indicated Democrats enacted several highly controversial, partisan policy measures. This includes adopting some of the world's most extreme



By Rep. Shane Mekeland

abortion policy, enacting a state-funded speech registry that could undermine First Amendment rights, declaring Minnesota a sanctuary state for transgender healthcare - for children and adopting gun-control laws Mekeland indicated will do more to burden law-abiding citizens than thwart violent criminals. In addition, a Democrat provision will end electronic pull tabs as we know them, dealing a major blow to local charitable organizations. Democrats also made our state's energy grid more unreliable, unaffordable and dangerous with ill-advised policies.

Democrats went far beyond what most would deem reasonable this session and will have to answer to Minnesotans for that. They increased taxes beyond what many can afford, raised state spending to unsustainable levels and passed radical legislation hardly anyone wants starting with ending e-pull tabs as we know them and putting our abortion policy on par with radical regimes in North Korea and China. That's just the start of the damage this Democrat trifecta is causing and why it can't be trusted.

I am pleased legislative Republicans scored a big win for nursing homes by successfully negotiating \$300 million more than Democrats had previously proposed providing them. This added funding will help that industry at a time nursing homes have been forced to close and families have been left scrambling to find care for their loved

Democrats only approved \$3.96 million for nursing homes until we Republicans held our ground to secure more funding for our seniors. It is good they came around to doing the right thing after being so far in the wrong on this issue.

#### TO THE EDITOR: TO THE EDITOR: Nursing homes across Recently, there was a letter Minnesota are in the midst to the editor referring to a tax abatement granted to

of a full-blown crisis and the entire system is on the brink of collapse in a way we have never seen. Facilities across Minnesota are struggling to stay afloat and retain talented staff. In the last few years, roughly 50 nursing homes have closed and more are certainly on the way without urgent action. Democrats resisted urgent action all session. The Democrat Human Services omnibus budget bill provided \$100 million in loans to nursing homes this year. For comparison, last year Senate Republicans in the majority approved \$1 billion in nursing home assistance, but Democrats in the House and Governor Walz rejected it. Minnesota Democrats have demonstrated time and again they do not care about helping nursing homes who care for our parents and grandparents. Republicans stood firm and successfully secured \$300 million in emergency assistance to rescue many nursing homes from closure over Democrat objections. The deal includes direct grants, wage increases, and a workforce incentive fund that adds up to about \$1.1 million for every nursing home in the state, in addition to the \$100 million in loans the Senate approved recently. While Democrats raised taxes and used the \$19 billion surplus to funnel money to special interests, promote their extreme agenda, and massively grow government, Republicans remain steadfastly focused on the items that matter to Minnesota fami-

Eric Lucero Minnesota State Senator

## **Breaking Promises** to Minnesotans

On Sunday, May 21, Senate Democrats passed a tax agreement that raises taxes on Minnesotans by more than \$2 billion, despite a historic \$19 billion surplus. This legislation fails to deliver meaningful tax relief and does not provide for the full repeal of the Social Security income On top of that, Demo-

crats are completely abandoning charities across Minnesota and tearing down e-pull tabs. This will leave countless American Legions, children's sports, Lions Clubs, and VFWs struggling to raise the revenue they rely on to support community initiatives across the state. It's stunning that Dem-

ocrats are still raising taxes by billions of dollars even though we have a \$19 billion surplus. Instead of giving the surplus back to hard-working Minnesotans, Democrats are choosing to have taxpayers finance their extreme one-party control agenda. Democrats on the campaign trail made promises to fully eliminate the tax on Social Security income. With the passage of the tax bill, Democrats are once again breaking their promises to Minnesotans. A few months ago,

the budget forecast was



By Sen. **Andrew Mathews** 

released showing the state has a \$17.5 billion surplus. This was after accounting for \$1.5 billion of inflation due to a legislative policy change passed in February. Minnesota serves as one of the most heavily taxed states in the nation, and the record surplus is a direct result of this over-taxation. All throughout the

2023 legislative session, Senate Republicans have fought to give the surplus back to hard-working Minnesotans. Republicans proposed the "Give it Back" tax plan with \$13 billion over two years in permanent tax cuts, such as the full elimination of the Social Security income tax, and one-time rebates. It prioritizes getting taxpayers relief from inflation and the rising costs they are facing in Minnesotans' everyday

Beaudry Oil and Propane.

Although reasonable peo-

ple can disagree about Tax

Abatements, I am writing

to clarify some of the as-

sertions made. Beaudry is

not building a facility to

change oil on vehicles of

any kind. They are build-

ing a "warehouse" to store

Lubricants, as we are a

distributor. We will not be

taking business away from

local Auto shops. In fact,

we supply many of them.

That is one reason we need

additional space. We are

growing. As I understand

it, the reason for the owner

of Beaudry to request the

tax abatement is the land

proposed is "undesirable to

build on" having no partic-

ular use prior to this devel-

opment. Many companies,

once aware of obstacles

associated with it, declined

to move forward with their

plans. This community had

been looking for a buyer

for this property for years

with no suitors until now.

The tax abatement helps

Beaudry improve the site,

add jobs and ultimately

increase tax revenues for

the county. As a Beaudry

employee, I felt the need

to explain these details as

the letter from Mr. Collier,

though thoughtful, was in-

## Letters To The Editor

complete.

Elk River

J. Brian Calva

## Weber releases 7th true crime thriller

Blue Cottage Agency and MoonFinder Press announce the release of Award Winning True Crime Author Frank F. Weber's seventh book in his true crime mystery series, "The Haunted House of Hillman".

**Submitted Article** 

Forensic Psychologist and author, Frank F. Weber, was at the Clearwater Great River Regional Library Wednesday to speak about his book, sign copies of his book and gave a live demonstration of a lie detector test.

"The Haunted House of Hillman" (H2 OH) tells the story of Maddie Dehler and her remarkable escape. Still horror returns again and again to the same county in rural Minnesota, and eventually to the home Julia Adams built. The cases go cold until BCA Investigator, Jon Frederick, is called in to find a common thread to a series of crimes that appear unrelated. Jon's relationship with Serena is put to the test by an old "friend." Serena makes a mistake with profound costs. Jon, despite his aversion to hauntings,

the fog to solve the case. The book is based on a true case that eluded resolution for years. Weber is a forensic psychologist specializing

and strains on his personal

life, finds his way through

in homicide, sexual assault and domestic abuse cases. He uses his unique understanding of

how predators think, knowledge of victim trauma and expert testimony in writing his true crime thrillers. He has profiled cold case homicides and narrated an investigative show on Oxygen. He has been the recipient of the President's Award from the Minnesota Correctional Association for his forensic work. His Award-Winning books include "Murder Book" (2017), "The I-94 Murders" (2017), 'Last Call' (2019), "Lying Close" (2020), "Burning Bridges" (2021), "Black and Blue" (2022) and The Haunted House of Hillman (March 2023). For more information on Weber and his books visit www. frankfweber.com

Weber's book is available where all books are

## Syttende Mae Norwegian Dinner serves 140 meals



KAY TRUNK AND PIXI BENSON served up Norwegian cuisine to people attending the Syttende Mae Dinner held May 20th at Glendorado Lutheran Church. A plethora of Scandinavian foods were on the menu: Flote Grote, lefse, pickled herring, as well as ham, meatballs, scalloped potatoes, fruit salad and much more. A craft sale was also held at the annual event. (Patriot Photo by Mary Nehring.)

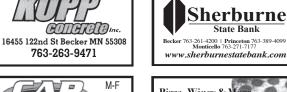
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## Memorial Day





## Xcel Energy breaks ground on Upper Midwest's largest solar project

Construction is springing to life on the Sherco Solar project near Becker, which will soon become the

**Submitted Article** 

Upper Midwest's largest solal allay serving custom ers across the region, and today Xcel Energy held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site.

The 460-megawatt Sherco Solar project will provide enough clean energy to power 100,000 homes across the Upper Midwest once complete in 2025. Solar energy does not have any fuel costs and contributes to a diversified energy mix, which helps protect against rising fuel prices. The project will serve as a carbon-free replacement for most of the capacity of the first coal unit retiring at the nearby Sherco plant, ensuring reliability for customers across the region.

"Sherco Solar is an important milestone on Xcel Energy's path to nearly triple the amount of solar on our Upper Midwest system by 2028," said Bob Frenzel, chairman, president and CEO of Xcel Energy. "This is one of the biggest solar projects in the country, and it demonstrates how we're leading the clean energy transition reliably and affordably for our customers."



THE PICTURE ABOVE is a rendering of what the solar field will look like when construction is finished in 2025. (Submitted Photo).

Sherco Solar will provide the lowest-cost solar on Xcel Energy's system in Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Michigan. The project represents an investment of about \$690 million in clean energy infrastructure. Sherco Solar will qualify for federal tax credits, making construction more affordable and reducing rate impacts to customers by upwards of 30%. The project will be built on two sites near the Sherco plant, allowing Xcel Energy to reuse the facility's existing grid connections and provide customers with power in the most efficient and cost-effective way.

"I visited Xcel Energy's Sherco plant right

after we passed the Inflation Reduction Act because it's the perfect example of how this historic legislation is paving the way to a clean energy future. It's providing targeted funding to repurpose existing energy infrastructure, like Sherco's old coal plant, with clean energy," said Sen. Tina Smith. "Minnesota is on the way to 100% clean energy by 2040 and projects like this are exactly the type of bold action we need to address the climate emergency. Thanks to this legislation, companies like Xcel Energy have the tools to help lead the clean energy transition."

The project's first phase, located in Clear Lake Township, will be

completed in 2024. The second phase in Becker Township will follow in 2025. Construction started at the first project site in late April, while construction is scheduled to begin at the second site this fall. The project received approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in September 2022.

#### **300 Construction** Jobs, Economic **Benefits**

The project will create 300 well-paying union construction jobs, with an emphasis on hiring women and people of color through Xcel Energy's Power Up workforce and development program, which the PUC and Minnesota Department of Employment

and Economic Development were key in shaping. The workforce program is designed to offer opportunities to people who are underrepresented in the utility industry and building trades. The project will also contribute an estimated \$240 million in local economic benefits to the Becker community as the Sherco coal plant is retired in stages by 2030.

"We see the positive environmental impacts this facility will have along with a boost to the local economy through production tax credits and temporary and long-term job creation," said Bud Stimmler, chairman of the Clear Lake Township board. "We know the importance of creating clean, renewable energy for future generations while simultaneously benefitting the economy and community."

Xcel Energy is committed to a smooth transition for its employees at the Sherco plant, who have played a vital role in powering the region for decades. The company has transitioned other Minnesota coal plants without layoffs and expects to accomplish this again at the Sherco facility.

#### **Additional Solar** Proposed

Meanwhile, Xcel Energy is proposing to build an additional 250 megawatts of solar near the Sherco site in the coming years. If approved, the combined projects' 710-megawatt capacity will generate enough electricity to power more than 150,000 homes each year on average and fully replace the capacity of the Sherco plant's first coal unit that is scheduled to retire later this year.

"Sherco Solar is a key piece of Xcel Energy's vision to reduce carbon emissions 85% by 2030 and to achieve Minnesota's new standard of 100% carbon-free energy by 2040,3 said Chris Clark, president, Xcel Energy-Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota. "Renewable energy projects like this one allow us to take advantage of federal tax credits, saving our customers money while leading the clean energy transition."

The Sherco site plays an important role in Xcel Energy's vision for the clean energy transition without compromising on affordability or reliability. The company's proposed Minnesota Energy Connection transmission line will link at least 2,000 megawatts of new renewable energy to the grid at Sherco. The company is also seeking state approval on a long-duration battery storage pilot project at the facility.

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board sometime in July. Bahr's

#### **Haunted Acres**

Brent Bahr, Orrock resident and owner of "Behr's Haunted Acres," approached the board along with Derek Nelson, coach for the Minnesota Jets Cheerleading Team. Last year in October, Bahr opened up his property as a haunted house/haunted trail experience, donating the proceeds to local organizations, including the Minne-

There were several complaints made against Bahr last year, with neighbors being frustrated by excessive parking on the road and loud chainsaw noises.

To avoid conflict this year, Bahr and Nelson hoped to get early input from the board on how they can better manage the event this coming fall. They noted that they had plans in place for parking on the property, instead of on the road, and there would be no more chainsaw noises. In addition, the haunted trail will close at 10 p.m. each night, and organizers will make sure there is a direct path for EMS services, in

case they are needed. Supervisor Bob Hassett noted that the board received several complaints last year, but when he tried to contact Bahr about it he was unable to do so, since Bahr, and all the other adults in charge of the event, were busy putting on the production. He requested that a person in charge always be available to address concerns, this

#### **Town Hall Building**

The board took some time to discuss some of the details of the new town hall building, including making sure there is enough money in the general fund, using space at Zimmerman City Hall for township business,

and plans for demolition. More discussions about ongoing town hall business are being handled by the town hall committee, whose meetings are open to the public. Dates are published at town hall and online.

#### Meeting

Compensation Supervisor Felber

noted that she recently attended a community meeting with the DNR on behalf of Orrock Twp. When she asked for compensation for attending the meeting, she was denied.

There is no clear regulation for which meetings

should be compensated and which should not. Felber did not receive a direction from the board to attend the meeting, but she believed that since the DNR specifically coordinated the meeting in order to have a supervisor there that it should count as official township business and should be compensated.

The board approved Felber being compensated, but also decided to hold a policy committee meeting to further consider when supervisors should and should not be compensated.

In Other Business, the Board:

- · Heard a report from the Sherburne County Sher-
- · Renewed a contract with Darryl Waltzko for handyman services; Set a road tour date;
- Approved sending out a request for proposals for snow removal services;
- · Discussed an increase in garbage issues on township roads;
- · Discussed township bank accounts and how much money to keep in

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within the Streets Department. This position will assist in the repairs and

maintenance of City streets, parks and other facilities. This position will also perform routine manual and semi-skilled work in operations of light

equipment. The full pay range is \$13.70-\$17.81 and anticipated hiring range

is \$15.34-\$16.27 depending on qualifications. Applications can be found on the City of Becker Website at www.ci.becker.mn.us/jobs.aspx. Please submit

applications to City of Becker, P.O. Box 250, Attn: Julie Blesi, Becker, MN 55308 or drop off at City Hall at 12060 Sherburne Ave., Becker, MN 55308 or email jblesi@ci.becker.mn.us. If you have questions, call Julie Blesi at

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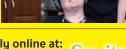
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Lead Liquor Store Clerk, this position performs intermediate semiskilled work promoting good public relations and customer satisfaction, provid-ing leadership and work direction to staff as di-rected by management. Hourly wages are \$20.90

- \$26.48 depending on experience. Closing date to apply for this position is Friday June 9, 2023 at 4:00 pm. Please reach out to Greg, the Store Manager. Lake Liquor is located at 615 Rose Drive or Greg can be reached at 763-251-1527. Applications can also be found on the City of Big Lake Website.

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Program various CNC machines through our cam software and know G & M codes to prove out, and make adjustments to programs.

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 Keep good documentation of die maintenance and

other important information that comes up.
• Assist less experienced associates with day to day duties such as die sharpening, documentation, machine operations, etc.

Trouble shoot problems with dies, fixtures, gauges,

· Plan, schedule, and cost justify projects and equipment.

LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITY:

Intermediate knowledge of die components- know the different types of dies we have such as compound,

progressive, and form dies and know the relationships that each of the various dies must have, such as punch to die clearance etc. Intermediate knowledge of CAD- understand how to properly

draw fixtures, gauges, and dies.

 Intermediate knowledge of CAM- be able to take a CAD model and make a program with tool paths and feeds and speeds that are safe to maintain a safe work environment.

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• Intermediate knowledge of G and M codes- be able to take a program and read the code to prevent crashes and make necessary adjustments.

 Basic knowledge of Microsoft Word / Excel- understand how to use both of these in order to record history of dies, fixtures, and gauges and also to maintain order of various work request that are being addressed.

 Intermediate knowledge of various measuring techniques – be able to take accurate measurements using various methods such as using a height stand with gauge pins to find hole locations in a die component as well as being able to accurately measure components with micrometers, calipers, optical comparators, gauge block, gauge pins,

 Ability to setup and operate CNC and manual machines – able to safely setup machines and secure components for the machining process in a variety of different machines such as CNC mill, CNC lathe, wire edm, manual bridgeport, drill press, manual surface grinder, and hydraulic controlled surface grinders.

• Has good communication skills

 Safety first mindset- approaches everything with safety in mind and doesn't cut corners to accomplish the job.

Intermediate problem solving skills- mechanical aptitude.

 Ability to plan and schedule work to effectively move from one tast to the next. FORMAL EDUCATION INCLUDES:

• 2-year Tech College or equivalent experience

• 5 years minimum as Toolmaker in Metal Stamping is preferred.

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Participate in new product planning and development

to ensure manufacturability of product

Investigate production problems and come up

with solutions
LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITY:
• Intermediate knowledge of CAD-Solidworks

(modeling and drawings)

• Intermediate knowledge of CAM software.

Advanced knowledge and skill using

machinists' tools. Intermediate knowledge of Geometric Dimensioning &

Tolerancing principles/application Intermediate knowledge of reading and understanding

engineering drawings/specifications

• Intermediate knowledge of Malco's manufacturing

processes.

Intermediate knowledge of metal working properties.
Intermediate problem solving skills.
Intermediate time management skills.

FORMAL EDUCATION INCLUDES:

2-year Tool & Die degree preferred
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CAD,CAM & CNC Proficiency a plus!

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· Modify equipment, programs, dies, fixtures and gauges. • Repair equipment, programs, dies, fixtures and gauges

Maintain equipment, programs, dies, fixtures and gauges.
 Perform general machining operations and learn how

to operate all machines in the tool room safely and efficiently. Level of knowledge, skills and ability:

Basic knowledge of manufacturing processes.

Basic knowledge of Stamping Dies.

 Basic knowledge of measuring instruments. Basic knowledge of working properties of

• Basic knowledge of heat treat processes.

 Basic knowledge of CNC programming.
 Basic knowledge of CAM & CAD software. Basic knowledge of geometric dimensioning and

Basic knowledge of operation of tool room equipment.
Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office.

Ability to work in a team environment as a positive member.

Ability to plan and schedule work to efficiently move from one task to the next.

 Ability to multitask and be proficiant at problem solving. Ability to learn from Senior ToolMakers and always be open to advice.

Ability to be Precise, Patient and Safe to develop ToolRoom Skills.

Ability to Apply problem solving skills.
 Ability to apply Communication skills.
FORMAL EDUCATION INCLUDES:

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#### U of M Extension offers Beef Pasture Walk

**Submitted Article** 

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by U of M Extension.)

Join the University of Minnesota Extension and industry experts for an afternoon in the pasture. Learn and converse about establishing and restoring pastures, managing grazing, identifying plants, cattle health, body condition scoring, and responding to forage emergencies and drought.

The pasture walk will be from 1 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 28. Participants will gather at Sherburne County Government Center in Elk River, MN and take a bus to a private pasture site.

Registration (\$10) is required by Sunday, June 25. Light refreshments and dinner will be catered during the program. In the event of rain, the program will be rescheduled for July

Dana Adams, local Extension livestock educator, says, "Producers rely on pastures to provide the majority of their cattle's nutrition during the grazing season. How do producers promote optimum pasture growth, manage their herds grazing patterns, and control invasive plants in their pastures? Participants of this program will learn directly from U of M Extension educators and industry experts to address these questions in an engaging -boots in the field format."

For more information and to register for the Beef Pasture Walk please visit z.umn.edu/2023beefpasturewalk.

## Public Notices

#### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PURCHASE AGREEMENT Minn. Stat. 559.217, subd. 3 (with right to cure) Minnesota Uniform **Conveyancing Blanks** Form 110.1.1 (2023)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED: 1. Either (a) a default has occurred under, or (b) an unfulfilled condition exists after the date specified for fulfillment under the terms of, the Purchase Agreement dated March 31, 2023 in which JoNell L. Reed ("Seller"), agreed to sell to Eric Kez Ricardo ("Purchaser"), residential real property in Sherburne County, Minnesota,

legally described as follows: Lot 2, Block 9, Autumn Ridge, Sherburne County, Minnesota Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrens)

Identified in the Purchase Agree-

ment as:

13186 Ivy Street, Becker, Minne-

sota 55308 2. Seller Purchaser is serving this

Notice of Declaratory Cancellation ("Notice") on the other party, and on (check the applicable box). Not Applicable (no earnest money held), the third party who is holding the (insert name of holder of earnest money) earnest money paid pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for purposes of initiating the cancellation of the Purchase Agreement.

3. The default or unfulfilled condition referenced in paragraph 1 is as follows:

Failure to close on the date of closing and pay the purchase price.

4. The Purchase Agreement will be canceled 15 days after service of this Notice upon the other party to the Purchase Agreement unless prior to the cancellation date the party upon whom this Notice is served complies with the conditions in default and completes the unfulfilled conditions, including, if applicable, completion of the purchase or sale of the residential real property according to the terms of the Purchase Agreement. THIS NOTICE IS TO IN-

FORM YOU THAT BY THIS NOTICE THE (SELLER) (PURCHASER) (STRIKE ONE)

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PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE (PURCHASE) (SALE) (STRIKE ONE) OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY

FOR THE REASONS SPECI-FIED IN THIS NOTICE. THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WILL BE CANCELED

90 DAYS AFTER (SERVICE OF THIS NO-TICE UPON YOU) (THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICA-TION OF THIS NOTICE)

(STRIKE ONE) UNLESS BEFORE THEN: YOU HAVE FULLY (A) COMPLIED WITH ALL OF YOUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT THAT WERE REQUIRED TO BE PER-

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CHASE AGREEMENT; OR YOU SECURE FROM A DISTRICT COURT AN ORDER THAT THE TER-MINATION OF THE PUR-CHASE AGREEMENT BE SUSPENDED UNTIL YOUR **CLAIMS OR DEFENSES ARE** FINALLY DISPOSED OF BY TRIAL, HEARING, OR SETTLEMENT. YOUR AC-TION MUST SPECIFICALLY STATE THOSE FACTS AND GROUNDS THAT DEMON-STRATE YOUR CLAIMS OR

DEFENSES. IF YOU DO NOT DO ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE ABOVE THINGS WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE, YOUR PURCHASE AGREEMENT WILL BE CANCELED AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

(AND YOU WILL LOSE **ALL EARNEST MONEY** YOU HAVE PAID ON THE **PURCHASE AGREEMENT**)

(STRIKE IF NOT APPLICA-BLE);

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MEDIATELY CANCELED, **BUT YOUR ENTITLEMENT** TO EARNEST MONEY MUST BE DETERMINED BY A COURT OR DETER-MINED BY ARBITRATION IF AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES.

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TIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, CONTACT AN AT-TORNEY IMMEDIATELY. 5. The name, address, and telephone number of the party serving

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Barna, Guzy & Steffen, Ltd., 200 Coon Rapids Blvd., Suite 400, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 Telephone: **763-780-8500** THIS INSTRUMENT WAS

DRAFTED BY: Barna, Guzy & Steffen, Ltd.

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Coon Rapids, MN 55433 (Published in the Patriot: 05/20/23, 05/27/23, 06/03/23.)

#### TOWN OF BECKER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Becker Township Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023 at Becker Town Hall, 12165 Hancock Street. The Planning Commission will hold the following public hearings beginning at 7:01 pm and following:

Public hearing for Preliminary Plat Application and consideration of Final Plat Application for Owners/Applicants of Opportunity Enterprises, Aaron & Kelly Jurek. The owners/applicants have submitted a preliminary plat application and final plat application for the parcel currently recognized as Fantails and Flags, Outlot A and identified as parcel number 05-495-0010.

Tara Driscoll and Kyle Rodeski, Owners/Applicants, Interim Use Permit Application. Tara Driscoll and Kyle Rodeski have applied for an interim use permit to house two family members in campers at 16795 111th Street SE, Becker, MN until their temporary work assignment related is completed.

Anyone interested in these requests is encouraged to attend in person or via zoom and comment at the Public Hearing. If you have questions regarding the requests please contact Lucinda Messman at Becker Township Hall, 12165 Hancock Street, Becker, MN, 763-261-5301. If you are unable to attend, please provide written comment to Lucinda Messman at P.O. Box 248, Becker, MN 55308 or by email to lucinda@beckertownship.org by 4:00 p.m., June 12, 2023. /s/ Lucinda Messman

Clerk, Becker Township (Published in the Patriot: 05/27/23.)

#### CITY OF BIG LAKE COUNTY OF SHERBURNE STATE OF MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS CHAPTER 10 (ZONING ORDINANCE), TEMPORARY USES, PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, AND GENERAL USES AND CHAPTER 11 (SUBDIVISION ORDI-NANCE) OF THE BIG LAKE CITY CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Big Lake Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Big Lake City Hall Council Chambers located at 160 Lake Street North, Big Lake, MN 55309 on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to hear all persons present on proposed ordinance amendments to Chapter 10 (Zoning Ordinance), Sections 1002.10 Temporary Uses, 1003.18 PUD, Planned Unit Development, and 1006.07, General Use Standards of the Big Lake City Code. The intent is to include a new temporary use for liquor license holders who host outdoor events, cross reference outdoor dining related to temporary outdoor on-sale events, update procedure application review and submittal requirements for a PUD, allow a streamlined approach to allow Development Stage PUD to be combined and together processed through a review as a Final Plan PUD, and rezone application, and address major and minor changes to an approved development stage PUD Plan and Final Plan PUD. The proposed amendments to Chapter 11 (Subdivision Ordinance) update the lot line adjustment and consolidation section, and preliminary and final plat sections related to purpose, application, and approval.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review at the

City of Big Lake located at 160 Lake St N.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to voice their opinion. Written comments will be accepted until the date of the hearing. Comments can be emailed to Community Development Director, Therese Haffner thaffner@biglakemn.org or mailed to City Hall at 160 Lake Street N.

/s/ Therese Haffner

Community Development Director (Published in the Patriot: 05/27/23.)

Secretary of State **Certificate of Incorporation** Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

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NAMEHOLDER(S): Christopher ADDRESS: 13203 Jefferson St

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SIGNED BY: Christopher Gizzi MAILING ADDRESS: 13203 Jefferson St Becker MN 55308 EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NO-TICES: gizvoiceworks@outlook.

Work Item: 1388120400021 Original File 1388120400021

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FILED

04/23/2023 11:59 p.m. /s/ Steve Simon Secretary of State (Published in the Patriot: 05/27/23,

06/03/23.)

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Informal Probate Court File No.: 71-PR-23-43 In re the Estate of Richard Allen **Quist, Decedent.** 

Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors (Ancillary Proceed-

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will dated September 16, 2021, ("Will") has been filed with the Registrar in an ancillary proceeding. The application has been granted. Any objections may be filed with this Court and will be heard by the Court after proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that the Registrar has informally appointed Paul Ouist, whose address is 204 Railroad Avenue W, Apt 104, Onamia, MN 56359, as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee, or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has the power to administer the Estate in Minnesota including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or

distribute real estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are reguired to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: May 10, 2023 /s/ Pamela Kreier

Probate Registrar /s/ Katrese Ringham

Sherburne Court Administrator Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative: Michael C. Rajkowski, Franz Hultgren Evenson,

1011 Second Street N, Suite 201 St. Cloud, MN, 56303 Attorney License No: 0195303 Telephone: (320) 253-7130 Email: mrajkowski@fhelawyers.

(Published in the Patriot: 05/20/23, 05/27/23).

#### MILK PRODUCTS BOARD OF EDUCATION BECKER, MINNESOTA The Board of Education of Inde-

pendent School District No. 726, Becker, Minnesota, will receive sealed bids until 1:00 p.m. on June 15, 2023 in the Board Room of the District Office of said district for milk products for the 2023-2024 school year to be delivered to each of the buildings at Becker Public Schools. Complete specifications may be obtained by calling Kevin Januszewski at 763-261-6317. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Pete Weismann, Clerk

Ind. School District No. 726 12000 Hancock Street Becker, MN 55308 (Published in the Patriot 05/20/23. 5/27/23.)

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF SHERBURNE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Informal Probate Court File No.: 71-PR-23-57 In re the Estate of Doris Ann

Partridge, Decedent. **Notice of Informal Probate** of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors.

Notice is given that an application for informal probate of the Decedent's Will, dated January 10, 2013, ("Will"), has been filed with the Registrar. The application has been granted. Notice is also given that the

Registrar has informally appointed Todd R. West, whose address is 3218 Longview Lane, Suamico, Wisconsin, 54173, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed with the Court (pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-607) and the Court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

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

Notice is also given that (sub-

ject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. Dated: May 11, 2023 /s/ Pamela Kreier Probate Registrar /s/ Katrese Ringham Sherburne Court Administrator Attorney for Personal Representative Tyler Wessman-Conroy Conroy Law Office, Ltd. 261 East Broadway Street PO Box 999 Monticello, MN, 55362 Attorney License No: 0403791 Telephone: (763) 295-6667 (Published in the Patriot: 05/20/23, 05/27/23).

#### CITY OF BECKER NOTICE FOR BIDS

The City of Becker has accumulated large quantities of logs by cleaning up dead trees throughout the City. The City has decided to take bids on these logs. The successful bidder will be required to load and haul the logs away. Additionally, there will be no cutting on City Property. If interested, drop off your bid with the City of Becker Streets Department by June 16, 2023. Once the bid has been accepted, you will have until August 11,2023 to remove from the premises. You can submit your bid by dropping it off at the Streets Department at: 11956 Gardner Street, Becker, MN 55308. Please contact the Streets Department at 763-200-4275 with questions. (Published in the *Patriot* 05/27/23, 06/03/23).



## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICA-TION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW

IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Default has oc-

curred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: 03/06/2019 PRINCIPAL ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$50,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Pamela Carter and Robert Carter, wife and husband MORTGAGEE: Navy Federal Credit Union

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: 04/09/2019 as Doc. No. 870313 in the Office of the County Recorder in Sherburne County, Minnesota. TAX PARCEL I.D. NO.: 75-

848-0502 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: LOT 1, BLOCK 5, MISKE MEADOWS SECOND

ADDITION, SHERBURNE

COUNTY, MINNESOTA Abstract Property STREET ADDRESS OF PROP-ERTY: 19064 Ivanhoe St NW, Elk River, MN 55330-8615 COUNTY IN WHICH PROP-ERTY IS LOCATED: Sherburne LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Navy Federal Credit Union

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Navy Federal Credit Union THE AMOUNT CLAIMED

TO BE DUE ON THE MORT-

GAGE: \$66,631.40 AS OF

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; that there has been compliance with all pre-foreclosure notice and acceleration requirements of said mortgage, and/or applicable statutes. Pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Sherburne County, Minnesota at public auc-

**Filed in District Court** State of Minnesota District Court County of Sherburne 10th Judicial District **Court File Number:** 71-JV-23-62 Case Type:

tion as follows:

CHIPS - Permanency In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Ciara Brenea Carter, mother and Louis Thomas Delk, father **Summons and Notice** 

**Transfer of Permanent Legal** and Physical Custody Matter (CHP-117) NOTICE TO: Ciara Brenea

Carter, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s). A Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical

- Custody has been filed in the Juvenile Court. This petition asks the court to permanently transfer the parent/ guardian's legal and physical custodial rights to a relative. This is your notice that this Transfer of Permanent
- Legal and Physical Custody case is scheduled for an IN PERSON hearing before the Juvenile Court located at 13880 Business Center Drive, Suite 100 Elk River MN 55330-1692, on June 27. 2023 at 8:30am or as soon after as the case can be heard.
- YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.
- You have a right to be represented by counsel
- If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently transferring the legal and physical custodial rights of the abovenamed parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or permanent out-of-home placement of the child(ren). Dated: May 19, 2023

BY: Sherburne County Court Administration 13880 Business Center Drive, Suite 100 Elk River MN 55330-1692 763-284-7140 (Published in the Patriot: 05/27/23, 06/03/27, 06/10/27)

#### DATE AND TIME OF SALE: 07/19/2023 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, 13880 Business Center Dr., Elk River, MN 55330 to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said Mortgagor(s) or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the mortgagor must vacate the mortgaged property by 11:59 p.m. on 1/19/2024, or the next business day if 1/19/2024 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-

LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION

BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR AS-SIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SEC-TION 582.032, DETERMIN-ING, AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT MORTGAGED PREM-ISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AG-RICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED. Publication to begin the week

of: 5/27/2023 Navy Federal Credit Union, Mortgagee/Mortgagee Assignee The Sayer Law Group, P.C., By

Brian G. Saver, Attorney for Mortgagee/Mortgagee Assignee 925 E 4th St., Waterloo, IA 50703 THIS IS A COMMUNICA-

TION FROM A DEBT COL-LECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY IN-FORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (Published in the Patriot: 5/27/23, 6/3/23, 6/10/23, 6/17/23, 6/24/23,

#### Announcements

Becker Area Senior Center (BASC) **Upcoming Events** 

BASC Now At BCC! All Area Seniors Welcome. Senior Center Open Mon. - Fri. 5am-5pm. Coffee Is On At 5am. Mon, May 29: CLOSED - Memo-

rial Day Observed. Tues. May 30: 7 am: Nordic Walking. 9:00 am: Cards & Conversa-

Wed. May 24: 10 am: Dementia Caregiver Support w/facilitator, Tami Kolbinger in BASC. Thurs., May 25: 9 am: Cards & Conversation.

Becker Community Center: 763-200-4271 Blood Pressure available whenever BASC is open Send activity/class to basc.

becker@gmail.com. Planning meeting 3rd Wed. @1pm. Next board meeting May 17 from 3:30-5:00 pm

#### **Big Lake Senior Center**

The Big Lake Senior Club meets Tues., 1-4pm, Big Lake City Hall, 160 Lake St.

We would love to have you join us for card games, refreshments & conversation. For More Information Call: (763) 309-1010 and/or (763) 207-8703





#### CITY OF BIG LAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATION OF DRAINAGE & UTILITY EASEMENT Lot 1, Block 1 Big Lake Marketplace 6th Addition

You are hereby notified that the Big Lake City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed vacation of a drainage and utility easement. The public hearing will be held in the Big Lake City Council Chambers located at 160 Lake Street North on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM or shortly thereafter. The purpose of the vacation is to accommodate a lot line adjustment between Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 of Big Lake Marketplace 6th Addition. /s/ Lucinda Spanier

(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/27/23, 06/03/23.)

City Planner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN a public hearing will be held at the Clear Lake City Hall building located at 7684 1st Ave West on June 5, 2023 at 7 PM for the purpose of considering granting a variance to CMP Attachments, for a setback variance to construct a new addition to the existing building located at 8101 State St. in the City of Clear Lake. Any persons wishing to make public comment on this request may do so in person at the hearing or in writing to the city clerk. Written comments must be received prior to the hearing date. /s/ Kari Koren - MCMC

City of Clear Lake - City Clerk (Published in the Patriot: 05/27/23.)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR VISION TRANSPORTATION AT 16676 197TH AVE NW You are hereby notified that the Big Lake Planning Commission

CITY OF BIG LAKE

will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a variance at 16676 197th Ave NW. The hearing will be held in the Big Lake City Hall Council Chambers located at 160 Lake Street North on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at or about 6:00 p.m. Applicant: Vision Enterprises, LLC, 16676 197th Ave NW, Big

Lake, MN 55309 Location: North of 197th Ave NW, west of 166th St NW, east of 168th St NW and south of 198th Ave NW PID#: 65-557-0105

Request: Variance to 40 foot front yard setback for outdoor stor-

age to allow a 7 foot encroachment within said setback. If you desire to be heard in reference to this matter, you are encouraged to attend the scheduled public hearing or submit written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. Comments can be emailed to City Planner Lucinda Spanier at lspanier@biglakemn.org or mailed to City Hall at 160 Lake Street N. /s/ Lucinda Spanier

City Planner (Published in the Patriot: 05/27/23.)

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

 $SP\ 071\text{-}070\text{-}046\ Edgeline\ Striping-Various\ County\ Roads}$ SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE is hereby given that electronic bids will be received by the Sherburne County online bid portal https://bidvault.mn.uccs.com/ until 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. This will be the only means of submittal of a bid.

The Major Quantities of Work are: Pavement Markings LF 560,750

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations. READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVI-

SIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders:

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, and Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 230 Subpart A-Equal Employment Opportunity on Federal and Federal-Aid Construction Contracts (including supportive services), it will affirmatively assure increased participation of minority groups and disadvantaged persons and women in all phases of the highway construction industry, and that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be provided to all persons without regard to their race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin;

In accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.08 Unfair discriminatory Practices, it will affirmatively assure that on any project constructed pursuant to this advertisement equal employment opportunity will be offered to all persons without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in a local commission, disability, sexual orientation, or age;

In accordance with the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minnesota Statute 363A.36 Certificates of Compliance for Public Contracts, and 363A.37 Rules for Certificates of Compliance, it will assure that appropriate parties to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement possess valid Certificates of

If you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in any state, on a single working day during the previous 12 months, you must have a compliance certificate issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights to bid on any job in this advertisement. Please contact the Department of Human Rights immediately if you need assistance in obtaining a certificate.

The following notice from the Minnesota Department of Human Rights applies to all contractors:

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statute, section 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based on this specification or any modification of it. A copy of Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, parts 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 is available upon request from the contracting agency."

"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3).'

This project has a Race Gender Neutral (0%) DBE Goal.

The bids will be will be reviewed by the County Engineer and County Attorney for the approval of the bid bond and the results of the review shall be posted within 3 business days at the following website: https:// mn-co-sherburne.app.rtvision.com/oneoffice. Review of the bids by the County Engineer and the County Attorney should not be construed as an award of the bid. The final approval of the bid requires action by

Plans & specifications may be examined at the office of the Sherburne County Highway Engineer, 13880 Business Center Drive Suite 100, Elk River MN 55330, Monday-Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm or at http:// www.co.sherburne.mn.us/publicworks/index.php & follow the Construction Projects & Bids (eGram) link. A user ID & password is required to download the Plans & Specifications. Contact Public Works at 763-765-3300 to obtain.

The advertisement for this project may also be viewed at the MnDOT State Aid for Local Transportation website at https://eadvert.rtvision.com.

The cost to download the Plans & Specifications is free.

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

THE COST TO SUBMIT A BID WILL BE \$25.00 PAYABLE TO RTVISION WHICH ALLOWS AC-CESS TO THE ELECTRONIC BID DOCUMENTS VISA BID VAULT AT https://bidvault.mn.uccs.com. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond for at least five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid.

No bidder may withdraw their bid (which shall include the bid bond) within 15 days of the scheduled submittal date of 1:00 PM, Tuesday, June 6, 2023. The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive minor irregularities. The

County Board will consider award of the contract at the April 20, 2023 County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review. It is the County's intent to begin construction the first part of July 2023 and completed by end of

August 2023. Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 1st day of May 2023.

/s/ Bruce Messelt

County Administrator, Sherburne County, Minnesota

(Published in the *Patriot*: 05/13/23, 05/20/23, 05/27/23.)

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

97th Street Reconstruction from Hwy 10 to CSAH 23 SAP 71-592-001 Becker Township SAP 71-592-002 Clear Lake Township **SAP 71-594-002 City of Becker** SHERBURNE COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE is hereby given that electronic bids will be accepted through the Sherburne County online bid portal https://bidvault.mn.uccs.com/ until 1:00 PM on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 . This will be the only means of submittal of a bid.

The Major Quantities of Work are: CLEARING & GRUBBING REMOVE SEWER PIPE LF 640 38.900 EXCAVATION CY GRANULAR EMBANKMENT 13.800 BITUMINOUS RECLAMATION AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5 17,500 BITUMIONOUS PAVING 12,900 STORM SEWER 12"-36" 795 DRAINAGE STRUCTURES EA 10 SEEDING 13 PAVEMENT MARKINGS LF 39,900

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bid submittal date of Tuesday, June 6, 2023. The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive minor irregularities. The

County Board will consider award of the contract at the June 20, 2023 County Board Meeting contingent upon County Engineer & County Attorney review.

It is the County's intent to begin construction early July 2023 and completed by end of October 2023. The County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids & waive informalities.

Dated at Elk River Minnesota, this 3rd day of May 2023. /s/ Bruce Messelt

County Administrator, Sherburne County, Minnesota (Published in the *Patriot*: 05/13/23, 05/20/23, 05/27/23.)

#### AMENDMENT TO THE SHERBURNE COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE **ORD NO 266**

The Sherburne County Board of Commissioners adopted ORD NO 266 by amending the Sherburne County Subdivision Ordinance as it relates to Buildable Lot Standards, including amendments to: Section 11, General Regulations, Subd 4, Buildable Lot Stan-

dards, Section A, to establish an exemption to the buildable lot standards where an existing residence is being subdivided from a larger

This provision was passed by the Sherburne County Board of Commissioners on the 16th day of May, 2023. A complete copy of this Subdivision Ordinance Amendment is available for viewing at the Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Office, 13880 Business Center Drive, Elk River, Mn, and is duly filed with the Sherburne County Auditor upon the publication of its enactment. /s/ Lisa A. Fobbe, County Board Chairperson

/s/ Bruce Messelt, County Administrator (Published in the Patriot: 05/27/23.)





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To apply visit www.co.stevens.mn.us under Employment Opportunities. ADA accommodations available. Stevens County is an EOE.



GAS THIEVES IN PALMER included this shady looking character who obsconded \$61 worth of gas Tuesday, May 23 at Briggs Lake General Store. Thanks to security camera footage and further investigation, it was discovered the vehicle was reported stolen. Fortunately, the thieves were apprehended in Hennepin County with the help of the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office. Local law enforcement encourage residents to report anything suspicious they observe in their communities to authorities. (Submitted Photo).

#### Boeke honored with IBNA award

Kayla Boeke of Zimmerman was recognized by the Iowa Broadcast News Association at its annual conference held Saturday, April 29, at the Prairie Meadows Conference Center in Altoona.

**Submitted Article** 

Boeke won third place, In-Depth Series.

KWAR-FM Radio won first place awards for Best Newscast, Sports Coverage, In-Depth Series, Feature and Public Affairs. Knight Vision, Wartburg's news, sports, film and streaming outlet, was recognized with firstplace awards for News Photography and In-Depth Series. The outlets won an additional 13 second- and third-place awards.

Wartburg, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls 1,444 students. Wartburg is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and named after the castle in Germany where Martin Luther took refuge disguised as a knight during the stormy days of the Reformation while translating the Bible from Greek into German.

#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.

A group of local residents gathered at Becker City Hall flag pole Thursday, May 4th for the annual National Day of Prayer. The unseasonably warm weather for the event was stellar. People gathered at noon to pray for our government, military, media, businesses, educators, churches and families of our local communities. The event was led by Becker Baptist Church senior pastor Nathan Bucher. Local residents gathered to pray for our nation, government, military, educators and local communities. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

## Working with the community to find homes for needy pets



is a 3-year-old spayed Akita mix who we know has to go to feline-free home; because in the past her friendly attitude ha not extended to cats. If you allow her to go off-leash, expec her to bring you back plenty of bones and other find



is a 1-year-old Winter White dwarf hamster who's looking for a home. She will need some patience from her new human(s) as she gets used to the art of being handled by people. Mable's favorite treats include leafy greens and raspberries!



is a 7-month-old mixed breed pup who's still mostly a puppy at heart (and in activity), and he'll need someone to help him burn off some of his excess energy so he can calm down. (filmothy is extremely enthusiastic!) This 19-pound little guy can't wait to meet his family!



**TWO TONE** is a 1-year-old neutered cat who really likes playin interactively with his people. His favorites are feather toys things on a string, and fake furry mice. He also likes makin

lf comfortable by a window and watching the world g

by. Two Tone prefers adults to the younger variety of people.



is a 4-year-old spayed cat who may thrive as an indoor/ outdoor or social shop cat. She definitely likes having her independence and own space. Vivian (AKA Vivi) has done well with other cats and enjoys their company. She also did



doesn't quite have the princess warrior mentality - she can be a little shy sometimes! This 4-year-old white and tan spayed mixed breed dog absolutely loves going outside for daily exercise and getting attention from her favorite small humans (she adores kids).



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## County okays \$80k HHW facility study

The Sherburne County Board last week approved a proposal by HDR to conduct a feasibility study for

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a permanent household

hazardous waste (HHW)

facility at a cost of \$79,000. Solid Waste Administrator Dave Lucas told the board that the county currently holds mobile collection events, but there is no permanent site for people to bring their hazardous products.

"We're limited to the number of events we can schedule based on availability," he said. "With continued growth, staff prepared requests for proposals to see if a facility is needed.' Lucas said HHW con-

sists of things like paints, stains varnishes, lawn and garden chemicals, aerosol containers and fluorescent bulbs. "...items you do not want to throw away in your

regular garbage because that does pose a threat to soil and groundwater," he said. "And most landfills can not even accept that."

HDR would look at current service demand and par-

conduct a needs

assessment to

where a permanent facility should be constructed; determine the size, layout, and cost of a facility; determine staffing needs and hours of operation based on need, and suggest possible opportunities for partner-

Lucas said HDR would also look at whether and where mobile collection events would still be needed if a facility was

cal Services account from \$100,000 to \$180,000 to sea Doherty) and Jessica and Kirby Sundet as Adult Foster Care Provider of the Year (Social Worker Suzanne Stov)

The board approved a retainer agreement for Specialized Professional Legal Services with Ciresi Conlin LLP to assist in solid waste management and regulatory oversight, environmental protection and related land use.

The proposed agreement establishes an hourly rate of \$800 for the principal attorney. It is anticipated the initial foundational work with contracted attorneys will occur this summer/fall, at an estimated cost of approxi-

## **Other Business**

· Approved an amend-

- ment to the Community Living Infrastructure Grant to extend the original contract expiration date from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2025, and increase total grant funds from \$101,820 to \$177,864;
- · Approved and accepted First Quarter 2023 donations received by the Health and Human Services (HHS) Department from various donors in the

state travel request for two members of the Sherburne County Substance Use Prevention Coalition to attend the National Prevention Network Conference in Birmingham, AL from August 15-17, using \$4,457 in federal funds from the Drug-Free Community Support Program grant;

 Approve out-of-state travel for two Sheriff's Office employees to attend the 44th Annual Northwest Shuttle Conference

• Approved an out-of- from September 10-13 in Reno, Nevada, at a registration cost of \$300 per attendee plus \$2,600 in travel expenses covered by the Sheriff's Office Travel, Training & Professional Development budget.

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Stearns County.

The proposed study by ticipation trends:

determine if and ships with other jurisdic-

constructed. As part of the request, the board also amended the Solid Waste Budget's Professional and Techni-

cover the cost of the study. Foster Care Awards

The board proclaimed May 2023 as Foster Care Month, then presented the annual Foster Care Awards to: Kamya Reed as Foster Child of the Year (Social Workers Kaylie Lira and Natasha Ouko); Linda Ryan and Jack Hedke as Child Foster Care Provider of the Year (Social Work-

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#### Legal Retainer

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## **Becker City adopts** new code enforcement policy

(Reporter's Note: This article covers both May meetings of the Becker City

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer reporter.katie@patriotnewsmn.com

With all of the new ordinance changes of late, Becker City staff wanted to look into a policy in enforcing ordinance as well, and so they presented a new enforcement policy to the city council at the recent city council meeting. They reached out to the county attorney for advice on what would be enforced by law, and the county attorney informed staff that only cases that posed a safety risk would be prosecuted.

If a property owner is not in compliance with city code, the city attorney may be able to prosecute the landowner, but the city attorney warned that this can be a costly process

City staff decided the best option would be to simply work with landowners to make sure the property is kept in compliance.

In addition, council approved changes to how the city would take complaints about properties not in compliance. All complaints must reference a specific code violation (so city staff won't take a complaint based solely on opposing aesthetic preferences). The person filing the complaint must also live adjacent to the property in question (so as to stop individuals from driving around the city and making complaints on any property out of compliance). Finally, once a complaint has been made, staff will not accept another complaint about the same issue for 12 months.

**Committee Reports** Some highlights from the committee reports included:

· The golf committee noted there would soon be a new menu available at Pebble Creek;

> The Economic Development Authority (EDA) noted an

uptick in houses on the market, as is typical for

• Mayor Tracy Bertram noted that the city is currently undertaking about \$17 million worth of construction projects, but around \$15 million is being covered by grants.

#### Ordinances for **Special Events**

Chapter 11 of city code continues to be updated, and city staff was looking specifically at special events and interim use permits (IUPs). With Charlie's Bar and Grill looking to host outdoor events in the summer, they wanted to make the whole process easier, both for the sake of city staff and for local businesses

#### Well Exploration

The city owns a 212 acre site east of the Elk River which they hope to eventually develop or sell the land. First, however, staff was approved to explore the site for possible new wells. The work will occur in September once crops are off the fields located on the site. In Other Business,

#### the Council:

 Approved a final plat for a section of T-Town (downtown Becker) for the old fire hall building;

 Heard a report on the first quarter financials;

 Decided to replace the control panel for lift station #7; • Moved to replace the

golf course mower deck;

 Wrote a supplemental letter of agreement for business park pump station improvements.



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IRRIGATION

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as wagon tours of the farm museum on the second level of the Barthel family's barn. There was a blacksmithing

demonstration, wagon rides and more. People log milling demonstration. Children enjoyed pony rides and roasting hot dogs and smores over the campfire. The annual Spring Farm Day event is held each year in May at Tom Barthel and his wife Gail Wilkinson's farm in Santiago township. A wonderful time was had



Snake River Farm Day. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

#### also enjoyed seeday, May 20th. People were ing the bison, cattle, pigs, given tours of the Kragero lambs, ducklings and baby chicks. There was alos a one room school as well

FUN IN THE SUN! Katrina Weidmann enjoyed a delightfully warm and sunny day with great grandma Gail Wilkinson. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)

## MState Mankato awards 2,494 Degrees

(Editor's Note: The awarded by Minnesota business administration de- degrees, 25 bachelor of number of graduates does not equal the number of degrees because some students earn more than one degree.)

**Submitted Article** 

Minnesota State University, Mankato awarded 2,494 degrees to 2,247 students at the end of the spring 2023 semester.

Commencement ceremonies were held Friday, May 5 at 3 p.m. for the College of Business and at 6 p.m. for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Commencement cere-

monies were held Saturday, May 6 at 9 a.m. for the College of Science, Engineering and Technology, at 12 p.m. for the College of Education and at 2 p.m. for the College of Allied Health and Nursing.

All ceremonies were held in Taylor Center's Bresnan Arena on the Minnesota State Mankato cam-

Advanced degrees

State Mankato at the conclusion of the spring semester included three doctor of education degrees, 19 doctor of nursing practice

degrees and five doctor of school psychology degrees.

Graduate degrees awarded included 81 master of arts degrees, 17 master of accounting degrees, two master of arts teaching degrees, 12 master of business administration degrees, 22 master of fine arts degrees, five master of music degrees, 305 master of science degrees, 24 master of social work degrees, seven professional science master's degrees, 20 specialist in educational leadership degrees and 101 graduate certificates.

Degrees awarded at the undergraduate level included 49 bachelor of arts degrees, 31 bachelor of

grees, 19 bachelor of fine arts degrees, 1,485 bachelor of science degrees, 31 bachelor of science in civil engineering degrees, 36

bachelor of science in integrated engineering degrees, five bachelor of science in computer engineering degrees, six bachelor of science in electrical engineering degrees, 44 bachelor of science in mechanical engineering science in social work degrees, 37 associate of arts degrees and 103 undergraduate certificates. Undergraduate stu-

dents receiving recognition included 471 students graduating summa cum laude (3.8 grade point aver-

age and higher), 298 students graduating magna cum laude (grade point av-

erages of 3.6 to 3.79) and 317 students graduating cum laude (grade point averages of 3.4 to 3.59). Becker

Kevin Andres,

BS, Exercise Science; Madison Doherty, AA, Liberal Studies, Cum Laude; Joseph Fussy, BS, Fi-

nance, Summa Cum Laude; Katie Wilke, BSSW, Social Work, Cum Laude. Big Lake Grads Patrick Doperalski,

BS, Marketing; Bryce McConville. BSCE, Civil Engineering;

Tyler Mossak, BS, Sport Management, Summa Cum Laude;

Roxanne Watkins,

BS, Psychology. Clear Lake Grads Abby Maruska, BS,

Medical Lab Science, Magna Cum Laude; Samuel Ricker, BS, Exercise Science, Magna

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about the Minnesota State Mankato spring commencement is at http://www.mnsu. edu/commencement. Minnesota State

Mankato, a comprehensive university with 14,482 students, is part of the Minnesota State system, which includes 26 colleges and seven universities.

## Central MN Nonprofit receives substantial grant

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by The Recovery Community Network.)

**Submitted Article** 

The Recovery Community Network (RCN)

received a \$300 thousand

grant from the State of Minnesota, for assisting justice involved individuals with reentry into the Central MN Community.

"We thrilled to have been chosen as one of seven pilot Recovery **Community Organizations** 

for this effort. These funds

will allow us to work with justice involved individuals to reduce readmission rates and to increase recovery resiliency and recovery capital," said Maj. John Donovan, Board Chair of the RCN. The grant will be administered over a threeyear period.

The RCN is a non-

profit agency located in St. Cloud, MN which was founded in 2014. They provide services to those living with or seeking help with a substance use disorder. Their services are free; and focus on peer to peer recovery coaching, education, and advocacy. RCN is located within the Midtown

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**Open House Schedule** 

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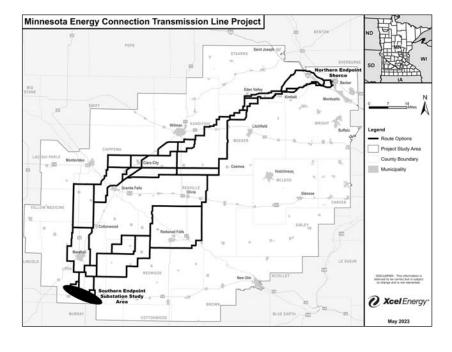
Using feedback from landowners, local governments and other stakeholders, route options have been revised from the options shown earlier this year. The options continue to be preliminary and the team will use comments we receive to inform us as we finalize route options that will be submitted in the Route Permit applications, which we expect to submit to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission later this year.

#### Route options available for review

A detailed view of the revised routes can be viewed at www.MNEnergyConnection.com. Large format maps will be available at the meetings.

Comments can be submitted to the Xcel Energy project team at the website (click on Community Engagement), in person at the upcoming meetings, mailed to Xcel Energy or by email at MNEnergyConnection@xcelenergy.com.

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Open House Schedule		
<b>Tuesday June 6</b> , 4:00–7:00 pm	Powder Ridge Event Center	15015 93rd Ave. Kimball MN 55353
Wednesday June 7, 4:00–7:00 pm	Becker Community Center Gymnasium	11500 Sherburne Ave. Becker MN 55308
<b>Thursday June 8,</b> 4:00–7:00 pm	4H Building, Meeker County Fairgrounds	1230 N. Armstrong Ave. Litchfield MN 55355
<b>Monday</b> <b>June 12,</b> 4:00–7:00 pm	EverSpring Suites Ballroom	1500 E. College Dr. Marshall MN 56258
<b>Tuesday June 13,</b> 4:00–7:00 pm	Redwood Community Center	901 Cook St. Redwood Falls MN 56283
Wednesday June 14, 5:00-8:00 pm	Willmar Community Center	624 US-71 BUS Willmar, Minnesota 56201
<b>Thursday June 15,</b> 4:00–7:00 pm	Kilowatt Community Center	600 Kilowatt Dr. Granite Falls MN 56241
<b>Tuesday June 20</b> , 1:00 and 6:00 pm	Virtual Open House	MNEnergyConnection.com



#### Clear Lake Twp. reviews road work estimates During their May mated at \$52,440, and also private energy areas on the permit request to build a

meeting the Clear Lake Twp. Board of Supervisors reviewed a number

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of estimates for potential road jobs for consideration that had been identified on the township's spring road

Twp. Engineer Terrance Vander Eyk provided the board with handouts specifying projects and his estimated costs, reviewing each project with them.

Two options were provided for 106th St. The first is for standard 1 1/2 inch overlay with shouldering which is estimated at \$41,400. The price includes shouldering and mobilization. The second option is to use ultrathin overlay with ¾ inch emulsified oil mix. The price was estiincludes shouldering and mobilization.

> Bituminous mixture for 70th Ave. was estimated at \$100,640.

Eyk indicated he hadn't heard back vet from Palmer Twp. regarding their joint powers agreement for 67th St.. which needs seal coat and fog seal. He also indicated that he is in the process of finalizing estimates for 86th Ave. and 95th Ave, both requiring patching and overlaying.

Eyk also presented estimates for the township hall parking lot, including mobilization, aggregate base, agg. shouldering, and type 12.5B wearing course mix, for a total of \$44,520.

Other Business Marc Schneider ap-

proached the board to follow up on the proposed



CLEAR LAKE TWP. CHAIRMAN BUD STIMMLER discusses road project estimates during their May meeting. (Photo by Penny Leuthard.)

township comprehensive land use map, asking for feedback. There are a few changes from the current to proposed map, including identifying public energy areas, and he asked if the township would like to see

man as well. Chairman Bud Stimmler asked for them to be included.

Another change is the boundaries around lakes. Schneider explained the hope is to allow for altering standards to be more accommodating for already developed land, providing more flexibility and allowing landowners to have improvements made to their property without having to go through all the variances.

Stimmler and Eyk will be meeting to discuss Great River Greening's proposal to enlarge the pollinator habitat garden in the northwest corner of Clear Lake Twp. Park.

Motions carried to send positive comments to the county in regard to the LaGow/Simpson 32nd Ave. septic variance request and the Golly Solar 1-megawatt solar garden Supervisor Kiel Golly abstained from the vote.

The board was informed Schendzielos donated and delivered a truckload of black dirt for landscaping.

Sherburne Co. has requested to use township hall for focus group meetings a couple of times of month. A motion carried approving the request.

Cleanup Day on May went well with approximately 78 residents dropping items off.

The sheriff reported 102 calls for service for April, including 54 traffic stops, one cell phone violation, one DWI, and one school bus stop arm viola-

The next Clear Lake Twp. meeting will be June 20 at 7 p.m.

## Santiago Twp. hosts cleanup day

Santiago Township Clean-Up Day was held Saturday, April 29th at Centra-Sota Co-op. The weather was on the chilly side, but that did not deter area residents from attending the annual event. Volunteers were busy helping

a steady stream of people all morning.



WRAP UP. Volunteer crew members take a short break as the event came to a close. (Photo by Mary Nehring.)



BIG HAUL. Event coordinator Shelley Jehoich and Marion Pappenfus checked a Santiago township resident in. (Photo by Mary





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## Chevy, turkey collide in Becker

Sunday, the Sherburne County Sheriff's office reported a vehicle crash that involved a turkey along Hwy. 10 and Gardner Street in Becker around 5:49 p.m.

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According to deputies, 28-year-old Matthew Robert Egeberg of Elk River was traveling along Hwy. 10 when he struck a wild turkey, causing him to crash his 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe. Egeberg was transferred to Montcello Hospital with non life-threatening inju-

Egeberg was wearing his seat belt and alcohol was not involved.



## 3 generations of educators make a difference at BL Schools

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Big Lake Schools.) This school year has

**Submitted Article** 

been special for one group of Big Lake educators: Three generations of Bachmann-Proms are all working within the district.

Three generations. Four schools. One family. Four people who were inspired by those who came before them to work with kids, serve others, and make a difference of their

Ryan Prom teaches civics at Big Lake High School. His wife, Sara, is a speech language pathologist at Liberty Elementary. Their son, Alex, is a fulltime building sub at Big Lake Middle School. Sara's dad, Gary Bachmann, is temporarily teaching music at Independence Elementary STEM.

It started with Ryan, who student taught at Big Lake High School and never looked back. He decided to teach social studies when he was a seventh grader, and got a job in Big Lake in 2000 after graduating from Saint Cloud State University. He has been here the past 23 years.

Sara's story isn't as linear: She fell into speech pathology almost by accident. In college, she had two choices for her final elective class: Intro to Art or Intro to Communications Disorders. She inevitably chose the latter (claiming she has no artistic ability) and fell in love with the class immediately. Sara knew when she walked out of that first class that

she had found her calling. She started working for Monticello Schools in 1998, after

holding a few jobs prior, and met Ryan on her first day. They eventually married, and in 2003, a speech pathologist position opened up at Big Lake's newly-opened Liberty Elementary. Sara made the switch to align their schedules. Gary came to Big Lake

Schools after retiring, and retiring again, from a 50+ year career teaching music in school administra-

"Retirement parties are the best," he joked.

In the early 2000s, Gary retired from being a long-time principal in Fairmont and moved to Zimmerman with his wife, Jane, to be near family. A few years into retirement, ISD 728 called him, wondering if he wanted to teach high school music in Zimmerman. He ended up working in the district for five years.

After that. Garv couldn't stay out of the classroom, and he started picking up occasional sub jobs at Big Lake Schools. "I ended up just missing kids," he said. This August, Independence Elementary STEM needed a music teacher. Gary agreed to fill in temporarily, and now plans on finishing the year.

Alex is the only one who grew up in Big Lake, and graduated from Big



THE BACHMANN/PROM FAMILY has three generations of educators working at Big Lake Schools. Pictured here are Alex (left), Sara (upper middle), Ryan (right), and Gary (lower middle). (Submitted photo.)

Lake High School in 2018. He earned his undergraduate degree in Human Rights Law in 3 years, and spent a year in Scotland where he

earned his masters degree. After moving home in September 2022, and job openings in his field were limited, Alex took inspiration from his family and began to sub at Big Lake Schools. He thought it would help him prepare for his potential career as a college professor. "I've really enjoyed teaching alongside those that mentored me growing up," he said. "Learning more about the teachers who 'raised me' has been really enjoyable." In January, the Big Lake Middle School recruited him to be a full-time build-

The family legacy in education runs deep. Ryan's mom, Jan, was a paraeducator in Monticello for 30+ years. Gary's wife was a phy-ed teacher turned special-ed coordinator. Gary's dad was a bus driver, and Gary's mom taught in a one-room schoolhouse in the 1930s. They grew up hearing stories about education's impact, and now

see it firsthand. "Working together at the same time provides us the opportunity to experience and share situations through different perspectives, which comes with different ages," Sara stated. "At the end of the day, we all want to be positive role models and attempt to be so by collaborating with one another. It's a really special feeling," Sara stated.

While they each followed their own unique path, the Bachmann-Prom family shares similar passions and values.

"[Our family has] really instilled in us service

to others, being good role models, and putting others before ourselves," Sara said. "And those are all values teachers share," Alex

"A couple of generations have taught me to enjoy being around kids,'

Ryan often keeps in touch with past students, and cherishes every interaction: From attending their weddings to receiving random emails of appreciation, they remind him of his "why." He once even accompanied a former student to a Marine Corps leadership conference in Washington DC, who chose Ryan, out of everyone, to be his mentor.

Those are the kind of things we live for," Ryan

Sara has many similar stories. She was once shadowed by a former student's

sister, who was so moved by everything Sara did for her sibling, that she was inspired to take up a career in speech pathology, too.

"That is what makes us come back everyday; feeling like we are making a difference. It keeps us going. It keeps us young,' Sara said

These reminders, and seeing their students flourish, motivate them to be the best for their students, who become like a second family.

"I tell my students they are my family, because I treat them like my own children," Sara said. "I think about them all the time. It's a part of who you become. You want everyone to be happy and successful, and I think it is pretty neat that we have a hand in that."

Both of Sara and Ryan's two boys went through Big Lake Schools, and the family appreciates the many opportunities they have had: from sports to in-school college classes to Poetry Out Loud/Knowledge Bowl/Musicals/etc. Their youngest son, Isaiah, is currently a senior at Big Lake High School.

"I think that we (our family) have something pretty special," Sara said. "I think we all enjoy being role models and helping students and their families in the Big Lake schools." The Bachmann-Proms are thankful to live out a life full of purpose, together, with their real and their school families. Alex summed it up perfectly. "Big Lake is home."

## MState announces Spring 2023 academic honors

Minnesota State Community and Technical College has named 498 students to its President's

pleting a minimum of six college-level credits and 75 percent of the courses in

named to the M

List and Dean's List are Big Lakers Tyler Dehmer (Dean's List), Veronika Naidon (Dean's List) and Nicole Reilly (President's

As a member of the Minnesota State system, M State serves more than 8,000 students in credit courses each year in 80 career and liberal arts programs online and at its

Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena. By partnering with communities, the college also provides workforce development services and other responsive training programs.

Minnesota State Community and Technical College is a member of the Minnesota State system and an equal opportunity educator/employer. Upon request, this information is available in alternative

## U of J honors 2 local students

The following students from this area received awards during University of Jamestown's Honors Convocation in April:

Emily Josephson, Zimmerman, Minnesota, major in Computer Science,

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received the Outstanding Graduate In Information Technology award.

The Outstanding Graduate In Information Technology award is given to a graduating senior who shows great promise in

graduate school or industry. Piper Zimmer-Gilman, Big Lake, Minnesota, major in Business Administration, received the Felix Wirz Award For Excellence In Language Study. The Felix Wirz Award For Excellence In Lan-

guage Study is named in honor of Felix Wirz, 1962 graduate of James town College from

Basel, Switzer-

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Language partment faculty member from 1970 to

1974. It is awarded to an outstanding student majoring in French, German or Spanish. The student must have a major in one or more languages other than English, have studied abroad, been an officer in Alpha Mu Gamma or the International Student Organization, been an asset to

the Foreign Language Department, and show promise for working to promote language acquisition after graduation.

> University of Jamestown was established in 1883 and is ranked as a top tier regional school in US News and World Re-

port and a top Midwestern school in The Princeton Review. The school features development of the whole person through its distinctive Journey to Success experience.

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List and 547 students to its Dean's List for the 2023 Spring Semester. Students on the Pres-

ident's List earned a grade point average of 4.0 while completing a minimum of six college-level credits and 75 percent of the courses in which they enrolled for the

Students on the Dean's List earned a GPA of 3.50 to 3.99 while comwhich they enrolled for the Students

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## Hornet baseball splits 2 games with Wildcats

The Big Lake Baseball team split a doubleheader with Chisago Lakes last Thursday.

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer production@patriotnewsmn.com

The Hornets couldn't out anything together on offense in the opener and lost, 1-0 to the Wildcats.

Big Lake had just five baserunners in the game and didn't get the clutch hit they needed to put runs on the board.

Terlinden Isaiah pitched a great game for Big Lake. He went the distance, allowing just one earned run on five hits and two walks. The Wildcats' only run came in the second when their catcher singled

Jaxyn Tschritter had a double for Big Lake's only extra-base hit. Keenan Hjermstad and Carson Gellerman had the other two hits for the Hornets.

The second game was a back-and-forth battle with four lead changes in a 7-5 Big Lake win.

Hjermstad was the pitcher for the Hornets, and the team's defense made the game closer than it should have bee.

Big Lake committed six errors in the game, and all of the Wildcats' runs were unearned.

After Chisago Lakes scored two in the first, Big Lake got one back in the home first. They went ahead, 3-2 with two more in the second before the Wildcats got two in the third to take the lead.

The Hornets responded with another two in the home third, then added their final two runs in the fifth for a 7-4 lead

The Wildcats got their final run in the top of the

Big Lake had 11 hits in the game. Nolan Reiter

It was a short agenda

By Katherine Cantin, Staff Writer

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at the recent Big Lake City

at open forum about a pri-

vate business, and heard

reports from the engineer-

ing and wastewater depart-

Lake Township spoke

during open forum. He

spoke in opposition to the

drag show recently hosted

by Lupulin Brewing, claim-

ing that the show would be

a poor influence on younger

residents of Big Lake. The

show was only meant for

adults 18 and over, but he

noted several individu-

als whom he believed ap-

peared younger going into

**Engineering Report** 

Bret Collier of Big

**Open Forum** 

BL City Council hears from

Council meeting, as the city was given a grant

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resident, departments

had two hits and an RBI. Gellerman had two hits and scored a run. Tschritter had two hits, two RBIs

and scored twice. Trent Josewski had two hits, two RBIs and scored

a run. J. LaRoche singled, walked, drove in a run and scored one. Hjermstad went the

distance. He allowed five runs (none earned) on seven hits. He walked none, hit one batter and struck out

Last Tuesday, Monticello scored nine unearned runs and beat Big Lake

Owen Wilczek started for Big Lake and went 2.2 innings before being relieved by Jeffery Wanhala. The Magic opened the

scoring with a run in the first, then exploded for 11 runs in the third, chasing Wilczek. An error kept that inning alive and the Magic took advantage of that extra out to keep plating baserun-

The Hornets got on the board with two in the fourth and another in the fifth to keep the gap at nine runs.

But Monticello got its final run in the home sixth to end the game on the 10run rule.

Wilczek took the loss. He allowed 12 runs (three earned) on 10 hits and three walks. He struck out five. Wanhala gave up an earned run on three hits and four walks in 2.1 innings. He struck out five.

On offense, Terlinden, Tschritter and Connor Stukenholtz each singled and drove in a run.

The Hornets are 8-6 on the season. They had games against St. Francis, Willmar and Princeton this past week, results next week.

The section tournament begins Tuesday at the home field of the higher-seeded

City Engineer Layne

trian walkways.

Otteson and his

staff are currently

working on put-

Otteson reported that the

ting the project together.

conversation with council

about the new roundabout

that would be put in at Co.

water Treatment Facility

(WWTF) was given an

award by the Minnesota

Pollution Control Agency

for demonstrating consis-

tent compliance with mon-

itoring, operations, and

maintenance requirements.

Dan Childs, director of

the department, expressed

his gratitude for the hard

work of all his employees

in helping the WWTF earn

the award

Wastewater Report

The Water/Waste-

Rd. 43 and Glenwood.

Otteson also had a brief

## Hornets swept by Magic

The Big Lake Hornet boys tennis team faced a formidable foe in Monticello last week and came away empty, 7-0.

By Bill Morgan, Editor, Staff Writer reporter.bill@patriotnewsmn.com

Singles: No. 1 - Caleb Kalnbach, MM def. Erick Carlson, BL, 6-2, 6-1;

No. 2 - Ethan Kuhn, MM def. Wyatt Martin, BL, No. 3 - Matteus Sun-

dine, MM def. Ian Anderson, BL, 6-0, 6-0;

No. 4 - Rylan Fierabend, MM def. Carsyn Grew, BL, 6-0, 6-0; **Doubles: No. 1** - Ryan

Schyma, MM - William Kuhn, MM def. Miles Slack, BL - Ethan Carlson,

BL, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2 - Wyatt Hanson, MM - Hayden Miller, MM def. Jude Slack, BL - Zachary Stegora, BL, 6-0, 6-0:

No. 3 - Kian Gustafson, MM - Peyton Goyler, MM def. Reese Busch, BL - Peyton Weller, BL, Minnesota Gold and Silver Exchange Open Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm

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## Becker little leaguers heading to state!

Becker 10AAA Baseball Team swept through the Blaine Bengal Bash 10AAA Tournament May 19-21, 2023, by going 5-0, out scoring their opponents 91-19, and bringing home the championship!

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By winning this tournament they also earned a birth into the 2023 Gopher State Tournament of Champions and the 2023 Minnesota Baseball Tournaments! Go Bulldogs!

BECKER 10AAA BASEBALL TEAM ROSTER: Front row, left to right: Maverick Hemmelgarn, Carmon Richert, Carter Sherwood, Crosby Spear, Cameron Grams and Nolan Goenner. Middle row, left to right: Carson Stupar, Landon Olson, Sawyer Klimmek, Jonathon Goodman, Evan Sytsma and Liam Anderson. Back row (Coaches): Aaron Stupar, Lonnie Spear, Ryan Goodman, Kyle Sytsma and Kevin Grams. (Submitted Photo).



## BELIA thankful for volunteers

(Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Patriot by the Big Eagle Lake Improvement

**Submitted Article** 

Association.)

Thanks, are in order! "We have a lot of people to thank who have spent their time and energy helning make Big Eagle Lake a better place," said BELIA Secretary Lori Andreen in a recent email.

Culver's Fundraiser

The BELIA had two fundraising events at the Monticello Culver's this past Monday and last. Thanks to Jeff and Marie Johnson, Lori Neisess, Adria Pettit, Marcie Swanson, Ken and Lori Andreen, George and Raquel Wallin, Marsha Horton, Renee Christensen, Amanda Swan, and Kathy Brake for their help making this fun fundraiser successful.

"We are thankful to Culver's for this opportunity and hope that you came out and en-

joyed some good food or treats," said Andreen.

Adopt-a-Highway

This past Saturday, the LIA had another crew of supporters join up to clean up Co. Rd. 75. Thanks goes to Marie Johnson for heading this up again this year as well as to Connexus Energy for their partnership. Hearty thanks to Hannah Lakin, Scott Brake, Kyle and Leif Nerison, Gordy Westerlind, John Smullen, Ken Andreen, and Jeff and Marie Johnson for braving the perfect weather. It was a gorgeous day to be out!



**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY EVENT** this year were: (not in order) Hannah Lakin, Scott Brake, Kyle and Leif Nerison, Gordy Westerlind, John Smullen (not pictured), Ken Andreen, and Jeff and Marie Johnson. (Submitted Photo).

#### CLIMB Theatre and the WAVE partner up

CLIMB Theatre is partnering with the WAVE Youth Center of Big Lake, working with local youth

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in eight, one-hour long sessions throughout April and May. Using art as a tool for communication and exploration, students are sharing their stories around resiliency, mental health, and well-being.

'It's always amazing to see how much the students grow during and after these sessions," said Wave Center president and founder Molly Schroeder. "Some students get more confident speaking up for themselves and finding creative ways to express themselves, while others get better at handling

tricky situations," she said. CLIMB's interactive programming allows students to practice CLIMB's A.R.E.A.S. (Accountability, Resiliency, Empathy, Advocacy, and Self-Regulation) in real-life scenarios. Sessions involve different games and activities to strengthen these skill A.R.E.A.S.

Students also engage with texts and works of art

to cultivate their thoughts around their experience with these topics. These texts and works of art ex-

plore issues that students face in which they need to use their

A.R.E.A.S. to solve them. Using these art pieces as a foundation, students are creating their own works and a combination of these works will be turned into a final sharing for their com-

The Wave Center and CLIMB first partnered in 2020, and Schroeder said she always finds CLIMB's programming beneficial.

"They provide a platform for students to express themselves, advocate for themselves, and engage in difficult conversations. It is no surprise that students eagerly look forward to CLIMB's visits!" Schroeder said.

This residency program is made possible through a donation from CentraCare Foundation.

The Wave Youth Center's mission is to be a safe and welcoming place that meets the needs of the body, mind, and spirit of the youth in our community. They serve middle and high school-aged youths from across Sherburne and Wright County. Through partnerships with the community, The Wave works towards its vision in the community by offering support and mentoring for academic, vocational, social, and life skills. They believe that a community that is built on strong relationships is a healthy community to live in, and they are committed to building relationships with individuals, organizations, and busi-

nesses in the community. CLIMB Theatre is a youth-centered organization that uses theatre to teach social-emotional learning in a way that is intentionally intersectional. Based out of Inver Grove Heights, MN, the touring company brings programming to schools, libraries, and more across the Midwest. Their mission is to inspire and propel people towards acts that benefit themselves, others, and their community.

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## Hornets drubbed by mighty St. Cloud

The Big Lake Girls Lacrosse team traveled to St. Cloud Friday evening, then returned home for a

By Bill Morgan, Editor, Staff Writer reporter.bill@patriotnewsmn.com

JV match Saturday against

STMA.

Varsity vs. St. Cloud In preparation for their game against a tough opponent in St. Cloud, Head Coach Lindsey Hartfiel determined her team would have to try to shut them down early in order to be successful.

"With that mindset we decided we would stack our defensive end to start the game," she said. "Unfortunately this was not enough to contain the high scoring offense of St. Cloud.

St. Cloud went up 4-0 within a few minutes of the game in which Hartfiel decided to call a timeout to change her game plan back to our usual defensive set

"This seemed to be more effective holding St. Cloud to only four more goals during the remaining two thirds of the half, making it 8-0 at halftime.

she said. "At halftime, we divided our offense and defensive

groups to try and regroup to see how we could slow St. Cloud while also getting ourselves on the score sheet."

The second half, Big Lake's defense and goaltender played outstanding holding St. Cloud to less goals compared to their first half.

'We also found the score sheet with a goal from Amelia Gardner making the score 12-1 at the time," said Hartfiel.

St. Cloud would sneak one more goal in before the match was complete making the final score a 13-1

"I think by changing our systems prior to game time was a tall order to ask our girls to execute on the game field,' said Big Lake's Coach. "I am proud



THE GIRLS KEPT THEIR SPIRITS HIGH despite losing a lop-sided contest to St. Cloud Friday afternoon on the road. (Submitted

of the way they never quit,. They continued to pressure the opponent and during halftime and sideline discussions they were engaged in generating ideas of how we could do better. Bottom line we just couldn't capitalize on the few chances we did get against a talented opponent."

Hartfiel believes her players can use this information in the closing games of the season playing a couple tough opponents to finish out their regular season schedule.

#### JV vs. St. Cloud

Though the Hornets went down 2-0 early in this match, they battled back, tying it up by halftime with two unassisted goals by Kaelyn Besler.

At halftime the only adjustment Hartfiel discussed was tightening up

the defensive end to decrease the scoring chances for St. Cloud. In the second half, St.

Cloud scored to go up 3-2, but the Hornets generated a scoring opportunity with shot and goal by Belle Nehwah making it 3-3. "Following that goal

our girls dug deep," said Hartefiel. We added another goal with a free position shot from Mckenna Sofka making it 4-3."

With a few minutes remaining St. Cloud called a timeout, during which the Hornets discussed the key of holding possession of the ball and they accomplished that goal for the most part until they lost the ball, and St. Cloud tied the game with less than 10 seconds left to make it a 4-4 tie.

#### JV vs. STMA

Opening the game, Big Lake got a goal by Kaeyln Besler to go up 1-0. Shortly after, the Hornets had another goal made off a free position shot by birthday girl Ava Wellberg making it 2-0. They would score

another goal by Danilyn Wemple assisted by Belle Nehwah making it 3-0.

STMA finally found the scoresheet, getting one goal, but Big Lake answered with a goal from Layla Aasen, assisted by Kathleen Jones making it

STMA would get another goal before the half finished up with a lead of

The second half started with goals from Wellberg, Ellie Dixon, and Alivia Kiffmeyer goal assisted by Jones making the score 7-2.

STMA would have another push with two unanswered goals before the Hornets put a couple more in the net with another goal by Besler, and another goal from Kiffmeyer assisted by Aasen making the final a 9-4 win.

## Leuer leads Hornet track and field team

Jack Leuer set a new Big Lake school record and won the 1600 meters at the 5AA True Team Section

By Ken Francis, Contributing Writer production@patriotnewsmn.com

Leuer, a sophomore, finished in 4:20.02, a few steps ahead of Becker's Tyson Ricker to get the title. Big Lake's previous school record of 4:21.69 was set by Nate Souther in

Leuer was a double winner at the meet. He also edged Ricker to take the title in the 800 meters in 1:57.56.

Owen Layton had Big Lake's other top finish. The junior won the 3200 meters

Carson Kunz finished second in the high jump, clearing 5'10"

ther took third in the long jump at 19'9.5". He was Meet at Cold Spring May 9. fifth in the triple jump at 38′11.75″.

> Kade Layton finished fourth in the 1600 in Spencer Vold was

> fourth in the pole vault at 12'6". He finished fifth in the 400 meters in 53.56. Tanon Jacobsen was

> fifth in the 3200 meters in 10:23.25.

> Wuoson cleared 5'6 in the high jump to take sixth.

CJ Mikely took seventh in the 100 (11.64) and

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**BIG LAKE SOPHOMORE JACK** LEUER set a new school record in the 1600 meters and also won the 800 meters at the True Team Section Meet. (Patriot Archive photo.)

Riley Thompson was seventh in the discus with a throw of 119'6".

Big Lake's 4x200 relay team of Nehwah, Ginther, Ben Sellner and Mikely finished second in 1:34.51. less than a second behind Spectrum.

As a team the Hornets finished second behind RO-

For the girls, there weren't lots of higher places, but many of the athletes set personal bests.

Ava Eastman set a personal best and season's best in the 200 meters in 28.42 seconds. In the same race Sydney Roy rana personal best 29.4.

Emilee Doperalski set a personal best of 6:22.22 Eight-grader Leah Up-

hoff ran a personal best 18.14 in the 100 meter hurdles and took eighth. Tayla Gassman won all four wheelchair events and

set a personal best of 63.1 in the 200 meters. Brynn Scheer set a per-

sonal best of 75.18 in the 400 meters. Joelle Lentz set a per-

son best of 76'6" in the

Big Lake's 4x100 team of Ellyanna Ratliff, Emily Shoop, Addison Holmen and Arrianna Wagner had a personal best time of 57.69.

The 4x200 team of Holmen, Alivia Voss, Grace McCrone and Eastman also set a personal best time of 1:57.24.

The conference championship meet was held Wednesday, results next week

The Hornets compete in the section meet at Monticello Wednesday at 3 p.m., with finals Friday at 9:30 a.m.



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## Twilight fun for Becker track teams

Last week, the Becker the Becker Track and Field teams traveled over to Monticello for the second annual

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Dave Wik Twilight meet. The meet has a unique format, starting at 5 p.m. with most of the events being run under the lights.

"This is a fun type of meet for the athletes before entering Conference and Section meets the next two weeks," Bulldog boys coach Paul Schmidt said.

Several events are not part of the lineup, including the 4x800 relay, 300 hurdles, and the 3200 run. In addition, the 4x200 relay is moved to the end of the meet and can be run with any combination of 4 athletes from any of the teams.

"It was obvious that this was a fun event," Schmidt said of the combined boys and girls race.

The Becker boys continued to impress with the 4x100 relay team lowering their school-record time by 26 hundredths of a second — Carter Reckelberg, Julias Hendricks, Mitchell Soltau, and Logan Eisele finished 2nd.

"Monticello's team beat them by one one-hundredth of a second in a photo finish race," Schmidt said. Reckelberg, Eisele and Soltau continued to improve in the 100 by running personal bests of 11.26, 11.33, and 11.69, respectively

respectively.
"Logan and Carter both ran well in the 200 as well with time of 22.79 and 22.82, respectively," Schmidt said.

Schmidt added that Julias Hendricks had a great night, as he finally hit the 20' mark in the long jump with all 3 of his jumps over 20'. His best of 20'7.25" was good for fourth place and he also had a personal best in the high jump of 5'9".

Owen Angell won the 110 hurdles at 15.35, and the

Pole vault with a vault of t 13' 9". Tyson Ricker won the 800 meter race with a time of 1:59.38.

Becker's
4x400 team of
Alex Weiss,
Tanner Felton,
Ricker, and Angell took 2nd

17.45), while Allen was second in the 100 meters (PR time 13.24) and Morton third (PR time 13.25).

Kaylyn Rickard, 2nd (66.61) and Josie Reckelberg, 3rd (66.66) ran strong races in the 400, while Adele Changamire was second in



**THE BECKER GIRLS TRACK TEAM 4X100 RELAY** broke the school record recently, bettering the previous mark set in 2019. (Submitted photo.)

place with a time of 3:41.57. **Girls** 

Coach Trish Reimer-Kealy's team put on another great performance, with a total of 18 personal bests and a school record in the 4x100 relay.

"The most exciting thing was the 4x100 relay team of Raelee Lyon, Kylee Morton, Leon Morris and Salayna Allen breaking the school record with a time of 51.81," the coach said. "The former record was a time of 51.95 and was set in 2019."

Hannah Dierkes was a double winner for the Bulldogs (long jump PR of 15'9 1/4) and the 400 (62.19), while Lauern Woelfel was 1st in pole vault (10') and second in the triple jump (30'11").

Lyon added a 2nd place in the 100 hurdles (PR time

the 1600 (5:22,21).

The 4x400 relay team of Dierkes, Dani Nuest, Alea Briggs and Abby Atwood placed 2nd (4:25.63).

The field events continued to be a strong area for the Bulldogs, as in addition to the Dierkes and Woelfel wins, Morton picked up a second place in the long jump, going 15' 3.5".

Bella Kuschel tied for 3rd in the high jump by clearing 4' 7", while Olivia Maunu was sixth in the shot put with a heave of 27' 11".

Next up, the team will compete at the Mississippi 8 Conference Championships held on May 24th in Big Lake starting at 11 a.m.

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## Bulldog softball hits stride as playoffs loom

The Becker girls softball team had a great final two weeks of the season, and appears to be peaking at

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the right time as the playoffs kicked off on Thursday.

Two weeks ago, they hosted Cambridge-Isanti on Senior Day and picked up a pair of wins, 8-3 and 6-0.

In game one, Jackie Neumann led the way with two hits, while Maddie Sherman and Jaimee Cook held the Bluejackets scoreless over the final 6 innings en route to the victory.

In the nightcap of the doubleheader, Hannah Bartlett and Nevaeh Gardner hit first inning doubles to plate two early runs, while Alexia Mostad nailed a single in the second inning as part of three runs scored. Kurstyn Patnode added a solo home run in the seventh inning, and also picked up the shutout on the mound, giving up just one hit and striking out seven.

Last Monday, the team traveled to Monticello and won 4-0. The game was a scoreless pitcher's duel through five innings, but Becker finally broke through with four runs in the top of the sixth to take the lead. Evelyn Kreft had a big double to put Becker on the board, while Cook was great on the mound as she kept the Bulldogs' scoreless streak alive with a shutout of her own. She gave up three hits and struck out

nine and Kreft had two hits in the game.

The next day, Becker hosted Big Lake in a confer-

ence and section showdown and came away with a 5-0 win. Nevaeh Gardner hit a solo home run

to lead off the second inning and Becker capitalized on a Hornet error to add three more runs in third. Patnode kept the good work going on the mound with her second straight shutout, giving up three hits and striking out eight Hornet batters.

Last Wednesday, Becker went to St. Francis for a battle at the top of the M8 and the game went 14 innings until Becker won 7-3.

The game was scoreless

until the bottom of the fifth inning when a hit by pitch and a couple of Bulldog errors allowed the Saints to plate two runs and take the lead. Becker battled back in the top of the 6th when Hannah Bartlett led off with a walk and Nevaeh Gardner followed with a double. A couple of Saints errors led to two runs and a tied game. The Saints pulled ahead with one run the next inning, but Patnode came up clutch in the seventh when she walked with one out, stole second base and scored on a Bartlett single to send the game to extra innings.

Extra innings would bring a return to a pitchers duel and both teams were scoreless in innings 8-13 and the score stayed knotted at three. After a bloop single off the bat of Kreft, Norah Fitzpatrick launched a double to right center, putting runners on second and third. Neumann would follow with a ground ball to score pinch runner Keira Berger. Two batters later a dropped fly ball would allow two more runs to score and a Maddie Sherman single would plate a fourth run and give Becker the 7-3 lead. Cook would close things out with a scoreless bottom of the 14th to seal the win.

Patnode went five innings and allowed two unearned runs, while Cook picked up the win in relief as she went nine innings and allowed one unearned run. Bartlett, Kreft, and Fitzpatrick each had two hits on the day.

This week, the team wrapped up the regular season with a loss to Tartan.

Patnode was the hard luck losing pitcher, going all seven innings and allowing four unearned runs on six hits. She struck out 11 Tartan batters and was also the offensive leader at the plate going three-for-four.

Becker finished its regular season with a record of 14-5, 10-4 in the Mississippi 8 Conference and good enough for second place. They received the #1 seed and a first round bye in the Section 5AAA playoffs, taking on Monticello at 4:00 on Thursday (results next week). The section tournament will conclude with games in Elk River this Wednesday and Friday.

## Becker tennis team qualifies for state

It's another trip to the MSHSL State Class AA tennis tournament for the Becker Bulldogs, as the tennis squad downed Sartell and St. Cloud en route to the Section 8AA title.

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The team will participate in their second straight big dance on June 6 against an opponent TBA.

"We are 21-1, back to back section 8AA Champions!" Coach Hokan Bengtson said after the championship match. "It was so fun to watch our kids compete and play well. Our top players played their very best when we needed them most — that was so impressive."

In the championship match against St. Could, Becker broke open a close match to pick up the 5-2 win.

"We won #1 and #2 doubles pretty quickly, but then St. Cloud won #4 singles and #3 doubles at about the same time," Bengtson said. "Then Ryan (Bengtson) won his match at #2 singles which left two matches still playing — Troy (Nuest)

and Zach (Bengtson)."

A scoring recap of those matches showed that the #1 doubles team of Landon Peterson/Eli Scheideman won 6-0, 6-1, while the #2 team of Nick Gruber/Sawyer

Brown won 6-3, 6-2.

Ryan Bengtson then won 6-0, 4-6, 6-1 to give Becker the 3-2 advantage. His win was a decisive one for the Bulldogs and after the match he was elated with the state tournament berth.

"To make it to the state tournament as a team really is a huge honor... it just shows how much work was put in by every guy and how much our practice has paid off," Ryan said. "Our focus has been to get as much out of every practice as we can. My dad (Coach Hokan) has taught us so much this season and he kept us focused and on the path to greatness so he definitely deserves a shout out!"

Ninth-grader Nuest won his match 6-3, 7-5 in a classic battle against a St. Cloud senior in the match that sealed the trip to state.

"Troy's match was back and forth - he really was strategic and chose

smart shots over and over in a great battle with a senior player from St. Cloud, that ended up being the clinching point," Bengtson said. "Zach had just started his third set when Troy won, but his win was the icing on the cake. Zach had never beaten the #1 player from St. Cloud and it was a great 3 set battle as well!"

Bengtson won his #1 singles battle 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, dominating down the stretch to push the Becker set total to five wins.

Semifinals

Becker defeated Sartell earlier the same day in the Section semifinals match, 7-0.

"In the semi-finals we played really well and stayed focused the entire time, sweeping Sartell in straight sets at all seven positions," Bengtson said.

In the win over the Sabres, the Bengtson boys each won their singles matches in straight 6-0 sets, while Nuest picked up a 6-1, 7-5 win. Adler Herdina won 6-4, 6-1 to close out the singles scoring.

In doubles play, Peterson/Scheideman won 6-0, 6-1, followed by a 6-1, 6-2 win from Gruber/Brown.

Garett Lane/Max Haugen finished the sweep with a 7-5, 6-3 win.

Sub-section

Monday, the individual South Sub-section tournament started in Becker and the Bulldogs racked up the wins.

Zach Bengtson beat the #1 players from Sauk Rapids-Rice, Monticello and St. Cloud to earn the #1 seed heading into Thursday's (May25) Section Tourney, while Nuest also battled through the matches to earn a trip to the finals as the #4 seed.

Ryan Bengtson and Scheideman played great tennis, beating the #1 team from Willmar, the #2 team from Becker and then the #1 team from St. Cloud to earn the #1 seed in section doubles play.

Becker's #2 team of Gruber and Haugen was also spectacular, downing both of Monticello's doubles team to earn the #3 seed in the tournament (only loss was to Becker #1).

Complete results from the Section individual tournament will be found in next week's *Patriot*.

## Mathews paces Bulldog golfers

Monday was another dominating performance for the Becker girls golf team, as this time Layla Mathews scored meet medalist honors en route to another Bulldog conference match win.

Alex

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Mathews, just a sophomore, fired a round of 78 to take the top spot in the match held at Bulrush Golf Course in Rush City. Her impressive score was aided by her first ever Eagle, as she chipped in a tremendous shot on a par 5 hole.

As a team, Becker

scored a 345, breaking their season best score once

"It was great having our four golfers score in the top ten," Coach Anna Babler said.

Alexa Voller fired am

82 to finish third, while Emma Benson shot an 89 for seventh place.

Avery Johnson rounded out the scoring with a 10th place round of 96.

Wednesday the team traveled to Purple Hawk in Cambridge for the final M8 meet and a conference title on the line.





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## Explore these college savings strategies

Enrolling in a trade school or college is widely considered the next step after a student graduates from high

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school. College is especially popular, as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 62.7 percent of high school graduates went on to colleges and universities in 2020.

Finding ways to pay for higher education has long been a goal for students and their families. PrepScholar, a college testing preparation resource, calculates that, by 2033, students

can expect to pay around \$237,000 at in-state public universities and \$464,000 at private colleges or universities for four-year degrees. That high cost is why so many families take proactive steps to set aside funds for college soon after their children are born. No matter the situation, taking the steps to plan and save helps

#### 529 College **Savings Plan**

fordable.

A 529 is a specialized savings account for college and university costs. Most plans can be opened by a U.S.

to make schooling more af-

citizen or resident alien age 18 and older. The individual opening the account can be a parent, grandparent, cousin,

or even a friend. The student is the beneficiary of the account. Fouryear schools, community

colleges and vocational/trade schools accept 529 accounts as payment sources. The only requirement is that the school must participate in the U.S. Department of Education student financial aid programs.

#### **Education Savings** Account, or **Education IRA**

perts at Ramsey Solutions say an ESA works like a Roth IRA but it is designed specifically for education expenses. Individuals can invest up to \$2,000 (after tax) per year, per child.

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The account grows tax-free. The rate of growth varies based on investments in the account. Ramsey estimates that at an average return rate of 12 percent on a \$36,000 investment (\$2,000 per year for 18 years) would grow to around \$126,000 by the time the child starts college. An ESA also can be used to pay for K-12 private school tuition, school supplies, tutoring, or textbooks. It also can be transferred to a sibling if the money is not needed for a particular student.

#### UTMA/UGMA plan

This plan is different from ESAs and 529s because it is not specifically designed for college savings. The Uniform Transfer/ Gift to Minors Act is in the child's name but is controlled by a guardian until the child reaches age 18 or

This mutual fund account can be used to save for college with reduced taxes, or funds can be used for other expenses, such as a car or housing.

#### Advanced Placement Classes

AP classes allow high school students to take college-level courses that can be converted into college credits. Each AP class reduces the need to pay for a class in college. This can add up to some significant savings. In addition, performing well in AP classes may make students more attractive to colleges and universities, helping students to earn academic schol-

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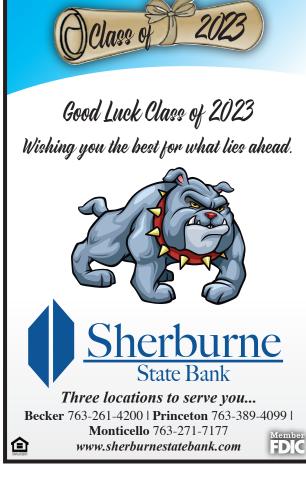
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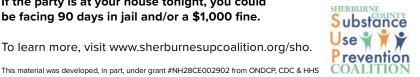
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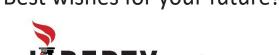
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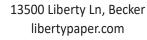
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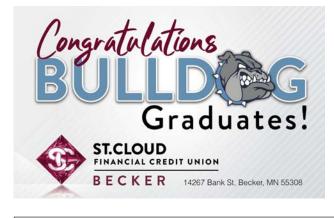


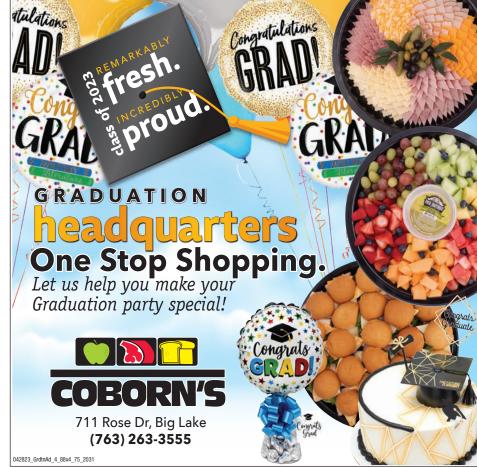
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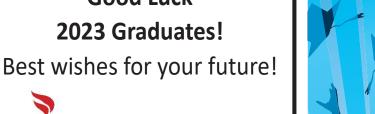












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## Boyer's skill leads him to Gustavus-Adolphus

After a stellar high school career playing soccer for the Bulldogs, Becker Senior Micah Boyer will

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pursue his post-secondary education at Gustavus Adolphus College.

'I went to visit Gustavus in the winter so the tour was shorter than normal, but the community seemed to be very inclusive," Boyer said of his campus tour. "My interest in Gustavus initially began because I have a few connections to the school, plus it has very good programs for the fields I am interested

At Becker, Boyer became the all-time leading scorer in Bulldog soccer program history with 52

goals. He was a three year All-Mississippi8 Conference selection and he also served as a captain for

both the soccer and rugby teams. This past season, Boyer and his teammates made the best

soccer playoff run in program history all the way to the Section championship. This fall, he will take his scoring touch to St. Peter, MN as a member of

the Golden Gusties soccer

"There aren't many soccer players in Becker that challenge themselves at the next level, but I know he's not finished competing yet," Becker soccer coach Nick Crowley said "He's smart, of Boyer. tenacious, and always try-

ing to find the back of the

net. He's goal oriented and



MICAH BOYER is pursuing his post-secondary education at Gustavus Adolphus College and will play soccer for the Golden Gusties team in St. Peter. (Submitted Photo).

driven, so I know Micah will do well at Gustavus."

Boyer is confident he found the right "fit" for both his academics - engineering or pre-law are both interests — and his pursuit of playing the sport he loves collegiately.

"After contacting the coach of the Gusties, I found that I had a decent chance of playing soccer for a great team at a school that really interested me," Boyer said. "On my tour, everyone I met was very kind and the campus is amazing — the view of the town at the top of the hill really surprised me. I'm especially looking forward to the next step in my life, making new friends, and experiencing a different life past high school."

As Boyer reflects on his time in high school, he

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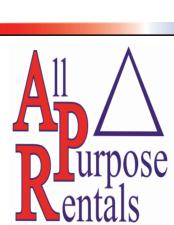


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Mike Garland **Class of 1975** Mike enlisted in the

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Xcel Energy for over

33 years and ended his

career as the yard supervisor.

Mike gives back to his community, including serving as the Committee Chairman for the construction of the Santiago Twp. Hall and Becker Fire Dept. #2. Mike has participated in numerous Relay for Life Events in the area and his efforts have helped raise over \$100,000 for cancer research. Mike's fundraising efforts have included a bike trip to the west coast, walking the Pacific Crest

Trail for over 2,600 miles, and canoeing the Mississippi River down to the Gulf of Mexico. Mike



GARLAND Christmas for the last 26 years. Mike is a proud father of four girls, all of whom attended Becker High School.

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Brian Kolbinger Class of 1990

Brian graduated near the top of his class in 1990 and continued his education at St. Cloud State University.

Brian has served in management positions and as a consultant in the information technology (IT) industry. In over 25 years in IT he has

> erty Business Solutions, and now for Medtronic. Brian pulled back to the Becker area after eleven years because he wanted his children to have the same opportunity he had growing up in Becker to contribute to the success of another generation."

worked for Toro, Daugh-

Brian's contributions to the area have been numerous. He has served as the Becker Twp. Chairman for 11 years. Brian served as the President of the Becker Youth Baseball Association for 11 years and has served eight years as the President of the Becker Youth Association. A lifelong baseball player for Becker teams, Brian has coached and offciated various sports in Becker. Brian and his wife Bonnie have three children who graduated from Becker -Victoria, Andrew, and Owen.

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After amassing a 4.0 GPA and participating in nearly 10 different activities at Becker High School,

By Mark Kolbinger, Contributing Writer production@patriotnewsmn.com

Arleigh Pudlick will take her many talents with her as she heads south for college. She plans to major in

Biology on a pre-med track after receiving a full-ride scholarship and a few more benefits from the University of Alabama.

"They reached out to me in regards to the Rural and Small Town Recognition Award I received from Collegeboard over the summer," Pudlick said. "Even with the scholarship, I was hesitant to accept and move so far away. However, I did visit the campus over spring break and that helped me make my decision. There are so many opportunities

for different clubs and activities and the entire campus is absolutely

beautiful. At Becker, Pudlick earned fame as a member of the Speech Team, earning the Mississippi8 Conference Championship for three straight years in Informative Speaking. She was also a six year member and twice captain of the varsity swim team, as well as active in NHS, Yearbook, B-3 Leadership Program, DREAM Team, Prom Committee and Graduation Committee. Outside of school, she danced at

STARZ Dance Studio and

operated her own business making cupcakes that were sold for special events and at the Becker Farmer's Market. At Alabama, she is unsure what activities she will

participate in, but there cer-

tainly will be many choices. "I'm not exactly sure what I'm going to be involved in yet, but UA has almost 600 student clubs/ activities so I will definitely be joining some of them," Pudlick said. "Alabama's Forensic Council actually just won their 24th national championship, and since I enjoyed being on the speech team in high school that is something I am con-

sidering auditioning for." One thing, how-PUDLICK to page 6B

ARLEIGH PUDLICK will be

attending the University of Alabama to study Biology on a pre-med track. (Submitted









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says he is most thankful for his family, which has close connections to the community. His mom, Chantel, is a long-time school teacher and administrator at Becker Public Schools, while his father Corey is a former Finance Director for the City of Becker who now works in the private sector. As the youngest of four boys, Micah said the family competitiveness helped him to thrive and succeed.

"Since I was young I have always been too competitive with my brothers, and ever since my oldest brother, Logan, could drive, he would take us to

the local soccer field where we would spend an hour or more getting touches on the ball," Micah says. "I had a drive to try my best to be better than my brothers, and now that I am older I can understand that my brothers pushed me to try to be my best. They have taught me so much beyond soccer."

His thankfulness also extends to his parents, as Micah says values and ethics were an important part of his upbringing.

"My parents have always pushed me, whether in school, in soccer, or just through life," Micah says. "They are very honest and that is something I really appreciate. Since I was a kid they have taught me what is right and what is wrong."



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ever, will be a certain for Pudlick: the chance to embark on a whole new venture beyond the borders of her hometown.

"I'm not always a huge sports fan, but I've been told by numerous people that Alabama sports (especially football games) are like nothing you've ever experienced," Pudlick said. "So that is for sure something I am looking forward to. UA also has almost 40,000 students which is a little nerve wracking, but it does mean that there are opportunities to meet people from different backgrounds. From what I saw

on the tour, the grounds are kept very well maintained and the buildings are all beautiful, and I anticipate lots of warm, sunny weather."

While some student leave high school with undecided plans, Pudlick certainly has a clear vision for her life. "I have always enjoyed

science and math classes so I've definitely known since at least middle school that I wanted to go into a STEM related field," Pudlick said. "After finishing my undergraduate studies I hope to attend medical school and become a physician, al-

though I am not currently set on a specific specialty."

While her enrollment at Alabama will take her far from home, one thing she will take with her are the lessons taught by her parents.

"I am thankful for my parents who have supported me through every step of my life," Pudlick said. "They have driven me to and from activities, helped me with homework, and pushed me to reach my full potential. I would not be the person I am today without either of my parents.







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